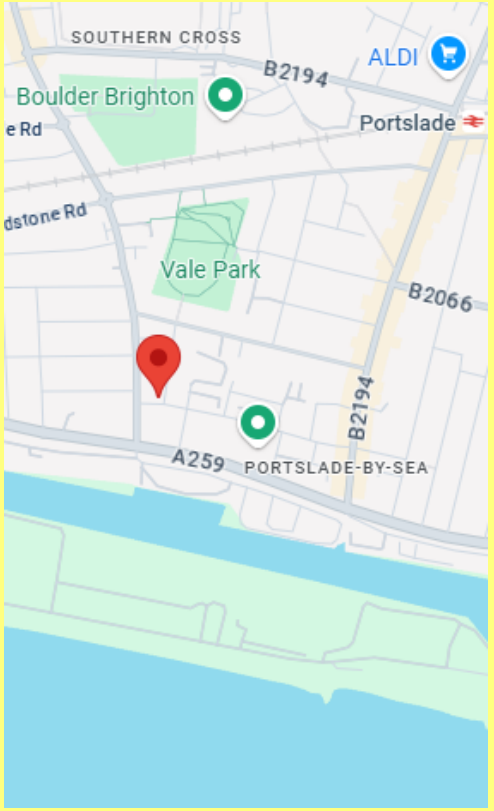
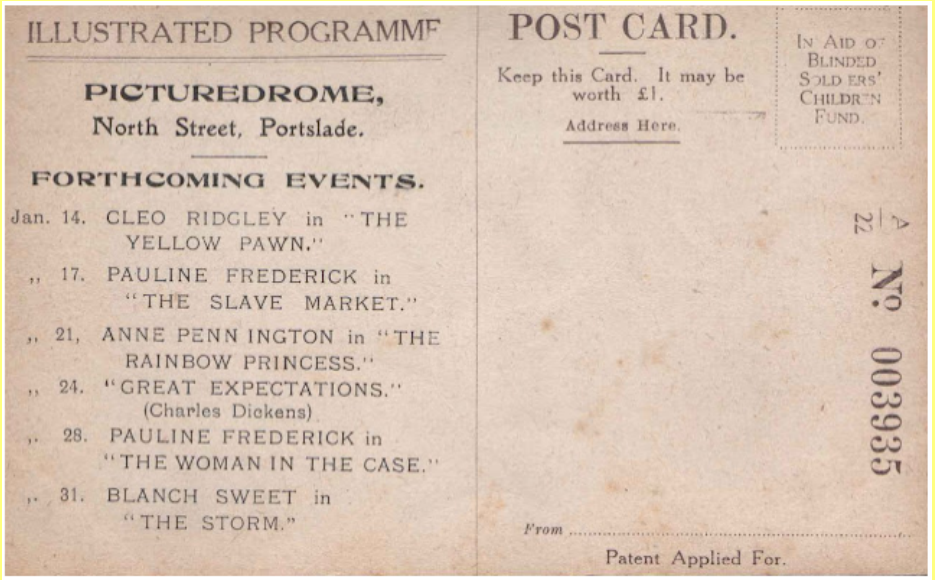
*This day in **December** in Portslade History...*

December 2nd 1697The rebuilt St Paul's Cathedral, the work of Sir Christopher Wren, was opened. The previous Cathedral had been destroyed in the Great Fire of London in 1666. Portslade firm Sussex Asphalte won a national award for their renovation work on the Cathedrals iconic dome.

December 3rd 1932

The Picturedrome Cinema in North Street, Portslade, underwent an upgrade. The 300 seater cinema was equipped for sound. The first 'talkie film' (The Jazz Singer) was in 1927 so five years later sound on films was wide-spread.





ILLUSTRATED PROGRAMME

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North Street, Portslade.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Jan. 14. CLEO RIDGLEY in "THE YELLOW PAWN."
,, 17. PAULINE FREDERICK in "THE SLAVE MARKET."
,, 21. ANNE PENN INGTON in "THE RAINBOW PRINCESS."
,, 24. "GREAT EXPECTATIONS." (Charles Dickens)
,, 28. PAULINE FREDERICK in "THE WOMAN IN THE CASE."
,, 31. BLANCH SWEET in "THE STORM."

