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| 23 Sep 2023 | Quiz Night 7 p.m. |
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| 01-Dec-2023 | Christmas Market at St. MM. 6.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. |
| 10-Dec-2023 | Christingle Service 10.00 a.m. followed by a lunch for the Childrens Society 1.00 p.m. |

Letter from the Vicarage - September 2023

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

Do you ever have occasion when time just seems to rush past at an alarming rate? Yes? Me too! And I have to apologise to our dear senior Churchwarden John Phillips as he will once again be receiving this, my piece for the magazine after the deadline which hitched a ride with time and whizzed past me. Sorry John 😊

This past month has been interesting to say the least, I had a holiday, fell off a ladder, still recovering! Which did make me sit still for a short while. My ability to return to all services in church increased and I have had some amazing moments.

I would like to share one of these with you. You may have noticed a picture close to this article which was taken in a moment, one of many, of hilarity during Arlo's Christening. It was an absolute joy to be part of this service the joy and the laughter served to remind me of how Jesus called the children to come to him, I had never really reflected on how this may have taken place, we know that He got cross with his disciples because they tried to keep the children back. But what happened next? I believe that with a warm smile and even warmer welcome Jesus embraced these children in a way that made them feel that they had known Him forever, which of course we know is true

(Psalm 139: 13-16)

- 13 For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
- 15 My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,

intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed)

They would have laughed and giggled, he blessed them and in that blessing they would know that they understood all that they needed to know. They are loved, blessed and in a safe place. Such a joy.

And I think a little of that joy was seen in Arlo and he joined the worldwide family of God, I will pray for him as I do all whom I have had the privilege of being part of the beginning of their journey in faith. A journey that I pray will continue with them now and throughout eternity. And guess what it is never too early or too late to begin this journey. No matter how young or old you are there is a place waiting for you in God's family and Jesus will open his arms to you and welcome you in the same way as he greeted the children all those centuries ago.



Baptism of Arlo

So, if this is something you have been thinking about for yourself or your children take a step through the office door and come and have a chat with me. Life is too short; time passes too quickly so grasp the opportunity when you can. And be more Arlo!

Love and prayers always

Rev'd. Betsy Gray-Hammond

Eleanor Glanville

Butterfly collector in the late 17th century

Lady Eleanor Glanville (1654-1709) was a 17th Century entomologist. She was married to a Lincolnshire landowner, and discovered the Lincolnshire Fritillary in the Lincolnshire Wolds. This was later renamed the Glanville Fritillary being one of only two native British butterflies named after British entomologists.



A Grandville Flatillary

Glanville recruited her servants as assistants, paying them with unusual generosity to deliver butterflies that particularly intrigued her. Issuing detailed instructions, she only accepted insect specimens that had been carefully protected by being wrapped in folded paper so that they arrived in tip-top condition. Since she was willing to pay up to a shilling (the equivalent of about five or six pounds today) for a fine specimen, she managed to accumulate a substantial collection.

As well as conducting her own extensive research, Glanville regularly exchanged letters and butterflies with other collectors all over the

country. Although virtually the only woman in this correspondence network, she soon established a high reputation as a reliable and prolific naturalist. After she met fellow enthusiast William Vernon in London, he reported that she had compiled "the noblest collection of butterflies, all English, which has shamed us", and she sent 100 examples to the Royal Society.

England's most eminent butterfly expert was James Petiver, and Glanville came to know him so well that he took on her son Richard as an apprentice. Petiver was compiling an authoritative Latin catalogue of British insects, and he gave full credit to Glanville for her contributions. She sent him boxes of carefully pinned butterflies from all over the country, including several that had been previously unknown, and notably the one that was later dubbed the Glanville fritillary.

Most of her precious specimens have been eaten away by mites and moulds, but three - two moths and a butterfly - are still preserved in London's Natural History Museum.

