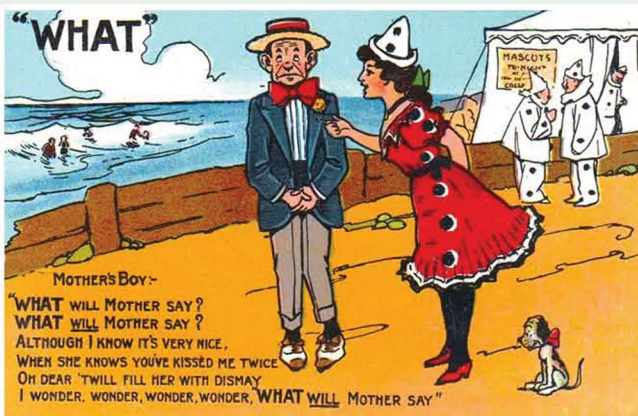


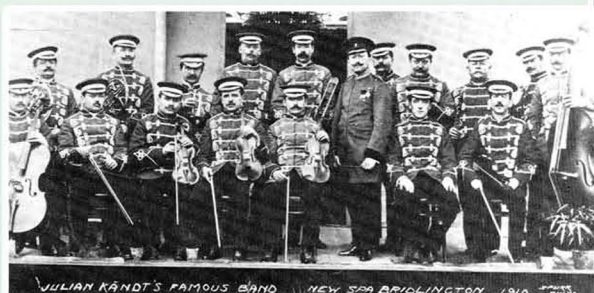
# Seaside History ...continued

The seaside has always been a place of exotic excitement and innovation: inventions are often trialled by the sea eg the first electricification of railways & street lighting, the engineering achievements of the pleasure piers, saucy 'What the Butler Saw' machines, the newest arcade games and nowadays, extreme water sports such as parasailing or kiteboarding.

It is also a place of romance: clothes and inhibitions are abandoned together, along with class, social standing and wealth, so the seaside postcards of illicit liaisons and embarrassing situations is itself part of the seaside experience.



WH Shoosmith,  
the Brighton Beach Orator



It is in this context that holiday audiences have always enjoyed seaside entertainers - Punch & Judy, donkeys, German bands (or "brass bands" after the 1st World War), beach orators, jugglers, barrel organs, trick cyclists, escapologists and many, many more.