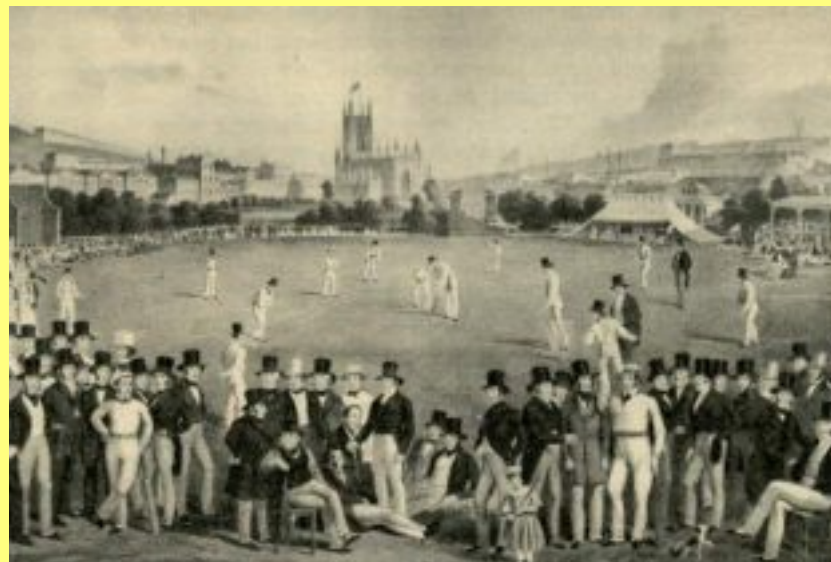
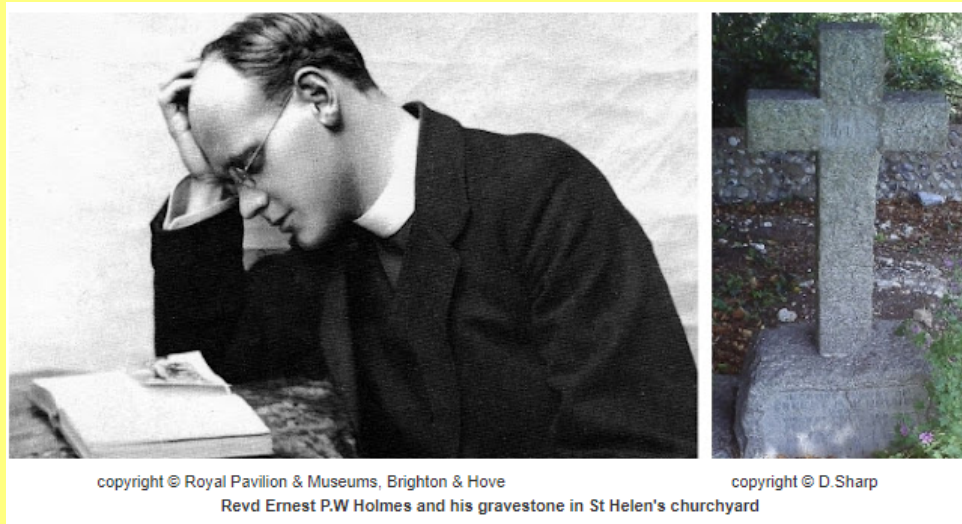


*This day in March in Portland
History...*

March 1st 1839^[L]_[SEP] Sussex County Cricket
club was formed. ^[L]_[SEP] Former Portslade
resident Jack Arlidge was the main sports
reporter for The Argus for 25 years. There
is a room named after him at the county
cricket ground in Eaton road.



March 2nd 1981 ^L_{SEP} Reverend Ernest Holmes
was born. He was vicar of St Nicolas during
the recession years or the 1930s and the
Second World War. During the war, he kept
the church open so parishioners could use it
as an emergency air raid shelter if needed.