Reading an article about Eleanor Granville in a recent BBC History Magazine reminded me of a holiday in Austria. We were walking down a valley in the Zemmgrund towards Ginzling and saw a very unusual butterfly. In the same place we met a man from New Zealand who travels the world to photograph butterflies. He had come to the valley specifically to look for this butterfly as it was known to be in the valley. He told us that the Camberwell Beauty is rare now, and he said that he had not seen one for 40 years when he was still living in England. We saw three on walks in this valley or one of the other valleys in the area on our holiday in 2007.

The picture on the front of the magazine is of a Camberwell Beauty. It got its name from the fact that it was first recorded in the UK in what is now Coldharbour Lane, Camberwell in 1748. Moses Harris, the entomologist who described the discovery, suggested the species should be called the 'Camberwell Beauty', and the name stuck.

John Phillips

Deanery Confirmation Service at St Mary Magdalen Church



The church at Coldean was full for the Brighton Deanery service of Baptism and Confirmation on Tuesday 13th June 2023.



The service was conducted by the Bishop of Lewes the Rt. Revd. Will Hazlewood.



Bishop Will Hazlewood with the people who were confirmed.

People from St Luke, Queen's Park, St Bartholomew, Brighton, St Nicholas, Brighton and St Mary Magdalen, Coldean were confirmed.



Victoria Alice Rich and Deborah Annells from St Mary Magdalen Church were among the 16 people confirmed.

The service was followed by a celebration party in the church hall with food, drink and a special cake made especially for the event.

John Phillips

Grandchildren's Visit from Estonia

Ann and the boys came for a week's holiday at the beginning of July. This year Ann wanted to explore more of Brighton and as the weather was warm and sunny spend time on the beach.



Perry and Harry in the sea by the Palace Pier.



Perry and Harry are complete opposites, so Ann took them into town individually for a special day with just her while the other one stayed at home with me.

They came home loaded with shopping and Harry was delighted with his lobster and chess set. Ann loves shopping!

We took them on a visit to The Chalk Pits Museum at Amberly.

Harry was very interested in the audio, and electrical displays and John was able to explain things simply, so that Harry could understand which he said 'was cool'.

While we were at the museum we rode on the train to the far end of the site, and back in an old Southdown bus to the entrance.



Perry and Ann on the train which runs the length of the chalk pits.

Towards the end of the week Ann took both Perry and Harry to the Royal Pavilion. Ann read the information to the boys and

Perry asked her lots of questions and she needed to look at the internet to find the answers.

On the second evening Alison, Dave and their children came to dinner. It was lovely to be able to share our meal and talk with our whole family, and James came into our conversation many times throughout the week.

This made me feel sad but also happy because, he was loved and is still part of our lives so it was natural to include him.



The three boys playing together at Alison and Dave's House.

The four children played together happily which made a perfect end to the day. After Thursday evening's meal we shared dinner every evening, either at Alison and Dave's home or ours, until Ann, Perry and Harry flew home on Tuesday, although the boys would have liked to stay longer.

Marjorie Phillips

The Tradition and History of The Mayoralty

The traditions of the mayoral robes and chain and historical mayor's of Brighton & Hove.

The Mayor of Brighton & Hove wears the chain over the mayoral robes at civic ceremonial functions. He or she is also usually accompanied by the macebearer who carries the mayoral mace.

For less formal occasions, only the chain or the badge will be worn.

The mayoral chain can only be worn at mayoral engagements within the city boundaries. It must not be worn when entering a neighbouring authority unless permission granted by the mayor of that authority. Similarly mayors visiting Brighton & Hove will ask permission to wear their chains. On other occasions the badge of office will be worn.

The mayoral chain currently worn by the Mayor of Brighton & Hove is the one that was previously worn by the mayors of Brighton. It was presented to the first Mayor of Brighton, Major John Fawcett, in 1855 at a mayoral banquet attended by the Duke of Richmond, the Lord Mayor of London and his sheriffs. One of the Sheriffs, Mr Jeremiah Pilcher, presented the Mayor of Brighton with his own gold chain of office.

The badge fixed to the mayoral chain was bought in 1997 when the unitary authority came into existence and it represents the Brighton & Hove crest.

