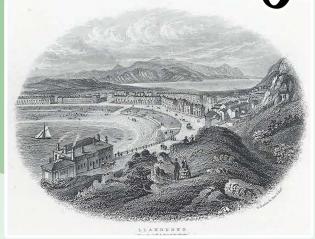
## The History of the Seaside'



In the 18th century, doctors were convinced seawater provided a cure for almost every condition. Many seasides became fashionable as healthy 'spa towns', so when King George III bathed at Weymouth in the 1789, everyone aspired towards the healthy, wealthy lifestyle epitomized by the seaside resort.

At this time, Britain was still a rural society with most people living and working on the land. The industrial revolution concentrated the workforce into urban centres with access to power, raw materials and transport. The development of the railways from the 1840's onwards meant that large numbers of people could be moved swiftly and cheaply to many destinations, including the seaside.



George III bathing at Weymouth, 1789, by John Nixon (1760-1818).



Llandudno railway station, opened 1858

In 1871, the 'Bank Holiday Act' introduced national holidays with pay so that huge numbers workers were able to take holidays (although it wasn't until the 1938 'Holidays with Pay Act' that staff got paid leave).

