

100 YEARS AGO

From the Eastbourne Chronicle, 10th November 1894:

HAILSHAM. The Fifth was kept up with the old enthusiasm. The Bonfire Boys mustered at head quarters, the Grenadier Hotel, and the first procession, which was headed by the Chalvington Brass Band, started shortly before seven o'clock. There were several banners with inscriptions.

The main feature of the procession was a car, surmounted with the effigy of Guy Fawkes, surrounded by guards. The second procession, which was of a more imposing character, left head quarters at 8.30. The members of the fire brigade took part and a number of blazing tar-barrels were wheeled along, rockets and Roman candles being let off at intervals. Coloured fires greatly added to the effect.

After the principal thoroughfares had been traversed the members returned to the Grenadier Hotel, opposite which a bonfire was lighted, the effigy being consigned to the flames amidst loud cheering.



Guy Fawkes

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