

# THE RESTORATION ROUNDUP



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## **A Message From Our Chairman**

Welcome to our new updated newsletter. It's coincided with a worrying time for us all, but we thought it would be great to share some positivity during this difficult time. Additionally some of the main comments we received from the AGM last year were that you wanted us to get better at telling you how we are progressing with the restoration and what events and classes we have upcoming, so we have been working really hard to improve how we do this.

The first part of this journey was finding communication tools to be able to talk to you with, and also to help us manage our membership. You may have seen in the last part of 2019 our new membership portal launch and the response in terms of members renewing and talking to us has been fantastic.

To continue to build on this work we will be producing a quarterly newsletter to update you about key events and milestones. I hope you will welcome this, but this is only the start, so if you have comments and ideas that can make the newsletter better then please do let us know. If any of you out there wanted to contribute or volunteer to help us in this area we would be very pleased to hear from you, as we would be for all parts of our project.

2019 has been and gone and it's been a terrific year for the Pavilion. Our building usage continues to grow with a wider and more diverse group of users, from films, theatre and music events in the Main Hall, to yoga, dance and youth theatre classes happening every week with even more to come this year.

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We work really hard to try and put on events that we think will appeal to the people of the Derbyshire Dales and beyond, and I know we have had a lot of positive comments about our events, but we are always open to new ideas. If you think there is something you would like to do or see in our building then get in touch with our events team on [info@thegrandpavilion.co.uk](mailto:info@thegrandpavilion.co.uk)

We have also seen some real improvements inside the building. Our volunteer works group are in every week and continue to make a huge contribution to making the building work for our users and in bringing disused parts of the building back into use.

This includes the current project to create a new meeting room area which is nearing completion, and hopefully very shortly we will be telling you when this will be available for group meetings.

We have also had significant professional help to further enhance what we can offer; recently this has been a project to upgrade the heating in the Preschool, cafe and upstairs hallway. Later in the year this project will bring new heating to the dressing rooms, toilets and Grey room. It gives us all immense pride to see the building being used by the community, but we want to develop this more by providing more facilities and support to enable more users to come to the Grand Pavilion.

As you all know our long term aim still remains to renovate and safeguard the building for future generations. We know we still have a long way to go but with your help and support we know we can achieve this objective.

I urge you all to come and visit us later in the year, whether to attend classes or events, or just to pop into our Café for a cup of tea as soon as we're open again, it all helps get us where we want to be. If you are a Friend of the Pavilion you will be entitled to your members discount on most of our events and in the Café. We look forwards to seeing you later this year!

Nick Whitehead, Operations Team Chairman  
On behalf of the Grand Pavilion



## Support Our Charity And Become Our Friend!

Signing up is really easy just visit our website [www.thegrandpavilion.co.uk/friends](http://www.thegrandpavilion.co.uk/friends) to be taken to our friends page, from here you can link to our membership portal and join our Friends group from just £5 annually.

In return we organise a discount on most events exclusive only to members . You get access to 10% discount in our Restoration Cafe all year round and receive advance notice of popular events allowing you to buy tickets early.

We also now send you a quarterly newsletter on our progress, funding, changes to the building, heritage stories, event news, interviews and much more! You can even organise to tour The Grand Pavillion and see how much progress we are making.



Work on the new Conference Room nearing completion

## Works Ahoy!

We're very fortunate that some of our volunteers enjoy a bit of manual labour . . . well quite a lot actually, but who are they? And what exactly do they do?

Our works team is lead by Keith Burke, who works alongside Chris, Peter, Alan and Bob religiously to help maintain and improve our building. These lively gents, all with backgrounds in maintenance, engineering and building, dedicate at least a day a week to us, and trust us on this, their "to do list" is huge!

They are always tackling a project and usually its never straight forward, its never easy and you can pretty much guarantee its going to be grimey!

In between major projects this band of merry men set about fixing, altering, improving, and restoring pretty much anything they can lay their hands on. But as volunteers they can only do so much, which is why when we set about with a major project it takes time, effort and usually a lot of love!

It's been a while since our last newsletter so lets look back at what they've managed to achieve in the last few years . . .

There are lots of things about this old building that needs attention, but next time you climb the stairs up into the main rooms, look at the carpet. That's not original! The old nightclub carpet had to be removed and replaced (Yuk!), the skirting boards re-painted and new light fixings installed.

