

*This day in June in Portsmouth
History...*

June 1st 1946

Television licences were issued for the first time, costing £2.



June 2nd 1953 L
SEP

There were celebrations in Portslade due to the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Neighbours crammed into homes of those that could afford the new device - the black and white TV. It is estimated around 2.5 million new TVs were sold for the coronation, doubling the amount of TVs in the country. A TV cost around £45. Average wages were £9.25 a week.



June 5th 2021 L
SEP

There was a first ever archaeological dig at Portslade Old Manor House. This is tucked away next to St Nicolas Church and was built by Portslade's Lord of the Manor (William De Warenne) in the 1130s. It was partly destroyed in the 1800s and the ruins are a rare example of a Norman Manor House.



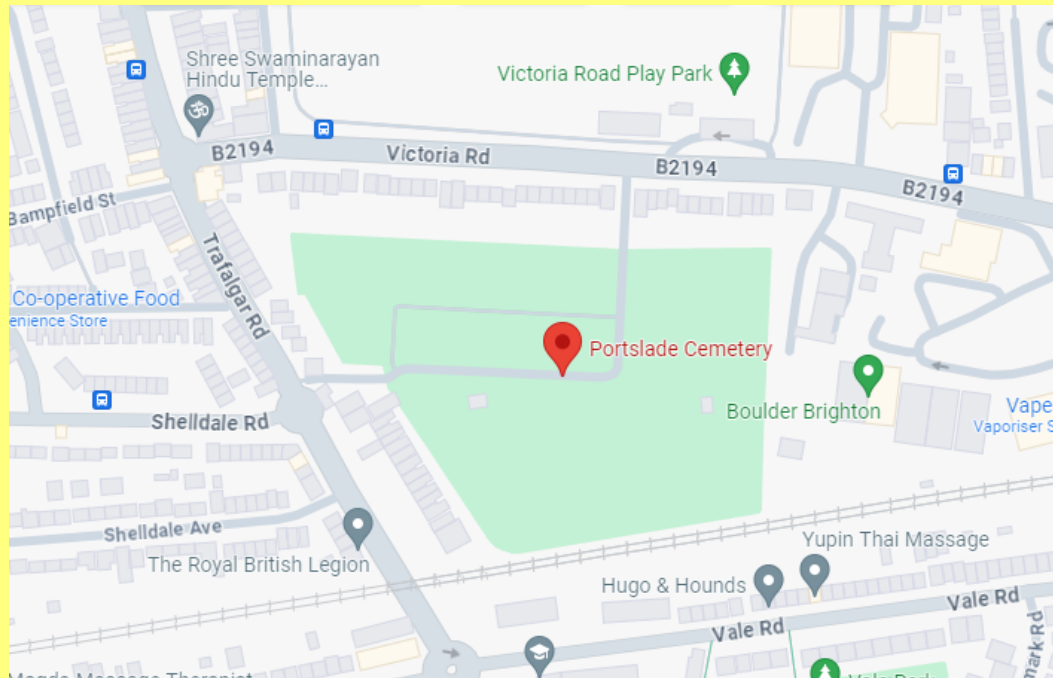
June 6th 1913 SEP

The trams stopped running when the line finally closed down. The tramway opened in 1884 and ran from Brunswick Road, Shoreham through Southwick to Portslade via Boundary Road and New Church Road to Hove - Westbourne Villas. The trams were originally drawn by steam engines and then horses.



June 8th 1904 L
SEP

Portslade council purchased another piece of land to extend the cemetery. Six acres cost £3,760. The land adjoined Victoria Road.



June 12th 1995^L_{SEP}

KFC opened in Boundary Road and quickly became popular with Portsladers. There are now 25,000 KFCs in 147 countries.



June 22nd 1996 SEP

The nuns of St Mary's convent (now Emmaus) held their alst ever Summer Fete. It has been an annual event for over 50 years, attended by all sections of the Portslade community. The fete was always held on the last Saturday of June; this is a tradition that still continues with the Emmaus summer fair.



June 25th 1696

Window tax was introduced, resulting in some Portsladers bricking up their windows to avoid having to pay the tax. The tax was stopped in 1851 after pressure from doctors who argued that lack of sunlight was a source of ill health.



June 30th 1940

Two bombs fell on West Hove Golf Course and one or two fell on Sharpthorne Crescent.

