

*This day in February in
Portslade History...*

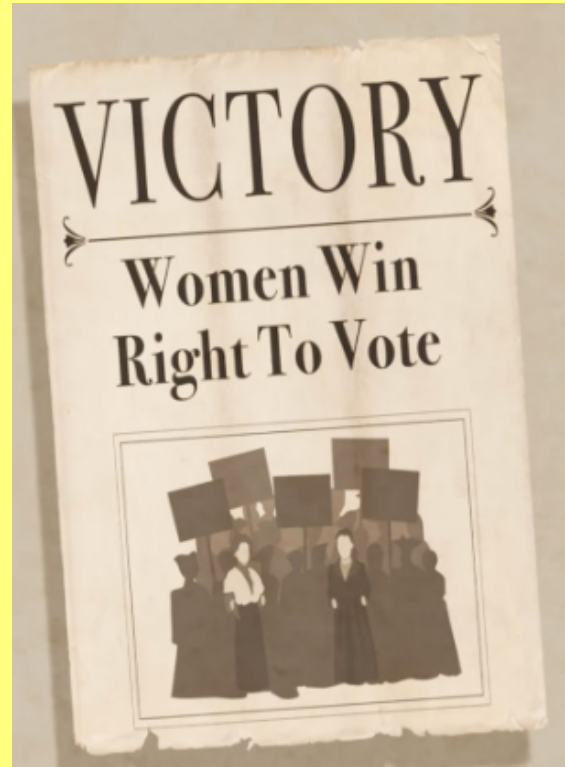
February 1st 1933 SEP **Dennis Foreman was born. He**
was a Sussex cricketer and footballer. He was born in South
Africa but moved to Portslade in 1952. Dennis became the first
non-white South African to play first class cricket in England. He
died in 2016 at his Portslade home.



February 4th 1997 ^[SEP] Emmaus opened its
door as a reuses and second hand furniture
store. It was the fourth Emmaus community
in England, and is the largest.



February 6th 1918 ^L_{SEP} Portslade women over
30 were now able to vote.



February 7th 1994 ^[SEP] Hove boxer Chris Eubank beat German Graciano Rocchigiani in Berlin. It was the most watched programme of the year with 13.1 million people tuning in. Chris' management team were based in an office in Portslade.



February 8th 1953 ^[L]_[SEP] Portslade children celebrated
because sweets were no longer rationed. Toffee apples were the
biggest sellers, with sticks of nougat and liquorice strips also
disappearing fast.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4 1953

Sweets Are Now Off Ration

From Our Parliamentary Correspondent

RATION and price control of chocolates and sweets ends as from to-day, the Food Minister told the House of Commons this afternoon.

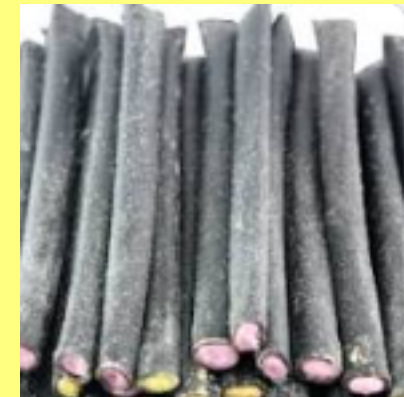
Questioned on the availability of supplies, he said that he had no doubt whatever that stocks were sufficient to meet demand.

Sweet rationing began on July 26, 1942, with a weekly ration of 2oz.

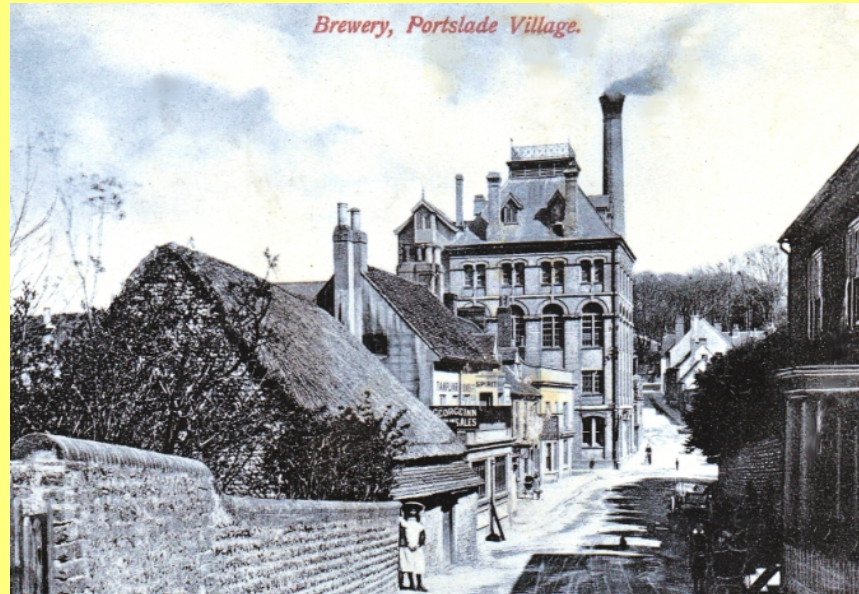
A month later the ration was doubled for eight weeks, and then cut to 3oz. per week.

Sweets were taken off the ration on April 24, 1949. A run on stocks in the shops began at once, and by the middle of that

summer there was queueing for sweets, and many shops had imposed unofficial ration schemes. The official rationing scheme was reintroduced on August 14.



February 10th 1810^[L]_[SEP] John Dudney was born. He
founded Portslade Brewery in 1849 and the soaring chimney
is still a landmark there today. The chimney bears a shield
with the initials D and S for Dudney and Sons.