The Mayoral Robes

Mayoral robes are only normally worn at civic ceremonial functions such as Annual Council and Remembrance Sunday Services when other members of the council are invited to attend, or on other occasions if the mayor thinks it appropriate.

The robe worn by the Mayor of Brighton & Hove was worn by former Mayors of Brighton. It was presented in 1855 by “some ladies of Brighton”.

The robe worn by the Deputy Mayor was previously worn by the Deputy Mayors of Hove.

The mace is carried before the Mayor by the macebearer on ceremonial occasions and at meetings of the Full Council. It was originally a weapon of war.

The authority has two maces:

The Brighton mace was bought by private subscription in 1887 and it contains a scroll listing the names of all those who paid towards its purchase.

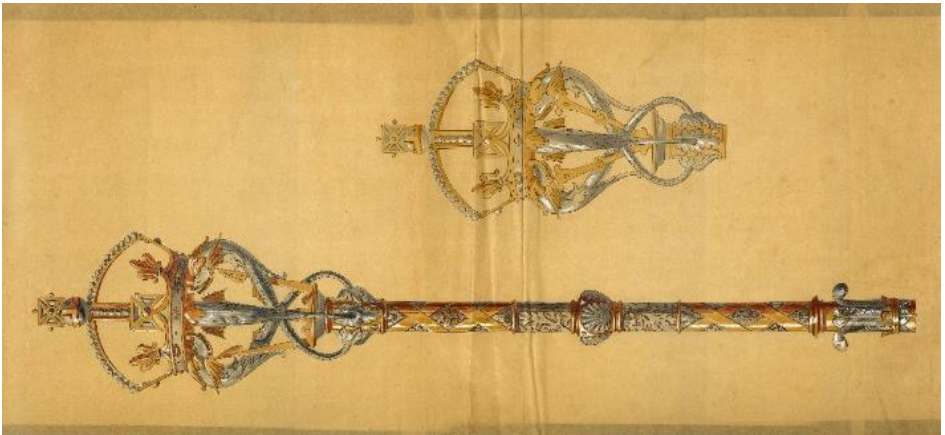
The Hove mace bears the inscription “Charter of Incorporation Granted 8 August 1898”

Although generally the Brighton mace is used, both maces are still in good condition and either can be used on formal ceremonial occasions.

Mayoral History

The word 'mayor' originates from the French word 'maire' which means head of city or town government. It was the Municipal Corporations Act of 1835 that confirmed the Mayor as the first citizen of the borough and the ceremonial head of the council, although the Mayor has few actual legal powers.

The mace was made in 1887 in the 50th year of Queen Victoria's reign at a cost of £182.00.



The Mayor's mace was designed by Colonel Silverthorne. There is a design drawing of the mace dated 24 Sep 1884 in the Keep Archives shown above. © The Keep – Ref: DB/D/46/315

The mace in use today pictured on the next page differs from the design drawing above.



The mace contains a scroll listing the donors who subscribed to the making of the mace. The amounts donated go from £25 to half a guinea.

The mace is made of silver gilt and gold.

The top of the mace has a cross to represent the church a crown and the three saints, St George, St Andrew and St Patrick are engraved on the top as is the Royal Crest for England and Scotland. Wales does not feature on the mace as it is only a principality.

Dolphins are included in the design as the symbol for Brighton.

The mace is carried when the mayor is in full regalia, at Remembrance Day services, all council meetings and any event related to the crown.

The mace bearer has his own uniform to wear when he is carrying the mace.



There is also a mace for Hove from the time when it was a separate authority.

Left is a photograph showing the top of the mace.

