

One of the most picturesque events in the peak of the holiday season is the Battle of Flowers on the Channel Island of Jersey. This year, the island invited film star Terence Morgan to be their guest for the great event --- and he was soon swapping show-business talk with ~~xxxx~~ ^{well - that's show-business - a head} important people of the day. [^] And then --- the ^{the} show began.

Scores of floats, decorated with thousands of lovely blooms, rolled through the streets before a biggest-ever crowd of visitors and residents. The idea of this Carnival dates from the year 1902 --- when the islanders held a floral fete, to mark the Coronation of King Edward VII and his lovely Queen Alexandra.

Then --- after the procession --- the Battle of Flowers itself..... which is not only an opportunity for the young to let loose their high spirits --- but also raises large sums ~~xxxxxxx~~ for good causes.