



Hailsham Old Pavilion Society

Friends of
Hailsham Pavilion

Raising funds to support
our local cinema and
live arts venue

Our history...

Hailsham Old Pavilion Society (HOPS) was established in 1993 to raise funds to restore the Pavilion cinema for the use of the community of Hailsham and its surrounding districts, as a cinema and live entertainment venue. Today funds are still needed to maintain and support this important local project.

The Pavilion is sited within Hailsham's Conservation Area and has been categorised by English Heritage as a 'Grade II listed building of historic and architectural interest'. It has a single auditorium and shows films, theatre productions and live music. It's also available for private hire for conferences, stage productions, private parties, seminars, etc.

Hailsham Pavilion first opened its doors to the public in 1921 as a purpose-built Picture Palace. The grand opening was preceded by the Town Band playing around the town. Some locals regarded the Pavilion as a 'new-fangled upstart of a cinema' but despite this the first film shown which was 'The Kid', starring Charlie Chaplin, played to a packed house.

In 1965 the Pavilion closed as a Cinema and remained empty for a couple of years until it re-opened as a Bingo Club. In 1985 the doors were closed once more and two years later the building was sold at auction. It remained empty and unused and gradually fell into a state of dereliction and disrepair.



As the owners were in receivership, Wealden District Council issued a compulsory purchase order and arranged for necessary work to be carried out to make the building safe and weatherproof. A 31 year lease was arranged to enable HOPS to bring the building back into use.

By the end of 1999, HOPS had more than 800 members and, with the help of the local community, had raised almost £100,000. The Heritage Lottery Fund provided a grant of £275,000 and a number of local groups, including local and district councils raised a combined amount of a further £100,000, bringing the total up to around half a million pounds.

The Heritage Lottery Fund, made it a condition that the restoration had to stay true to the original design, in keeping with the Grade II listed status, which brought many challenges to the restoration project, but finally, on 1 February 2000, June Bourne (Chair of HOPS and Vice Chair of Hailsham Pavilion Ltd) officially re-opened Hailsham Pavilion; restored in all its glory, for the citizens of Hailsham and surrounds to hopefully enjoy for many years to come.

HOPS today...

This is not the end of the story for HOPS. The charity continues to work hard to help to pay for the upkeep of the Pavilion; around £15,000 is raised each year from membership subscriptions and through a variety of events organised by the HOPS committee.

These additional funds have been used to install digital projector equipment, a computerised box office, and an audio description system for blind or partially-sighted visitors. HOPS has also been able to contribute towards the ongoing cost of maintaining the exterior of the building, installing floodlights, etc.

All HOPS committee members and volunteers give their time for free, if you are interested in helping with an event or joining the committee then please contact any committee member. You could also volunteer at the Pavilion itself.

How you can help...

Become a member and encourage your friends and family to join too. Membership donations are vital and HOPS would not be able to continue its work without the generosity of its members.

As a member you will enjoy a **10% discount on your cinema ticket**. Members also receive a quarterly newsletter 'Hop Scene', with information about past and future events, are entered into a quarterly draw to **win a pair of free cinema tickets** and offered discounts to many HOPS events.

Use the Pavilion – check the listings and enjoy films, theatre and live music. Find out what's on by picking up a flyer from the Pavilion and local venues or on the website: www.pavilionhailsham.co.uk

Support our events – There's something for everyone with an annual golf tournament, quizzes, open gardens, and more! We also have an Open Morning at the Pavilion where you can have a look around the projection room and also meet some of the Pavilion staff and HOPS Committee members.

Merchandise – Our merchandise is available from The Pavilion, Camera Centre and Nodding Cobbler in Hailsham and at most of the HOPS events.



Online – Use **easysearch** instead of using Google and every time you search the Web, HOPS will receive a donation. It can make a real difference, just 10 searches a day could raise around £20 a year for HOPS.

Find us on **Facebook**; 'Like' our page and join our 'Group'. You will get updates on past and future events. You don't have to sign up to Facebook, you can view our Facebook page via: www.facebook.com/HailshamOldPavilionSociety

How do I become a member?... Just complete the application form, attaching your subscription (cash or cheque) or standing order form and return to us. It's that simple!

**For Membership queries please contact the Membership Secretary,
Jennie Elphick,
tel: 01323 487300
email: hops.hailsham@gmail.com**

**For ticketing and film information please contact the Box Office,
tel: 01323 841414
website: www.pavilionhailsham.co.uk**

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Patron: Richard Graham

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We have to inform members that we hold names and addresses on computer for ease of mailing newsletters. This list will not be passed on to anyone else. If you have any objection to your name being on this list please let us know.

Registered Office

4A Honeysuckle Close, Grove Park, Hailsham, East Sussex BN27 3TP

Charity Number: 1062955



**Application for Membership of Hailsham Old Pavilion Society (HOPS)
Registered Charity No 1062955**

Title(s)

Surname(s)

FirstName(s)

Address

.....Postcode

Telephone

Email

Individual Annual Membership £10 per year

Joint Annual Membership £15 per year
(at same address)

How did you find out about HOPS? (please tick)

HOPS member Website/Facebook

Visit to the Pavilion HOPS event

Open day Other

Your completed form and subscription (cash or cheque) or standing order form (insert), can be dropped off at The Pavilion or sent to: Jennie Elphick, Membership Secretary, 5 Mapleleaf Gardens, Polegate, East Sussex BN26 6PD.

GIFT AID – If you are a UK tax payer you can assist our funds AT NO EXTRA COST TO YOURSELF by signing a gift aid declaration. We can then, as a registered charity, reclaim tax from the Inland Revenue on any subscriptions or donation that you make to HOPS.

GIFT AID DECLARATION – I want the Charity to reclaim tax on my donations related to all payments I have made to Hailsham Old Pavilion Society (HOPS) since 6 April 2000 and all donations I make thereafter.

SIGNATURE 1

SIGNATURE 2

DATE

NOTE: Please remember to notify the Society if you no longer pay income tax or capital gains tax equal to the tax the Society reclaim on your donations (at present 28p for every £1 you give).

Standing Order Mandate

Please complete details in the boxes provided in BLOCK CAPITALS

To (please enter name of your bank)

Please enter branch name and full address of bank

Please enter sort code of the bank

A. Customer's Details

Account name

Account number

Home Address

B. Organisation you wish to pay

Hailsham Old Pavilion Society Business Money Manager, HSBC,
Hailsham

Account Number: 01371495 Sort code: 40-23-01

Reference Number

(please insert your membership number if known)

C. About the payment

Amount details

Amount of payment
(please insert £10 for individual or £15 for joint membership)

Amount of payment in words

Day or date of payment

First payment **NOW** and then **ANNUALLY** on 1st day of October

Customer signature

Date

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