



Empire Electric Palace Theatre

Once working again our theatre will be the oldest working cinema North of Birmingham and the fifth oldest in the United Kingdom.

The Electric Palace was opened on 21st November 1910. It closed in 1968 and was then turned into a Bingo Hall and currently is a Car Parts and Accesories shop known as Speedos.

After discovering that much of the original decor from the cinema years had been retained, a group was set up in 2015 in the hope of restoring the building back to a working cinema. Crook being at the gateway to Weardale, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, it seems the Theatre should be able to offer a lot to the locality.

The building will not only provide a working cinema but provide a Theatre and Arts Centre.

All Empire Electric Palace Theatre Friends will receive the following benefits once the theatre opens and also on fundraising special events

Save Money

- Reduced price tickets on the first night of all drama productions.
- £2.00 off vouchers (number varies depending on which type of Friend)
- Priority booking period at the beginning of each new season.
- 10% discount on food and drink purchased in the theatre.

First to Know

Advance notice of productions in an exclusive mailing of each new season's 'What's On' brochure before general public release.

Be Star Struck

- Join in on special pre-performance show talks.
- Get the opportunity to meet the stars of some productions at exclusive special events.

By Supporting Us

- Receive our FREE Friends magazine, *Circle*, three times a year.
- Have a personalised, numbered, Friends membership card

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WILL YOU BE
A FRIEND OF
YOUR LOCAL
THEATRE
PROJECT?

How YOU can help YOUR theatre

As you can imagine, it is going to take a lot of work, time, effort and money to get the theatre back up and running, so we can't do this without your help. Like all community groups there are many ways that you can get involved, and one of the biggest and most important is to 'be there' – be there to help support the group and offer ideas on how to make our dreams a reality.

So far we have been trying to drive the project forward with a few people and we have achieved a lot but now we need to start to widen the group and are asking you to sign up and support us all in a wider group; to hopefully take part in the various fundraising events and to follow us all the way through to that wonderful opening night.

How could you join and support us?

As a **SUPPORTER** we will keep you in touch with how things are going as the project progresses and of events planned along the way. Simply provide us with your email address and a small donation towards the theatre.

As a **FRIEND** naturally we will keep you in touch with the progression of the project but this also offers you the chance to be book in advance of anybody else for any event we organise and be

invited to the special events related to the opening of the theatre itself. We ask that you contribute a minimum of £5 a year (£10 family membership).

As a **CHARTER FRIEND** you will be that special person who commits to the project – this is a limited group of 250 who are 'in at the start' and who truly help to drive the project forward – you get the best seats at the opening, advance information and your Charter Friendship truly helps to fund the project by providing the initial funding that all projects such as this really need. We ask that you contribute at least £50 to cover your first 5 years membership (£100 family) (once Charter memberships are 'sold out' this level of contribution will revert to **FRIEND** status).

The income from your membership, at any level, is **VITAL** to the success of this project. Any money which we have or make is invested in the project and the fabric of the building. We do hope you will be able to help.

The Empire Electric Palace Theatre membership schemes will offer you priority booking, exclusive discounts and the knowledge that being a Friend plays a vital role in the future development of the theatre.

Please register my interest in The Empire Electric Theatre, Crook

First name _____

Family name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email address _____

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Please return this form, with your cheque, payable to 'Empire Electric Palace Theatre' to:

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or hand to any Trustee of the theatre