

## Music Halls

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### Charlotte Street

1887	4-6 Charlotte Street, Fuller's Public Market and Hall	166
1891-1894	Commercial Road, Fuller's Hall, Henry Fuller	1
1896-1898	207 Commercial Road, St James Hall, Henry Fuller	1
1899-1900	2 Charlotte Street, St James Hall, Frank Pearce	1
1899-1900	Commercial Road, St James Hall, Brethren	1
1901-1911	4-6 Charlotte Street, St James' Concert & Variety Hall, Frank Pearce	1
27 Feb 1912	Licence granted to Mr William Frederick Jury	95
1913	Cinematograph Licence issued to Mr William Frederick Jury	95
1914-1917	Cinematograph Licence issued to Mr Frank Pearce, 112 Lake Road, sat 500	95
1914	4-6 Charlotte Street, St James' Hall, Frank Pearce	1
1915	2-4 Charlotte Street, Jury's Picture Palace	1
1917	2-4 Charlotte Street, St James Hall, Frank Pearce & Jury's Picture Palace	1
1918	4-6 Charlotte Street, St James' Hall, Frank Pearce	1
	by end 1920 closed	41
1923	4 Charlotte Street, St James' Hall, Peter Arnett	1
1928	2 Charlotte Street, St James' Temperance Billiard Club, W Hutchings	1

### Commercial Road

1906	[16161] Planning application by Hippodrome Co Ltd Hippodrome Built on the site of Percy Cottage cost £30,000 architect Mr Bertie Crewe; steelwork by William Brown & Sons, Manchester; fibrous plaster and decorations Messrs Tanner & Sons, Liverpool; upholstery, curtains and drapes Messrs A.R Drew & Sons Ltd, Birmingham; electrical installation Messrs F.W Smith & Co, Salford; heating and ventilation Messrs Griffiths, Liverpool. All under the direction of Mr G.Sheen	95 110 120 110
13 May 1907	Opened by Miss Marie Tempest. Sat 2,000	89
20 May 1907	Opened	111
1908	3d to £2 2s for the Royal Box	110
1910-1916	Cinematograph licence issued, sat 1600	95
1919	Cinematograph licence issued to Portsmouth Hippodrome Ltd, William Edward Churchill Sperring, sat 1600	95
1922	Cinematograph licence issued, sat 1772	95
1924-1926	Cinematograph licence issued, sat 1769	95
1927-1929	Cinematograph licence issued, sat 1773	95
1930s	Films on Sunday evenings	?
1932	[26617] Hippodrome, Commercial Road alterations for General Theatre Corporation Ltd	95
1933-1936	Cinematograph licence issued, sat 1475	95
1936-1938	64-68 Commercial Road	1
10 Jan 1941	Bombed	
17 Jan 1941	Bombed	
1951	CPO issued for site	95
Sep 1951	Planning application for theatre	PCC
2004?	During redevelopment unexploded bomb found on the site	

### 268 Commercial Road

1865	Alexandra Music Hall, John Chitty Genge	75
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### 292-294 Commercial Road

1865-1867	Brittannia Music Hall, George Benjamin Wilson	75
1886	Conservative Club	1
1887	Conservative Club	166

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1888	Conservative Club	165
1891-1892	Gaiety Theatre of Varieties	1
1894	Portsmouth Social Club	1
1896-1929	Warehouse	1
1929	Burnt Down	?

### Edinburgh Road

	Empire Palace of Varieties	
	Licence transferred from Amphitheatre, Gunwharf	?
	Architect C.J Phipps, builder J.H. Corke	110,111
1891	Paid for by local business men including A.W White and Mr J Baggs	5(13)
2 Nov 1891	Opened seats 800	111,120
1894-1911	Portsmouth Empire Palace of Varieties	1
1901	[13576] Planning application by Portsmouth Empire Palace Co Ltd for Theatre in Stanhope Road {new theatre or update at rear of old?}	95
1904	[15186] Empire Place alterations	95
1905	[15903] Empire Palace Edinburgh Road alterations by F Corke	95
12 Jan 1910	Cinematograph licence issued	95
23 Dec 1910	Cinematograph licence issued	95
1912	Cinematograph licence issued	95
1913	Cinematograph licence issued	95
1913	Closed, redecorated and refurbished. Reopened as the Coliseum. Wilson, Rae and Dixon	5(13)
8 Dec 1914	Cinematograph licence issued, sat 1000	95
1915	Coliseum Palace of Varieties (Portsmouth Empire Palace Co Ltd)	1
1916	Cinematograph licence issued, sat 1000	95
1917	Portsmouth Coliseum of Varieties	1
1918-1948	Portsmouth Coliseum of Varieties (Portsmouth Empire Palace Co Ltd)	1
1946	First stage appearance of Norman Wisdom	
1947	[1500] The Coliseum, Edinburgh Road, fire escape for Portsmouth Empire Palace Ltd	95
1950	[3584] Edinburgh Road, reinstatement of canopy for Portsmouth Empire Palace Ltd	95
1950	Renamed the Empire after renovation	5(13)
1951-1956	Empire Theatre (Portsmouth Empire Palace Co Ltd), 5 Edinburgh Road	1
1958	Closed and demolished	5(13)
17 Jun 1958	Empire Theatre sold	9
May 1959	Demolished	9
	Site later Sainsburys then Iceland	

### Greetham Street

1906	[16154a] Planning application Coliseum, Portsmouth Coliseum Syndicate	95
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### Lake Road