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The programme for the Picturedrome North Street Portslade on the reverse of a fund raising postcard of 1916

Portslade in the Past: Portslade Cinemas

December 6th 1312

The Lord of Portslade Manor was granted a charter by King Edward II to hold a fair at Portslade annually on 6th December, the Feast Day of Saint Nicholas and the traditional start of Christmas build up.

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Portslade's Norman Manor House is a Scheduled Ancient Monument & Grade II* Listed Building and the oldest secular building in the City of Brighton & Hove

Portslade in the Past: The Manor of Portslade

December 12th 1935

Portslade Council recieved a letter from a building developer requesting permission to name a new road in Mile Oak as Chrisdory Road. The road was named after his two children - Chris and Dorothy.

December 15th 1984

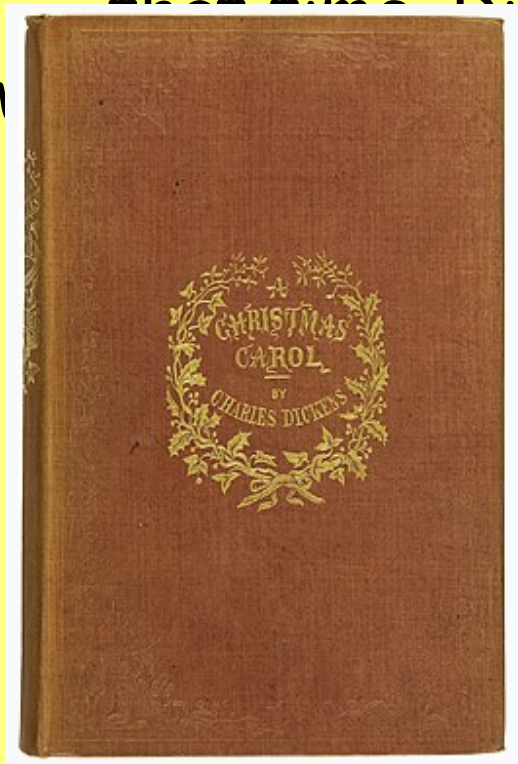
Portsladers enjoyed listening to 'Do They Know It's Christmas' by Band Aid. It is a charity song written by Bob Geldolf and Midge Ure to raise money for the 1983-1985 famine in Ethiopia. It entered the chart at number 1 and stayed there for 5 weeks. At the time, it was the biggest selling single ever in the UK, with sales of over 3.5 million. The song has since been re-recorded three times (1989, 2004, 2014) to continue raising money for the charity.

Do they Know it's Christmas ~ Band Aid 1984

Cover artwork by Peter Blake

December 19th 1843

Some Portslade parents went out to get the new published novel Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. It was an immediate succes 6,000 copies sold out by Christmas Eve. Some lucky Portslade ch would have woken up to it as their Christmas present that year! T novel provides an insight into Victorian society and how they celebrated Christmas. The Victorian period was a of great change and many of the Christm traditions we have today began at that time. Dicke wrote the novel in just 6 w



First edition cover (1843)

What is "A Christmas Carol"?

December 25th 1644

Christmas was banned in Portslade (and the rest of England!) No presents, no food, no drink and no singing. Members of the government felt that the religious meaning of Christmas had been forgotten and so banned the holiday festivities. Some people still celebrated in secret until Christmas was once again legal...almost 20 years later!

Portslade History Trail. 1000 years of history in a one mile walk

December 30th 1595

Sir William West (a Lord of Portslade Manor) died. In his life, he was tried for poisoning and killing his uncle leading him to be imprisoned in the Tower of London. He later was convicted of treason for plotting against the Queen.

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Portslade History Trail. 1000 years of history in a one mile walk

December 31st 2008

Woolworths in Boundary Road closed for good. By the end of Jan 2009, all 807 Woolworths stores across the UK had closed, resulting in 27,000 job losses. Now, Iceland stands in its place.

Woolworths in Boundary Road, Hove

Chain stores that failed to change with the times | The Argus