

MAGIC HOURS

Cinemas and film in Broadstairs, Margate and Ramsgate then & now

CINEMA MEMORIES QUESTIONNAIRE – FEBRUARY-JULY 2023

About this project:

The MAGIC HOURS film heritage project aims to bring together a definitive history of cinemas and places to see films in Broadstairs, Margate and Ramsgate 1895-now. It focuses on places which have existed in living memory, bringing them alive via the stories of the local people who went to them and worked in them, whether born and bred in the area or more recent arrivals. The Palace Cinema Broadstairs has been funded by the BFI Film Audience Network to run the MAGIC HOURS film heritage project during 2023.

Your stories:

The project records memories in 4 ways: Paper questionnaire, online questionnaire, by email and in person at drop-in audio recording sessions. Every response to the call for memories will be gathered safely and securely into a publicly available archive by the Palace Cinema. Elements may also be used in MAGIC HOURS events and in a summary of the project online on the Palace Cinema website.

At the end of this questionnaire, we ask you to please sign to confirm whether you 1. Agree to have the information you leave here archived by the Palace Cinema, and 2. Agree that the information may be considered for use in MAGIC HOURS events or online activity. *In both cases, the memories will be archived and used anonymously.*

Any questions Please email Corinna Downing at the Palace Cinema's MAGIC HOURS project: info@thepalacecinema.co.uk

Thank you for taking the time to fill in this questionnaire. No need to answer every question, but the more you can we are very grateful for. Please return it to the Palace Cinema by Monday 31 July 2023

We start with 3 quick questions about you now:

Email contact *The email address will only be used to contact you to clarify details if unclear. It will not be used for any other purpose than for this project.*

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How old are you? Please tick box

Under 18	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-59	60-74	75+	Prefer not to say

Are you..? Please tick box

Female	Male	Prefer not to say
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These are questions about *audience* memories of cinemas and other places to films in Broadstairs, Margate and Ramsgate. Questions for *staff* are next.

Which cinema or place to see a film are you remembering?

If you have memories of more than one venue, thank you for being as clear as possible about which memory is from which venue!

Name of cinema or place to see a film <i>(Or a place which later became a cinema)</i>	
Broadstairs, Margate or Ramsgate?	
Year or years you went to it, e.g. 1970-1985	

How old were you during that time?

Roughly or exactly

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Who did you usually go with, and why?

Friends, family, boyfriend/girlfriend, on your own?

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How much was your ticket? Please tick box

Pennies	1-3 shillings	3-6 shillings	30p-£1	£1-£3	£3-£7	£7-£12	£12-20	£20+	Not sure
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The building *How did it feel as you stepped inside? What are your memories about the entrance, the auditorium or the place the film screened?*

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Snacks *Did you buy snacks there or bring them with you? What did you have? How much did they cost?*

The staff *Who did you see working there? Did they a uniform? Were they friendly (or not!)?*

The film/s *How did you choose what to see?*

The programme *Did you just see ads + trailers + feature film? Or was there something more, or different?*

Saturday morning shows *Did you go to a regular children's Saturday morning cinema club? When was this and what are your memories?*

Any other stories you remember about going there? *Please continue on back of this sheet if necessary!*

Why did you stop going there?

How does it compare to where you see films now?

Questions for *staff* of cinemas, and other places to see films, in Broadstairs, Margate and Ramsgate

Which cinema or place to see a film are you remembering working in?

Name of cinema or place to see a film	
Broadstairs, Margate or Ramsgate?	
Year or years you worked there, e.g. 1970-1985.	

How old were you at this time?

Roughly or exactly

Your job *What was it? Can you describe your responsibilities? Did you have a uniform – what was it like?*

The other staff *Approx. how many were there? Who trained you in how to do your job?*

Likes and dislikes! *What did you like or dislike most about your job?*

Any other stories you remember about working there? *Please continue on back of this sheet if necessary!*

Agreement

Thank you for reading this Agreement.

Please write 'YES' next to the statements in the boxes, below, that you agree with.

I agree that:

- Some or all of my written response can be included in this project.
- The nature of the MAGIC HOURS project, which deals with cinemas and films in Broadstairs, Margate and Ramsgate, has been explained to me.
- My experiences and opinions in this questionnaire form part of an archive of memories.
- The questionnaire responses may feature in an event or online with the experiences and opinions of other members of the public. A summary of the MAGIC HOURS project will be on the internet in an online resource on the Palace Cinema website.
- The intention of the MAGIC HOURS project is to collect, present and archive images, memories and stories of cinemas and films in Broadstairs, Margate and Ramsgate. After they have been collected, some will be part of events and/or added to the online resource. After that, the images, memories and stories will be archived in the public interest for two reasons: 1. To help preserve and make available this history that audiences might not otherwise be aware of, and 2. To contribute to fostering conversations about the history of local cinemas and cinema-going in Britain.

I agree that my answers can be included in the MAGIC HOURS film heritage project <u>archive</u> .	
I do not agree and request that my answers not be included in the MAGIC HOURS film heritage project <u>archive</u> .	
I agree that my answers can be included in MAGIC HOURS film heritage project <u>events and the online resource</u> .	
I do not agree and request that my answers not be included in MAGIC HOURS film heritage project <u>events nor the online resource</u> .	

Thank you for taking the time to share your memories as part of the MAGIC HOURS film heritage project. We are grateful for your contribution to documenting a history of cinemas and places to see film in Broadstairs, Margate and Ramsgate. A final 2 questions here for you to please answer 'YES' next to the statements in the boxes that you agree with:

- If we have a question about any of your answers, may we contact you?
- Do you have any photos, tickets or other items from local cinemas? Would you be happy for them to be photographed or copied to possibly be included in the project?

Yes, you can contact me about my answers. <i>We will use the email you have already provided, or please give us another preferred contact here.</i>	
Yes, I have photos / other items from local cinemas <i>We will use the email you have already provided, or please give us another preferred contact here.</i>	
No thank you, I don't want to be contacted about my answers and I have no photos / other items to contribute.	

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