In 2017 The Grey Room received some attention. The former nightclub bar and seating had to be ripped out, the floor pulled up, walls re-plastered, windows restored, and original flooring restored. To think that only a few years back this was a filthy sticky nightclub bar with blacked out windows and absolutely no character or charm is incredible.

In 2018 it was time for the Nuttall Room to undergo the same treatment. Formerly the nightclub café, our works team set about ripping out the grotty kitchen, plumbing and old seating, bringing the room back to nothing and started building it back up.

They started from the floor upwards removing years of dirty sticky flooring that had been put down over other disgusting floor coverings, and removing thousands of floor tacks ready for the original flooring to be exposed. It's had it all: new boiler, window repairs, new lights, new ceiling, plastering, and lets just touch on the old pipework for a moment.

These guys removed over a tonne of old cast iron pipework from this room alone!!!

Imagine carrying that up and down the stairs (no thank you), but they did!

The Main Hall hasn't gone un-noticed either. It looks a bit scruffy now, but when the charity took the building on, our works team and volunteers set about removing all the old booths, raised so called "VIP areas", black out boardings over the windows and air vents and as much evidence of the nightclub days as possible.

And it didn't finish in the main hall. Bits were falling off the ceiling over the stage, and the bar area has also received some help. Old fixtures and fittings had to be ripped out to make these areas simply usable and safe once more.

Our latest project has been to redevelop the old nightclub cloak room into a new board room. Cont . . .



The Main Hall with still much to do

As with every room in our building, it needed everything addressing. We unearthed a huge amount of old wiring which is now cleverly hidden by removable wall panelling, not to mention new flooring, ceiling, lighting, heating, plastering, decorating and breathe! We're also waiting on a delivery of a small kitchenette, which will go in soon, allowing the room to be used as a dedicated meeting space and conference room.

If you would like to make a difference at The Grand Pavilion and can spare a few hours weekly or even monthly please do get in touch. Our works team is small and we're a huge building with lots to do and they can always use some help. You don't need any previous experience, just a willingness to get hands on with our building. To find out more please email us at [info@thegrandpavilion.co.uk](mailto:info@thegrandpavilion.co.uk) and we'll have you with a brush and hammer in hand in no time!



The completed Nuttall Room



**JOSH O'KEEFE**

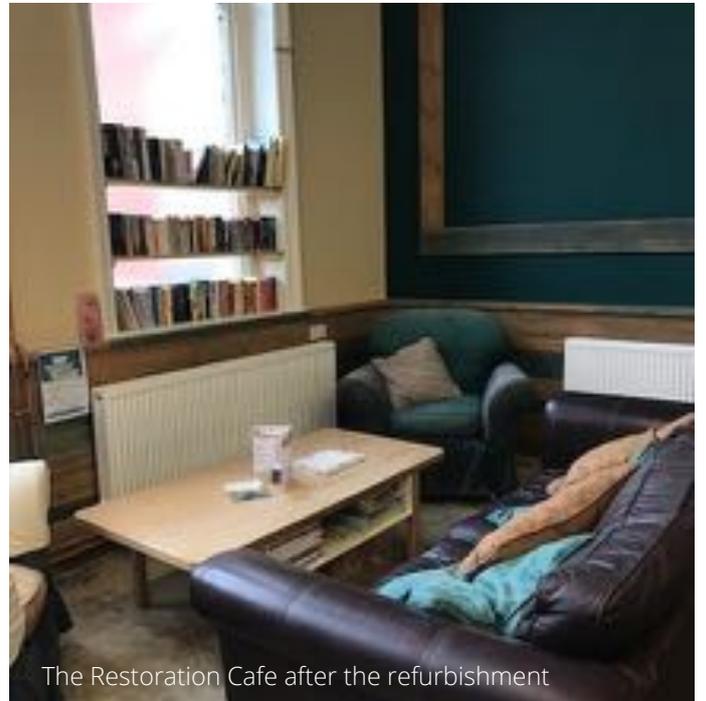
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## Hot Off The Cafe Press

The Restoration Café has proved to be a valuable addition to The Grand Pavilion, and its objectives of contributing to the Restoration fund is being achieved. Popular with locals and visitors alike, we're so grateful of the continued support that it receives.