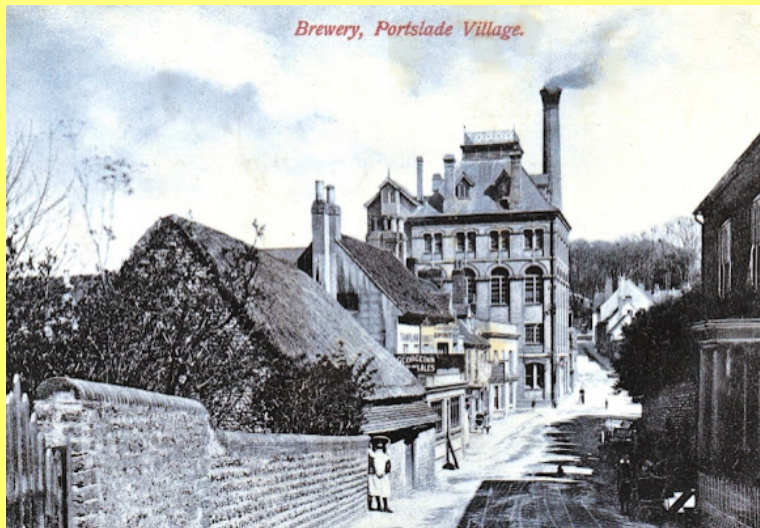


March 3rd 1966^[SEP] Portsladers were excited to hear that the BBC would begin broadcasting television programmes in colour a year later. The new colour TV cost £300 and the first programme in colour was The Wimbledon Tennis Championships.



Footage from the 1967 Wimbledon final.

March 5th 1929^[L]_[SEP] Herbert Mews, an owner
of the Portslade Brewery from 1884 to 1919,
died. The purchase price of the brewery was
£24,000. That included the large brewery and
the land to the side where the estate agents
and dentist now sits.



March 6th 2015 ^[L]_[SEP] Easthill park community
cafe first opened. A group of local people came together to transform a disused derelict toilet block into a community cafe. As well as selling coffee and cake, the cafe is also used to train local young people in catering skills.



March 7th 1914^[L-SEP] For £150 you could get
a property in the old village. The average
wage at this time was around £50 per year.



March 8th 1971 ^[L]_[SEP] Portsladers finally had
post again after a 7 week postal strike!
The workers wanted a 15% pay rise but were
offered 8%.



March 9th 1941 ^L_{SEP} All Portslade schools
were closed as the second world war
intensified. Most children stayed in their own
homes but some chose to be evacuated to
Yorkshire or Cornwall.

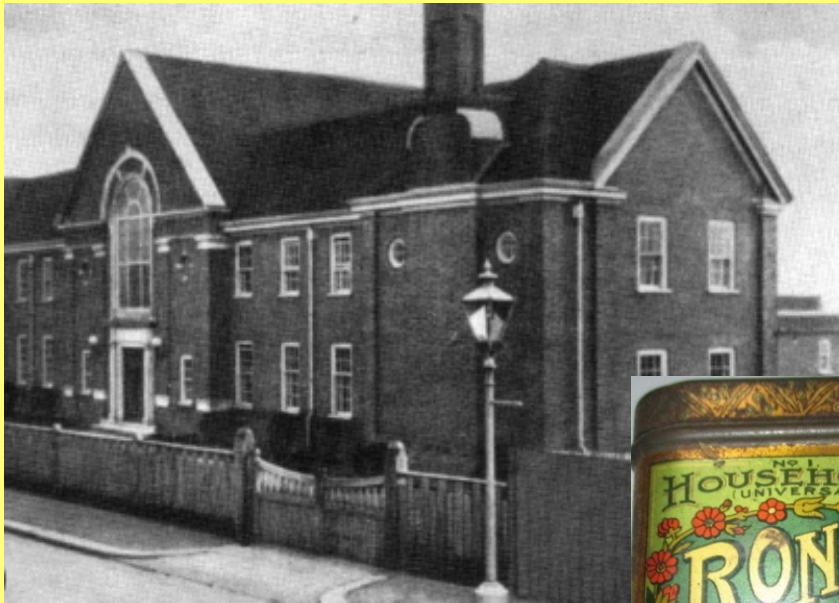


March 11th 1922^[L]_[SEP] Walter Mews, who built
Loxdale house in Locks hill, died. The nine
bedroom house with its landscaped gardens
was the subject of many magazine articles.



