

*This day in January in
Portslade History...*

January 1st 2001Portsladers went to sleep
in a town and ^[L]_[SEP]woke up in a city. Brighton
was granted ^[L]_[SEP]city status as part of the
Queen's ^[L]_[SEP]millennium celebrations.



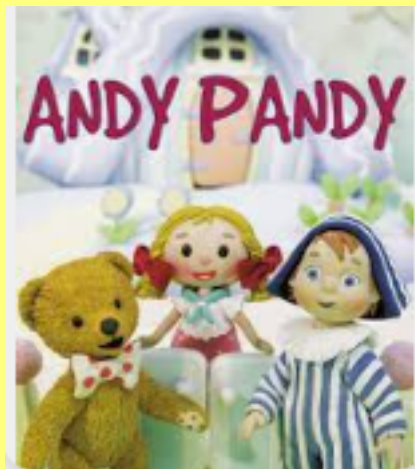
January 2nd 1788 Named after King George II,
Georgia became the fourth state of the U.S.A. Did you
know that the state of Delaware is named after a former
Lord of Portslade manor family? The De La Warr dynasty
were Lords of Portslade Manor from 1305 to 1497, and then
again in 1563 to 1600.



January 5th 1066^[SEP] King Edward the confessor died.
He died childless, sparking a succession crisis (King Harold to William the conqueror) which led to the Norman conquest and the eventual building of the Portslade manor.

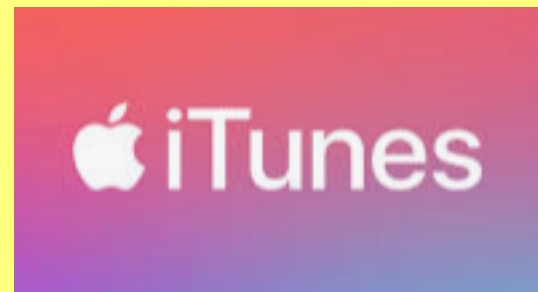


January 7th 2014^[L]_[SEP] The Royal Mail issued
a series of stamps celebrating characters
from more than 60 years of children's
television. Characters ranged from Andy
Pandy (screened in 1950) to Peppa Pig (who
celebrated her 10th anniversary in 2014).



January 8th 2001 ^L_{SEP} There was a new way
for Portsladers to listen to their music.

Apple introduced iTunes and ipods. Apple's gross income for 2021 was 365 billion dollars.



January 9th 1799^[L]_[SEP] Portsladers had a new tax to pay. Income tax was introduced into Britain by William Pitt the Younger, to raise funds for the Napoleonic war.



January 10th 1839^[SEP] Indian tea was
auctioned in Britain for the first time.

Previously, only China tea had been available at great expense. After the introduction of Indian tea, prices fell and tea became so affordable that it was soon the national drink for all.



January 11th 1933^[SEP] There was a formal opening of one part of the Emmaus site.
This originally housed nuns and young females. The chapel, which is now used as a reuse clothes section, was also opened on this day.



January 13th 2013^[SEP] Music and DVD chain
HMV went out of business. The company
were resurrected in 2019. These days, 96%
of our music and films are downloaded.



January 14th 2014^[L]_{SEP} A project looking for medieval graffiti visited St Nic's church (built in the 12th century). They discovered a simple cross on the base of one of the south aisle columns. Similar crosses have been proven to be 'crusader's cross' - a mark of thanksgiving made by a crusader on his safe return from campaigning.



January 16th 1964^[L]_[SEP] Hillside school in Foredown Road
was opened. The school was first used as a training
centre for teaching disabled children. Now named Hill
Park, the school caters for pupils who have severe
learning difficulties. The school provides 78 places for
children aged 3-19.



January 17th 1918^[L]_[SEP] St Nicolas school went into lockdown as a measles epidemic hit the children. It shut until February 8th. It was 1968 when a vaccine was introduced. Public Health England estimates that 20 million measles cases and 4,500 deaths have been avoided in the UK because of the vaccine.



January 18th 1958^[L]_[SEP] Portslade girls had a new comic
to read as 'Bunty' was launched. It was the first comic
aimed at young females. After 2,249 issues, Bunty
stopped in 2001.



January 20th 1265^[L]^[SEP] England's first parliament met at Westminster Hall in London. It is fairly certain that the Portslade Lord of Manor - the De Burgh family - would have attended. This parliament broadened the types of people represented at a high level who were participating in affairs of the nation - what we call now democracy.



January 22nd 1972 ^L_{SEP} Portsladers woke up as
'Europeans' as the UK joined the common market.



January 24th 1965^[L]_[SEP] Sir Winston Churchill died aged 90. He went to prep school in Lansdown road, Hove. He had correctly predicted that he would die on the same date as his father, who had died exactly 70 years earlier.



January 27th 1916^[L]_[SEP] Portslade men prepared for war.
Single men aged 18-40 years old were liable to be called for military service unless they were widowed with children, or were ministers of a religion.



January 28th 1547^L_{SEP} Henry VIII died exactly 90 years after the death of his father, Henry VII. Henry's nine year old son, Edward VI, succeeded him and became the first Protestant ruler of England. There are three buildings in Portslade that remain from this time - the Norman manor house ruins, St Nicolas church and Kemps in the High Street.



January 29th 1944^[L]_[SEP] Horace Fowler died. He created the Ronuk factory in Portslade in 1902, making wood dyes and floor polish. The Portslade factory was moved to Sheffield in 1957 and the brand became known as Ronseal. The Ronok factory was situated in Victoria Road ; part of it later became Portslade Town Hall.



January 30th 2005^[L]_[SEP] Peter Gladwin died. He was born in Portslade and served as a councillor for 30 years until 1981, including a time as mayor of Hove. The school that bares his name was opened in 1974.