Lake House and Pleasure Gardens

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12 Dec 1884	<p>Built. Frank Pearce, lath renderer, whose principal work was the Victoria Barracks, was also a timber merchant in Lake Road. His wife ran a dairy in Lake Road and, she was a great temperance worker. With his brother Bob he bought land and built a music hall in Lake Road. In December 1884 when the building was roof high, but not slated, the great storm brought it down costing £1,000. The building took 6 months including the rebuild. It was opened by a mass meeting of The United Kingdom Alliance of London (Temperance)</p> <p>Let to Henry Vento who ran it as a conventional hall, not on the lines the</p>	65,106
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	owners intended so when the license was renewed in 1891 they took it back.	
	The Pearce's reopened the hall in 1892	65,106
	Repaired by Pearce, burnt down on opening day. Show held on nearby ground, hall rebuilt	120
	In 1920 when Mr Pearce retired the building was used as Jury's Picture House and the Palladium Cinema	65,106
	Both Mr and Mrs Pearce are buried in Milton Cemetery with unusually decorated headstones, they were both spiritualists.	65,106
	1886 Lake Road/Leonard Road, Vento's Temple of Varieties, Henry Vento	1
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	1891 Lake Road/Leonard Road, Vento's Temple of Varieties, Henry Vento	1
1886-1891	Vento's, Harry Vento	120
	1892 Lake Road/Leonard Road, Vento's Temple of Varieties, Hy Vento	1
	1894 Lake Road/Leonard Road, Vento's Temple of Varieties, Frank Pearce	1
	1894 Lake Road, People's Palace of Varieties, Temperance Hall	106
1896-1899	Lake Road/Leonard Road, People's Palace of Varieties, Frank Pearce	1
1900-1918	Lake Road/Leonard Road, People's Palace of Varieties, Frank Pearce	1
	1907 Plan for canopy by Mr F Pearce for People's Palace of Varieties allowed, £3 3s a year encroachment fee	95
	1909 Peoples Palace of Varieties, Lake Road alterations for F Pearce	95
	1910 People's Palace, William Frederick Jury, London, Cinematograph License	95
23 Dec	1910 People's Palace, William Frederick Jury, London, Cinematograph License	95
	1912 Cinematograph licence issued to William Jewry(sic)	95
	1913 Cinematograph licence issued to William Jury	95
1914-1916	Cinematograph licence issued to Frank Pearce, sat 280	95
	1917 Licence transferred from Frank Pearce to Harry Saunders	95
	1918 Cinematograph licence issued to Harry Saunders, sat pit 280, gallery 220, gallery not to be used	95
1919-1921	Cinematograph licence issued to Charles William Tarrant, 29 Delamere Road, sat pit 280, gallery 220, gallery not to be used	95
	1920 Lake Road, Jury's Picture House	1
	1920 [20639] Lake Road alterations to Peoples Palace by West & Sons	95
	1921 [20871] 112 Lake Road shopfront & bay by West & Son for Palladium Picture Co Ltd	95
	1922 Cinematograph licence issued to Alfred William West, 132 Queen Street, sat pit 495, gallery 219	95
	1923 Lake Road/Leonard Road, Palladium Picture House, Manager William West	1
	1923 Licence transferred from Alfred West to Cosham Picture House Ltd	95
1924-1929	Cinematograph licence issued to Cosham Picture House Ltd, sat 714	95
	1928 Lake Road/Leonard Road, Palladium Picture House, Cosham Picture House Co Ltd	1
	1933 [26995] Palladium Cinema alterations & additions for A.E Hooper {Fishmonger} & C.F Saunders {Butcher}	95
	1933 [26855] Cinema, amended plans for A.E Hooper & C.F Saunders	95
	1937 Canopy declared unsafe and should be removed	95
	1938 Palladium Shell Fish Shop, B.E Goodman	1
	1947 [1151] 110 Lake Road, convert cinema to furniture showroom & store for John Blundell Ltd	95
	1948 [1977] 110 Lake Road, new first floor to business premises for J Blundell Ltd	95
1948-1956	110 Lake Road, John Blundell Ltd, Drapers	1
1958-1971	108-112 Lake Road, John Blundell Ltd, Drapers	1
1980	Demolished	

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### London Road

Land of Promise Pleasure Gardens  
Clarence Gardens, music hall, pleasure gardens and  
boating lake  
See Clarence Gardens in public houses

### North Street, Portsea

1863	Star Music Hall, Tom Bell	63
1865	Victoria Music Hall, Lewis Randall	75

### St Marys Street / Gunwharf Road

1856	Mr Brown opened a small music hall attached to the Blue Bell public house	89,120
Aug 1860	New larger hall built around the old enabled last performance in old hall to be on Saturday, first in new hall on Monday. Renamed South of England Music Hall	5(13), 89,120
20 Aug 1860	Reopening night. Built by H.Lawrence. Decorations designed by C.B.Wilson	120
1863	South of England Music Hall, W Brown	63
1865	South of England Music Hall, W Brown	75
1867	South of England Music Hall, W Brown	1
1872	Redecorated and resealed	120
1873	Sold to London Alhambra Company who renamed it the Alhambra Music Hall	5(13), 120
Sep 1878	Burnt down	5(13), 89,120
Sep 1879	Reopened after rebuilding. Lessee Mr Hughes, entrance in Gunwharf Road	5(13), 89
	New South of England Grand Palace, seats 3,000	120
1885	Barnard's Amphitheatre (Mr Barnard from Chatham)	5(13), 89,120
1886	(50-54) St Marys Street, Royal Amphitheatre	1
1887	(50-54) St Marys Street, Royal Amphitheatre & Concert Hall, D Barnard	166
1888	(50-54) St Marys Street, Royal Amphitheatre, D Barnard	165
1890	Burnt down, replaced by the Empire in Edinburgh Road	5(13), 89,111, 120
1891	St Marys Street, Royal Amphitheatre, David Barnard, still listed	1
1894	Site now in power station	89

### Station Street

See Ginnett's Circus