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The tombstones of Walter and Herbert Mews in *St Helen's Churchyard*, Hangleton.

March 11th 1869 ^[SEP] Horace Fowler was
born. He created the Ronuk factory in
Portslade in 1902 which later became the
brand Ronseal.



March 12th 1935<sup>[L
SEP]</sup> A 30mph speed limit was imposed in the local area. This was part of a national movement to curtail deaths on the urban roads and those of pedestrians crossing these roads.



March 13th 1873 ^[LSEP] The will of Hannah Brackenbury, who donated money for Brackenbury school to be built, was published. She ensured the school had enough funds to be fully completed. She also left two years wages to the local vicar.



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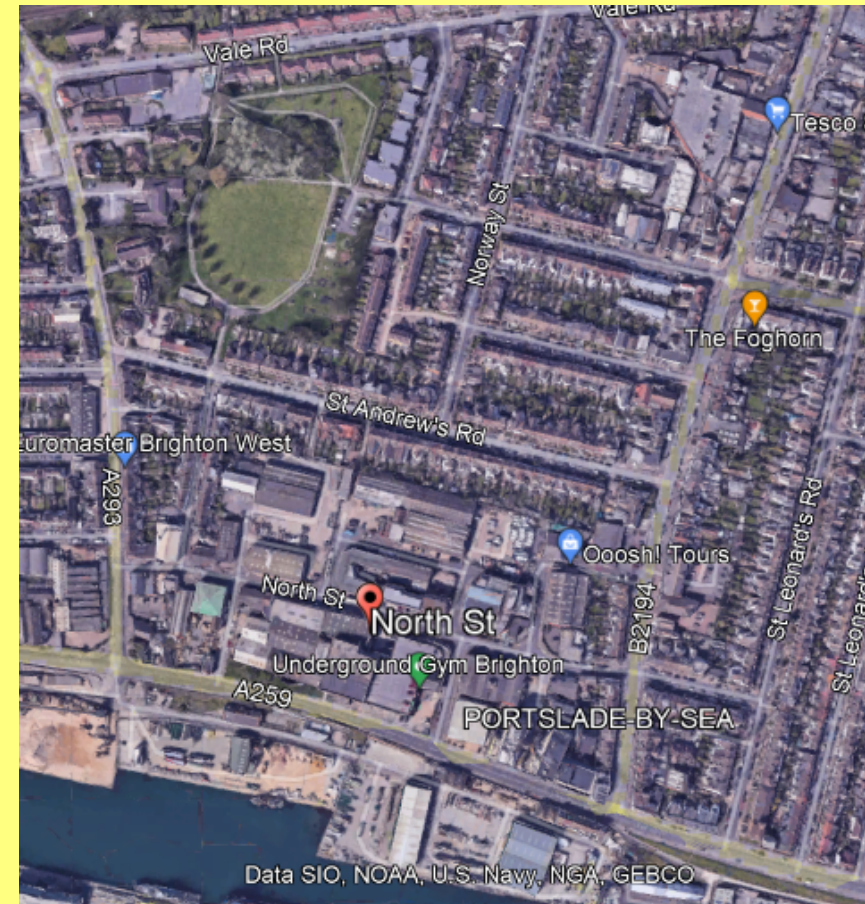
The former St Nicolas School (now an annex of the Brackenbury Primary School)

The inscription on the School's west wall reads: *These Schools were erected by Hannah Brakenbury for the benefit of the Poor of the united parishes of Portslade and Hangleton A.D. 1872.*

March 14th 2007 ^L_{SEP} Cherie Blair, wife of Prime Minister Tony Blair, visited Emmaus in Portslade as part of its 10th anniversary celebrations. She is a supporter of Emmaus which supports homeless people with accommodation, work and guidance.



March 16th 1911 ^[L]_[SEP] A cinema opened in North Street, Portslade with seats for 450 people. The cinema closed down in 1958.



