

Theatres

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Albert Road

	Kings Theatre	
1903	[14633] Planning application by F Matcham for Grand Theatre	95
1906	Started	5(13), 89,111, 120
	Architect Frank Matcham, builder F Corke	111,120
30 Sep 1907	Opened by Mr H.B Irving	111,120, Plaque
1908	Changed from melodrama to variety	111
1908	Canopy in Exmouth Road	95
1909	[17570] Application for waiting room	95
1910-1919	Cinematograph licence issued, sat 2750	95
1919	[20310] New cinema room for Portsmouth Theatres Ltd	95
1920s	Redecorated	120
1920s	Films in afternoons, variety in evenings	120
1922-1930	Cinematograph licence issued, sat 2172	95
1931	[26033] alterations to operating box for Portsmouth Theatres	95
1931	[26159] projector box	95
1931	Operating box made in balcony	120
1932	Reverted to being theatre	120
1934-1935	Cinematograph licence issued, sat 2064	95
1936	Upper Circle reseated losing 28 seats	95
1948	[1985] alterations to pay boxes in vestibule	95
1948	[2231] additional ladies' lavatory	95
1936-1951	Cinematograph licence issued, sat 2037	95
1964	Bought by Commander Cooper	9
1987	On death of Reggie Cooper, Joan Cooper formed a partnership with Ivor Barnes	9
1990	Bought by Hampshire County Council	9
Oct 1995	Reopened after £250,000 refurbishment, new seats, carpets, renovated foyer ceiling	9
23 Jul 1996	Closed for final touches to above including re-painting	9
15 Sep 1996	Re-opened	9
	Closed, only used for odd performance	
Jul 2001	Sold to Portsmouth City Council for £1, to be operated by David Rixon	
Sep 2001	Re-opened following further refurbishment, including entrance plasterwork, staircase, bars, dressing rooms, lighting, scenery ropes, firedoors by CPK Construction, Portsmouth University, Akter and volunteers	9
Jan 2003	Foyer ceiling paintings and plasterwork to be removed to enable structural work to be carried out, estimated cost £50,000	9
Apr 2003	Operating company in liquidation	9
2006	Lady statue returned from scrap yard, unveiled by Lord Mayor	9
2007	Wallpaper removed to reveal original tiling	9
Jun - Sep 2007	Interior to be scaffolded, for renovation of plasterwork and painting	9
Oct 2008	Wooden cupola removed	9
Feb 2009	New fibre glass cupola fitted with replica statue, now named Aurora	9
Mar 2009	New lions to be mounted on tower	9
2009	Four boxes redecorated and doors restored	
Mar 2012	Irving room reopened by Ali Bastian	9
Sep 2014	Hugh Dennis to become patron, joining Dillie Keane and Lisa Riley	9
Apr 2016	Major refurbishment planned, seats (one row less in stalls), bars, toilets, technical facilities, lift access at cost of £13m	9

Clarendon Road

1896	[10630] Planning application by C.J Bacon & W.H Heaven for theatre	95
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Commercial Road

	Theatre Royal	
1800	Landport Racquet Hall	?
1854	Bought by Henry Rutley becoming Landport Hall Theatre	?
29 Sep 1856	Reopened as New Theatre Royal with two plays "A New Way to Pay Old Debts" and "Founded on Facts"	120
1868	Altered	?
1868	New facade and conservatory projecting over pavement	181
1872	Altered, canopy added	120
1874	Henry Rutley died	120
1882	Mr Boughton took over	120
19 May 1884	Closed for demolition	111
1884	Substantially rebuilt, stage 56 feet wide 36 feet deep, to designs of C.J Phipps. New walls built around old	?
4 Aug 1884	Reopened with Gilbert & Sullivans "Princess Ida"	111,120
1899	[12796] Planning application for external balcony	95
May 1900	Closed for major alterations, stage further back and increased to 65 feet deep, auditorium enlarged by the addition of extra boxes. Cast iron canopy/balcony extended. Architect Frank Matcham, builder J.Cooke of Southsea, plasterwork by De Jong, marbling by Whitehead	120
	Builder J.H Corke	181
6 Aug 1900	Reopened with play "Magda"	120
1916	[20216] Extension of Green Room for Directors of Theatre Royal	95
1919	[20425] Alterations to Pit Urinal by F.H Gordon for Portsmouth Theatres Ltd	95
1931-1937	Cinematograph licence issued to Portsmouth Theatres Ltd	95
Mar 1932	Opened as cinema with "Common Law" using back projection	?
?	Lessee John Waters Boughton buried at Wymering	116
1946	[721] Alterations to windows & WCs	95
1948	[1642] Alterations to ladies' lavatories	95
1948	[2013] Alterations to exits of Pit bar; [2013a] 1948 revised access to gents lavatory	95
Sep 1948	Reverted to theatre	120
1951	Cinematograph licence issued to Portsmouth Theatres Ltd	95
1956	Closed	120
1957	Reopened as Rep Theatre	120
1959	Rep transferred to Kings	120
1960-1966	Wrestling	120
1963	Plans to demolish and build hotel	9
Jan 1966	Pantomime transferred from Kings	120
1968	Pantomime transferred from Kings for extended run	?
	Closed	?
29 Oct 1972	Stage and backstage burnt out by vandals using fireworks	
31 Oct 1972	Stage and backstage burnt out by vandals	9
1973	Plasterwork largely smashed by vandals	
1980	Theatre Royal Trust bought building	9
	Auditorium restored	
2004	Planned to close for fitting of new stage, refurbishment of frontage and installation of new heating system	9
2004	Gallery bar moved to stalls as part of £200,000 bar refurbishment of interior	9
2004	£470,000 refurbishment of exterior	9
2011	£4m grant to revamp backstage, £20m project with Portsmouth University	9
2013	Temporary stage to be removed as start of rebuild of the rear	9

Elm Grove

1901	[13477] Planning application for theatre by W Pratt	95
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High Street

1761	Built	120
1836	Closed	9
Feb 1838	Re-opened after refurbishment, manager William Shalders	9
1838	Johann Strauss, snr, concert	181
1854	Demolished	181
1856	Demolished	120

Kent Road, Portland Hall

1861	Portland Hall, Built	89
1877	Reconstructed	89
1886-1918	Portland Concert Hall & Theatre Demolished	1,165,166

Lake Road

See Circus

Marylebone Street

Mar 1843	Grecian Saloon opened, director T.E.Ball, cost £1,150 sat 700	5(13), 120
Oct 1843	Renamed Landport Theatre, Samuel Hogg	5(13), 120
Jun 1850	Closed due to bankruptcy of Mr Hogg	5(13), 120
Aug 1850	For sale	5(13)
Nov 1850	For sale by auction following bankruptcy of S & H.J.Hogg	9