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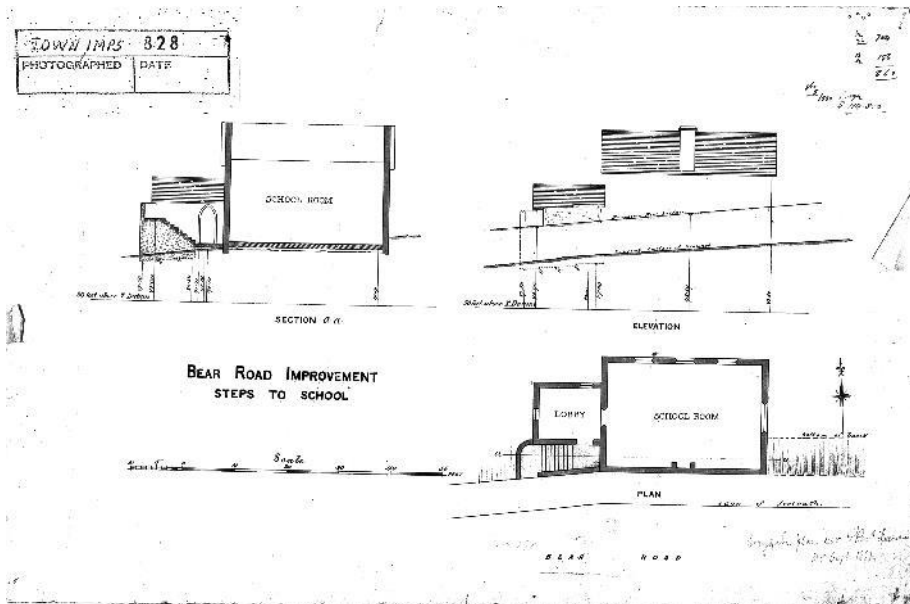


The Mayor and her Consort with the Mace Bearer at the Coronation celebration at Coldean on 7 May 2023. John Phillips

The Early History of St Albans Church

St Albans Church was originally in the parish of Preston where the first church was St Peters in Preston Park. St Peters church is a 13th century church standing on the site of two earlier churches. St Peters was replaced as the parish church of Preston by St John's Church Preston at the end of 1908. The First Baptism is recorded as having taken place in St John's church in January 1903 and the first marriage in December 1908.

Before 1881 a schoolroom was built in Bear Road for the Revd. Freeman. There is a reference to a plan for an iron church in Lewis Road dated 1871, but the plan has not survived. A plan dated 31 August 1881 shows the improvement to be made to the steps of this church. This building was referred to as the Preston Day School in the 1880s and was a temporary iron church.



The plan above shows the new steps for St Alban's School room dated 31 August 1881. © The Keep - Ref: DB/D/4/40/828

This type of building could be purchased in a kit form consisting of corrugated iron sheets with a steel frame, see photograph below.



An iron Mission Church at Woodmancote, in the parish Westbourne, West Sussex. This "tin tabernacle" does not appear on a 1940s map of the area, so may have been built after the Second World War.

Date 28 August 2006

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An iron church was constructed as the first church for St Matthias in Ditchling Road in 1901 and the Revd. Frank S Morgan worked the two churches as one.

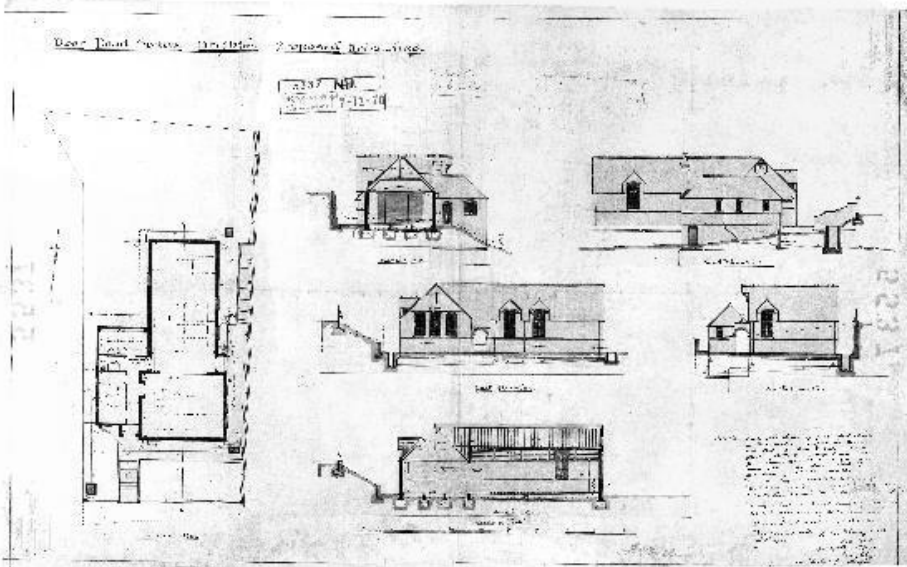
Between 1900 and 1905 the district of St Albans was worked as St Matthias Mission with the First Baptism taking place in May 1900 in the building in Bear Road.

