

*This day in November in
Portslade History...*

November 6th 1942

The Church of England, and so St Nicolas Church, relaxed its rule that women must wear hats in church.



November 7th 1964

Portsladers saw the country's first drink-driving advertisement shown on TV, with the simple and obvious message - 'Drinking and driving are dangerous'. It was not until 1967 that the breathalyser test was introduced.



November 9th 1936

The bishop of Lewes dedicated the Church of the Good Shepherd, Mile Oak. The original building - made from fabricated materials and affectionately known as the 'Tin Hut' - also hosted jumble sales, concerts and girl guide groups. This building was replaced in 1967 by the current church building.



The Good Shepherd "Tin Hut", Mile Oak in 1936



The Good Shepherd "Tin Hut", Mile Oak in 1959



[Church of The Good Shepherd - Parish of Portslade and Mile Oak](#)

November 9th 1929

The Royal British Legion building in Trafalgar Road was officially opened. The Royal British Legion was established in 1921 to care for those who had suffered as a result of service during the First World War. They have been helping the Armed Forces community and their families ever since.



November 10th 1872

Portslade Cemetery was consecrated (made sacred) by the Bishop of Chichester. The 7 acre site contains an Imperial War Graves section and the final resting place of the Dudney family who founded Portslade Brewery.



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Four of the many Great War graves which are located in all areas of Portslade Cemetery.

November 11th 1918

At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the Great war ended; a war that had lasted for 4 years and 97 days. 243 men from Portslade lost their lives in World War One - lest we forget.



<https://portsladehistory.blogspot.com/2020/08/portslade-and-first-world-war.html>

November 12th 1984

It was announced that the pound note, after being in circulation for more than 150 years, would be phased out and replaced with the pound coin.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/videos/c888451345go>

November 14th 1896

The Locomotives on Highways Act came into force. This freed car drivers from the strict rules which had limited their speed to four miles an hour and required them to be preceded along the road by a man carrying a red flag. However, in 1896, nobody in Portslade owned a car yet.



November 15th 1969

Portsladers watched the first colour TV commercial in Britain. It was for Birds Eye Peas! The ad cost £23 for a 30 second slot.



First ad: Bird's Eye from 1969

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SOQlj-7AQwM>

November 16th 1973

Portslade Community College (now known as PACA) was officially opened by the Secretary of State for Education and Science, Margaret Thatcher. In her speech, she stated: "We can give you the education, but it is what you do with it that makes the difference."



November 17th 1795

The birth of philanthropist and multi-millionaire Hannah Brackenbury. Thanks to her generosity, Portslade got its first purpose built school - Brackenbury.