March 17th 1649^[SEP] Portsladers were now
living in a republic. Oliver Cromwell
abolished the position of king of England and
the house of lords, and declared England a
commonwealth. It wasn't until May 1660 that
Portsladers would have a monarch again - King
Charles II.



March 18th 1996^[SEP] Southwick Hill tunnel
on the A27 was opened, forming the final
part of the A27 by-pass road.



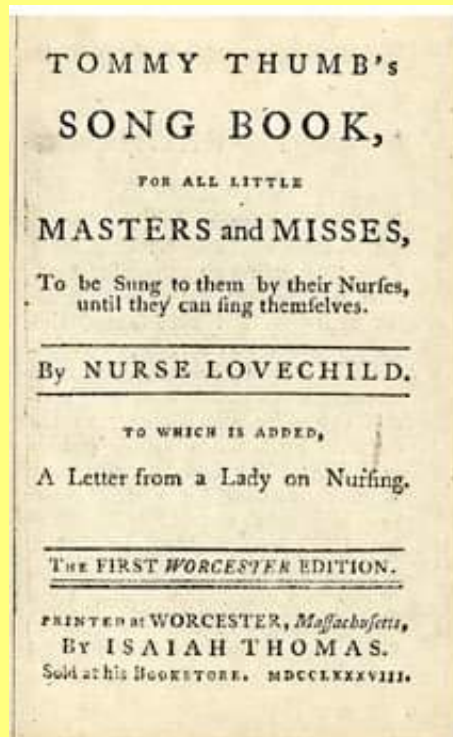
March 20th 2015^[L-SEP] Portslade had a solar eclipse which peaked at around 9.30am. A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between Earth and the Sun. The next solar eclipse in Portslade will be on March 29th 2025.



March 21st 2020^[LSEP] Today marked the first day of covid closures of cafe's, pubs and restaurants in an effort to combat coronavirus. Ironically, it was also 'international day of happiness'.



March 22nd 1774 ^[L]_[SEP] Wealthy Portsladers
purchased the first published book of
English nursery rhymes. The book was called
'Tommy Thumb's song book' and included
'Baa Baa Black Sheep'.



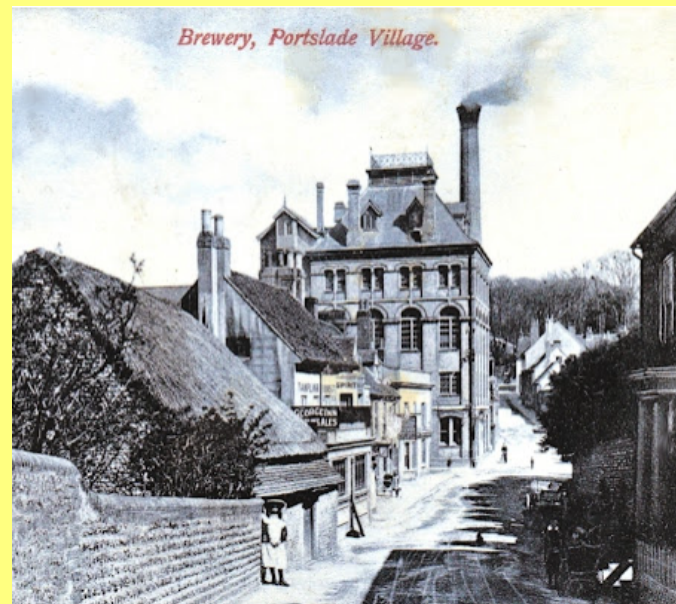
March 23rd 2020^L_{SEP} The first full covid lockdown began. The prime minister, Boris Johnson, addressed the nation and told the public that they were only permitted to leave their homes for essential needs.



March 27th 1961 ^[L]_[SEP] The opening ceremony
of Portslade Baptist Church took place.



March 28th 1895^[L]_[SEP] John Dudney, the
founder of the Portslade Brewery, died.
March wasn't a good month for Portslade
brewers as the Mews brothers, who also
owned the brewery at one time, died in
March too.



March 30th 1997 ^L_{SEP} Portsladers had a new
channel to watch - channel 5! The station
was launched by the Spice Girls singing.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qBxOVp6ix20>

