

Spike's Object Activity

#SpikeDinosAdventures

Theme; Elephants



Elephants in Maidstone

Spike found this elephant in the Local History Gallery. He thought it strange that it had a blanket over its back. Looking closely he noticed the elephant on other items in the case. They are all items that were part of the Fremlin's brewery in Maidstone. The elephant was their logo. Fremlin's was one of the big Industries in Maidstone.



The brewery was founded in the early 1700s by Edward Rigden and acquired by Fremlin's Ltd in 1948. Fremlin's was taken over by Whitbread in 1967 and the brewery closed in 1990. Fremlin Walk in Maidstone is named after the Brewery and is on the site of the brewery buildings.

The Fremlin Elephant is not the only elephant associated with Maidstone. Maidstone had a zoo owned and run by Sir Garrard Tyrwhitt-Drake. It opened in 1934 and sadly closed in 1959. During this time it was home to 2 elephants. THE zoo was located in Cobtree Park —the elephant house can still be seen there.

Today's activity is a calming colouring activity. Colour in the elephant and share your picture with us.

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Spike's Colouring Activity