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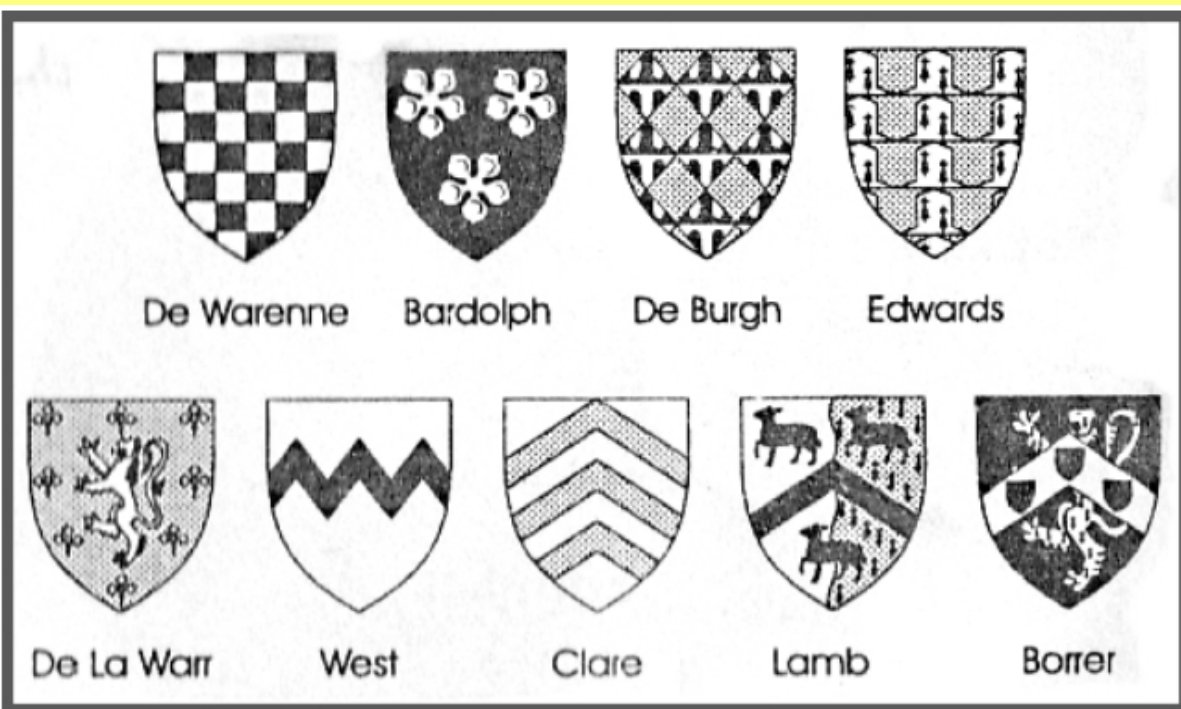
Brackenbury School (now an annex of Brackenbury Primary School)

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.*

<https://portsladehistory.blogspot.com/2012/07/st-nicolas-school-portslade-history.html>

November 19th 1237

The death of Margaret De Burgh - the first female Lord of Portslade Old Manor. She was the daughter of Hubert De Burgh who at one time, was the most powerful man in England.



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The armorial Coats of Arms of the family names associated with the ownership of Portslade's Manor House throughout its history



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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

November 21st 2015

Brighton council received a planning application for the disused Le Carbone/Old Brewery site. The application was for 53 apartments and nine houses. There is currently a gym (Intent91) on the ground floor.



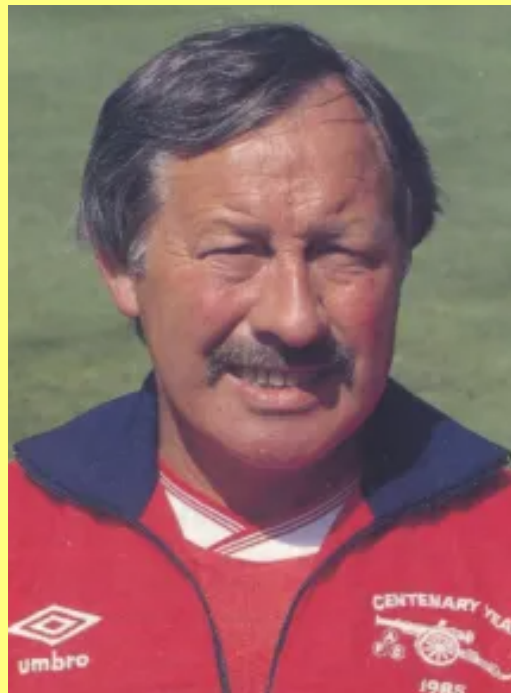
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New houses in Drove Road on the site of the Brewery's former associated buildings in November 2021



November 23rd 1935

The birth in Portslade of Steve Burtenshaw. Steve made 237 appearances for Brighton from 1962 to 1966. He later went on to manage and coach at Everton, QPR and Arsenal. Steve died in February 2022 aged 86.



<https://thearsenalcollection.org.uk/?p=36228>

November 25th 1703

The Great Storm hit Portslade, which claimed 9000 lives across the South of England. In 1987 there was another powerful storm but the 1703 storm is seen as more devastating in terms of loss of life.



November 29th 1972

'Pong' (table tennis) was released by Atria as the first ever video game although it was 1976 when it appeared in Portslade front rooms. Pong is considered the forerunner of every video game.



[Pong Video Game 1976](#)