The priest in charge designated himself the vicar. The baptism registers were copied into the register of the parish church of St Peter, Preston.

When, however, the Revd. Gerald H. Moore became Vicar of Preston in the year 1905, he felt that it was more than one could man could do. He therefore divided the original district. The Reverend Bernard C Bennett was placed in charge of the Ditchling Road Mission, and the Revd. H. Lascelles of that in Bear Road. The Patron Saint of this latter mission was changed from St. Matthias to St. Alban The Martyr in order to distinguish it from St Matthias (Ditchling Road).

The original Register was kept at St Alban until October 1908 when for safety it was taken to Preston and a note made to the effect that it remained the property of St Albans and should be returned at such time (if ever) the district of St Albans became a separate Parish.

The Iron Church was replaced by a larger school building as shown on a planned dated 11th July 1902 on the corner of Bear Road and Riley Road.



The building on the corner of Bear Road and Riley Road which was originally used as a school in the Parish of Preston.



Roof of building and the top of the windows viewed from Riley Road.
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The building on the corner of Bear Road and Riley Road which was originally used as a school in the Parish of Preston showing the roof and tops of some of the windows.

This building was used as the first St Albans Church before a permanent church was built in Coombe Road. Baptisms continued in the building

at Bear Road until the consecration of the completed church in Coombe Road on 10th October 1914.

The ordinance survey map of 1909 labels the building in Bear Road as St Albans Church.

When the church opened in Coombe Road the building in Bear Road continued to be used by the parish for a Sunday school and as parish rooms.

Coombe Road School opened on Monday first April 1912 as a boy's school with 193 boys attending on the opening day.

The buildings and site on the corner of Bear Road and Riley Road was purchased by Brighton Council on the 3rd of December 1957 and retained for educational purposes.

Today the site is occupied by Little Stars Childcare whose facilities consist of 3 rooms, a side garden and a rear garden.

Some Local Directory Entries for St Albans

Year Description

1886 Preston Day School

1906 – 1916 St Albans Church – Rev. Lascelles M.A. – vicar

1917 – 1921 St Albans Church – Rev. Langdon – curate in charge

1925 – 1928 St Albans Sunday School

1929 – 1931 St Albans Parish Rooms and Sunday Schools

1936 – 1949 St Albans Parish Rooms

3 December 1957 St Albans School in Bear Road sold to Brighton Council for educational purposes

John Phillips

Memories of the Boy's Brigade

By Paul Simmons

A short while ago I passed a number of boys brigade magazines over to John Phillips for archive purposes.

John read through them and noticed that John Lewry had won the prestigious Beal VC memorial watch.

I replied that I knew this, in fact the very first winner of this award from the 26 Brighton Boys Brigade Company was my late dear brother Roger J Simmons in 1967. The 26th company is attached to St Andrews Church in Hillside at Moulsecoomb.

He was also the very first winner of the coveted “Queens Badge” in the same year.

The following year after transferring from the 26th Brighton to the 13th Brighton, I also was awarded the Queen’s Badge and two years later, I was awarded the Beal VC watch. The 13th Brighton Boys' Brigade met at Lewes Road United Reformed (previously the Congregational) Church.

There have since been many other Queen’s badge winners from both companies. Other 26th Brighton Beal VC watch winners include, Michael Adams, Stephen Emerson and of course John Lewry.

In closing I must mention that much of the foundation to my awards was laid down while serving as a boy in the 26 Brighton Boys Brigade Company.