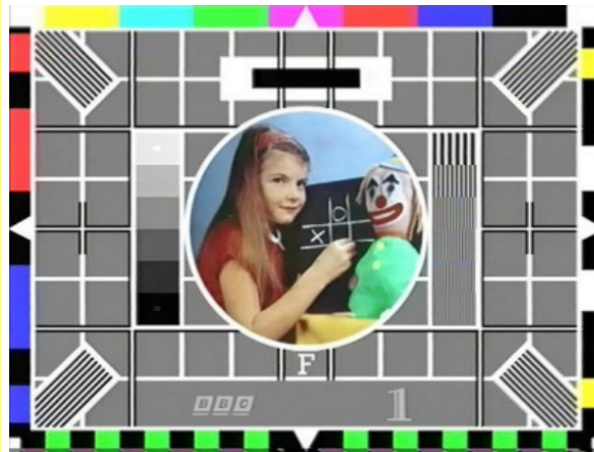


February 11th 1531 ^[L]_[SEP] Henry VIII declared himself as supreme head of the Church of England, meaning St Nicolas church was no longer a Catholic church.



February 15th 1957 ^[L]_[SEP] Portslade parents were about to find bedtime routines more challenging. British TV broadcasters ended a post war policy where there was no programming between 6-7pm so parents could put children to bed.

When is the TV on?



The test card was developed by a BBC engineer, George Hersee (1924–2001), father of the girl in the central image. It was frequently broadcast during downtime on BBC1 until that channel went fully 24 hours in November 1997

The TV was definitely not 'always' on.

There were fixed and limited hours of broadcasting.

The **Toddlers' Truce** was a piece of early British television scheduling policy that required transmissions to terminate for an hour each weekday between 6pm and 7pm. This was from the end of Children's TV to the start of the evening schedule, so that young children could be put to bed.

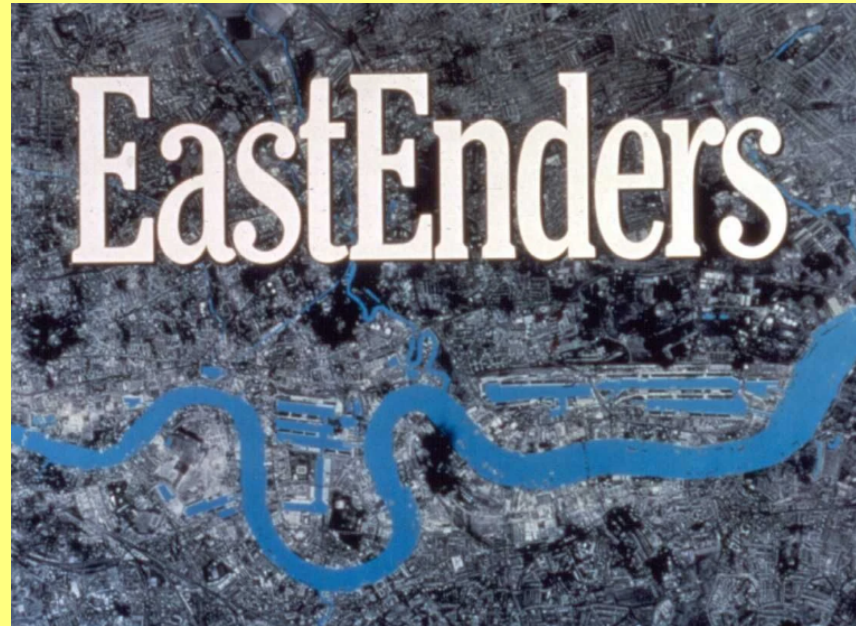
February 16th 1981 ^L_{SEP} Tesco opened in
Boundary Road. It proved to be a valuable
shopping point for local people.



February 19th 1985^[L]_[SEP] Portsladers had a new TV series to watch as Eastenders was first screened to 13 million viewers.



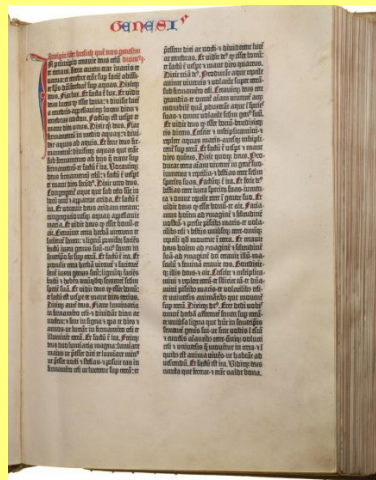
EastEnders, Episode 1, 19/02/1985



February 21st 1976 ^L_{SEP} The government gave the go ahead for the £1.1 million road widening scheme of the Old Shoreham Road in Portslade. Many houses, the Southern cross pub and local businesses were knocked down.



February 24th 1455^{LSEP} The bible was printed for the first time. However, few Portsladers could read at this time. The term 'poor man's bible' was used to describe works of art within churches which were used to illustrate the bible for a largely illiterate population.



February 26th 1614 ^[L]^[SEP] Edmund Giles, a bell founder, died. He forged one of the bells in St Nicolas church. The bell was inscribed 'Edmund Giles belfounder 1613'. He ran his business from Lewes.



February 27th 1846 ^[L]_[SEP] Elizabeth Godley, the
first recorded teacher in Portslade, died
aged 67 years old. She taught for 50 years
and was buried in St Nicolas Church.



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Elizabeth Godley's gravestone in
St Nicolas Churchyard

February 28th 1873 ^[L]_[SEP] Hannah

Brackenbury, the multi-millionaire

Victorian philanthropist, died. Brackenbury primary school is named after her. She was worth an estimated £20 million.