I returned as an officer with the 26th, eventually being their Company Captain for a few years, before retiring from active service within the brigade.

Boys Brigade Beal Memorial Watch



The watch awarded to Terence Paul Simmons has the following citation on the back

E. F. Beal VC Memorial Award
1970

Sargent T. P. Simmons

The Boys Brigade

13th Brighton Company



Who was Ernest Frederick Beal VC?

Ernest Frederick Beal VC (27 January 1883 – 22 March 1918) was an English recipient of the Victoria Cross, the highest and most prestigious award for gallantry in the face of the enemy that can be awarded to British and Commonwealth forces.

Beal was born to John J. W. and Jane Stillman Beal, who resided at 55, East Street, Brighton and ran Beal Stationary shop in East Street in Brighton.

Beal was 35 years old, and a temporary second lieutenant in 13th Battalion, The Yorkshire Regiment (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own), British Army during the First World War, and was awarded the Victoria Cross for his actions on 21/22 March 1918 at St-Léger, France.

For most conspicuous bravery and determined leading when in command of a company detailed to occupy a certain section of trench. When the company was established, it was found that a considerable gap of about 400 yards existed between the left flank of the company and the neighbouring unit, and that this gap was strongly held by the enemy. It was of vital importance that the gap should be cleared, but no troops were then available. Organising a small party of less than a dozen men, he led them against the enemy. On reaching an enemy machine gun, 2nd Lt. Beal immediately sprang forward, and with his revolver killed the team and captured the gun. Continuing along the trench he encountered and dealt with another machine gun in the same manner, and in all captured four

enemy guns, and inflicted severe casualties. Later in the evening, when a wounded man had been left in the open under heavy enemy fire, he, regardless of danger, walked up close to an enemy machine gun and brought in the wounded man on his back. 2nd Lt. Beal was killed by a shell on the following morning.

From the London Gazette, 31 May 1918.

The Ernest Beal VC Memorial Award in the form of a watch was endowed by Ernest Beal's Father John Beal in memory of his son. It is awarded to a young person within the Brighton & Hove & District Battalion who shows great commitment to their Company, Church, Battalion and own personal growth. Each Year a young person is nominated by their company captain then they have to sit in front of an interview panel.

Boy's Brigade Camping at Glynde

My own memories of camping at our battalion annual camper line was from 1964.

My whole family would have attended from 1964 until the 1970s.

Roger my older brother and I would have been in the boys lines

My father would have been in the officer's lines and my mother in the ladies cookhouse lines.

The site was part of the estate belonging to the Marquis of Abergavenny who lived in Glynde Place.

I have many happy memories from that time. All the sport, games, swimming practices, but especially the Christian camaraderie.

Our camp would have taken place from a Saturday to the following Saturday in early August.

We would have a camp concert on visitors day, on the Thursday of the week.

We would also have special guests arrive for a visit. On one occasion Cliff Richard came as a brigade honorary vice president. He is now Sir Cliff Richard. It was a very special and memorable occasion as a lot of us were in awe of such a famous celebrity in our midst.



13th Boys Brigade A Company at camp in Glynde in 1962 © David Norman. The 13th Brighton Boys' Brigade was always a very strong company at Lewes Road United Reformed (previously the Congregational) Church.

The battalion still camps at Glynde, but now in a different part of the estate, closer to Laughton.

The Brighton Hove & District Battalion Boy's Brigade annual camp happened in July. They camped here at Glynde for a week, taking the boys out for activities on Mount Caburn and surrounding countryside.

Paul Simmons

Shaun By The Sea Art Trail

From 9 September to 5 November 2023

42 large sculptures of Shaun have been placed to make a trail round Brighton and Hove for people to visit this autumn. Locations for some of this year's sculptures include The Ivy Brighton in Ship Street, Sussex Cricket Ground, Jubilee Library, Churchill Square, The Grand hotel in Kings Road and the Brighton i360.



The Shaun the Sheep shown here is at One Garden Brighton where it was delivered on 8 September.

There are over 70 little Shawn sculptures painted by local schools and community groups which are flocked together at well known venues from Portslade to Newhaven, including three in Coldean library.

Ewenique, one of the smaller Shaun sculptures is at the Mayberry Garden Centre on the Old Shoreham Road.

The design was created by the Globe Primary Academy at Lancing. Inspired by their school name the children of the Globe combined multiple designs to create a Shaun who represented the unique elements of the world around them. They were inspired by the weather, seasons, continents and their own class names which are countries of the world.



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In a first for the city's art trails, a special "roving Shaun" will be put on display in different locations across the city during the eight-week-long exhibition.

Shaun by the Sea brings together a fantastic flock of Shauns, which represent the individuality and diversity of Brighton & Hove. The trail of big and little Shauns covers the whole of the community which Martlets serves, and the bold, brave and colourful designs will shine a light on the life-changing impact of hospice care.

The art trail follows in the footsteps of the Snowdogs exhibition in 2016 and the Snails art trail in 2018.

The art trail is organised by hospice charity Martlets and aims to shine a light on the life-changing impact of hospice care and raise funds to help the charity keep caring for people facing tough times.

The charity's sculptures of snails for the last art trail raised more than £230,000.

In previous years Marjorie and I have enjoyed searching out and photographing the Snowdogs and Snails.

Since the Martlets opened its doors 25 years ago expectations of hospice care have changed, and to ensure Martlets is fit for the future they needed to upgrade their facilities.

In June 2022, the Hospice doors in Wayfield Avenue were closed to enable build work on a new home could take place.

While the building work goes on, they are continuing to deliver dedicated hospice care at temporary partner sites across the community as well as in people's homes.

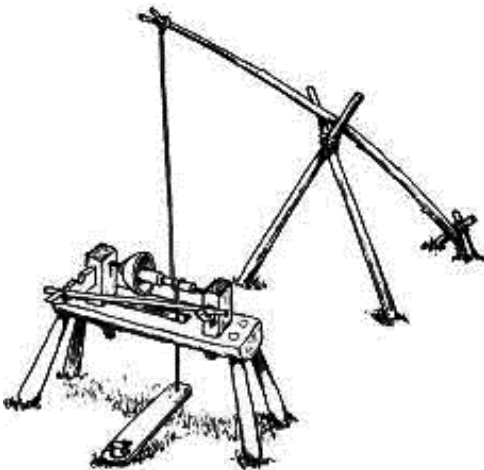
John Phillips

Bodger

This term is often used to refer to a person who makes or repairs something badly or clumsily, however, it has another meaning.

This term was once common around the furniture-making town of High Wycombe in Buckinghamshire. *Bodgers* were skilled itinerant wood-turners, who worked in the beech woods on the chalk hills of the Chilterns. They cut timber and converted it into chair legs by turning it on a pole lathe, an ancient and very simple tool that uses the spring of a bent sapling to help run it. Their equipment was so easy to move and set up that it was easier to go to where the timber was felled and work it there, than to transport it to a workshop. The completed chair legs were sold to furniture factories to be joined with other chair parts made in the workshop.

It is thought to also be a term to describe craft people and workers on a type of production line to indicate doing part of a job before handing over to the next person, and goes back several centuries.



The diagram on the left shows a pole lathe which could be constructed easily where it was to be used.

They go back as far as the Saxon period and would have mainly been used to make cooking utensils, in the late 1700s to early 1900s. Its use for turning chair legs came in later.

BINGO EVENING

Come and enjoy 10 games of prize bingo on Saturday 21st October 2023 at 7.00 p.m.

St. Mary Magdalen Church Hall Coldean

Book for all 10 games £8 and additional books £3.

All profits to support local charities 'Off The Fence' and 'St. Barnabus'

Bring your own drinks and nibbles, but tea & coffee will be available

For tickets, please call either 01323 423 918 or 01273 681 978

To hire the church hall please contact: Debbie Annells

Telephone: 07508 625 667

e-mail: office4stmm55@btinternet.com

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