Due to the nature and use of the café we've noticed that it was starting to look tired in places, and so we made the decision to re-invest its profits into improvements.

The entire area has had a deep clean, a lick of paint and we have decided to invest in the plumbing. We contracted the plumbers to install new radiators that will feed in from the new boiler in the Nuttall Room above. This was a messy job and it seemed sensible to complete the works while we were re-decorating.



The Restoration Cafe after the refurbishment

If you're familiar with our café you'll know that the ceilings are very high, so in order to accommodate scaffolding we had to close the café between 1st and 6th March 2020. We've a couple of things still to finish, and a creative timeline display on our walls to go up but we're back open thanks to the hard work of everyone involved, and the late hours put in by the team.

We appreciated your patience during these improvements all of which has only been made possible by the support our café has received to date.

Thank you for your ongoing support, we very much look forwards to you re-visiting our improved café soon.

At the time of writing this newsletter our café remains open seven days a week serving hot and cold food, snacks and drinks, until advised otherwise.

# 8 Simple Ways To Help Us Raise Funds

Back in 2013 our team submitted a huge campaign to The Heritage Lottery Fund, which we hoped would provide the necessary funds to transform our beautiful building. By working with dedicated volunteers, the works team, architects and planners, we managed to compile a bid that we hoped would enable us to restore the building in one huge project.

This bid cost thousands of pounds not to mention hundreds of hours work from our volunteers to piece together, but unfortunately it was declined, a huge setback for all involved.

Sadly we did not have the resources to resubmit again the following year, so it was decided that we would focus on small pockets of grant funding available and concentrate on allowing the building to operate in its current "little bit scruffy" state while we ruffled our feathers, ready to tackle another large bid.

Since then the building has undergone many improvements, both structurally and aesthetically, mainly focusing around improving the safety, use and comfort of the building for its users. Gradually the building's user demand has increased which is bringing in much needed funds to the building, but it has also resulted in an increasing flow of administrative work.

Every project takes time and a huge amount of resources, and as such, plans to obtain significant funding were shelved. We can officially report that plans to increase our fundraising efforts are once again underway and we hope to bring you more news about our progress later this year. With all this in mind we need to ensure that we continue our own fundraising activities, and there are several ways in which you can continue supporting our project without even noticing.

## 1 - Visit The Restoration Cafe

100% of the profits made after costs goes directly back into our project. By doing something as simple as buying a cup of tea, you are raising funds!



## 2 - Leave us Donations

We have collection boxes in the café where you can donate your spare change, but you can now also make donations by paying by card. When making a card transaction in the café you will have the option to leave a gratuity, 100% of which goes back into the restoration project and it's amazing how a few pounds here and there can really add up!

## 3 - Hire our Rooms & Spaces

We will soon have three beautiful rooms completed and available for hire, which are suitable for classes, meetings and smaller parties, in addition to the main hall and café, which can all be used in conjunction with these spaces. Keep us in mind if you're planning a special get together or have a project or business needs that might need a venue. We're incredibly affordable and every time you hire, guess what? You're raising funds!

## 4 - Shop on Amazon

Do you shop on Amazon? Did you know that you can help us raise funds just by shopping with Amazon? Say hello to Amazon Smile! Amazon donates 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of eligible purchases to a charitable organisation of your choice. Amazon Smile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Go to [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk), log in as usual, then select The Grand Pavilion as your chosen charity and we'll benefit directly at no additional cost to you.

## 5 - Become Our Friend

If you're not already signed up or know of someone who isn't already a member, then it's really easy to support us. Anyone can join our friends group from as little as £5 annually by simply visiting [www.thegrandpavilion.co.uk/friends](http://www.thegrandpavilion.co.uk/friends). In return we're increasing the amount of discounted events available to book, you'll be entitled to 10% discount in our café, and it also helps us in securing match funding. Your membership is hugely valuable to us!

## 6 - Donate Unwanted Books

We have increased our small second hand book area in the café recently and we seek to obtain more book donations. The proceeds from selling second hand books helps us buy equipment for the café and its something really small that makes a real difference. Do box up any unwanted books and drop them off when we are open. But equally please feel free to purchase (all priced at £1) books that you haven't already read.

## 7 - Attend Our Events

We know it sounds obvious and we probably hark on about this all the time, but attending our events is a great way to contribute to fundraising.

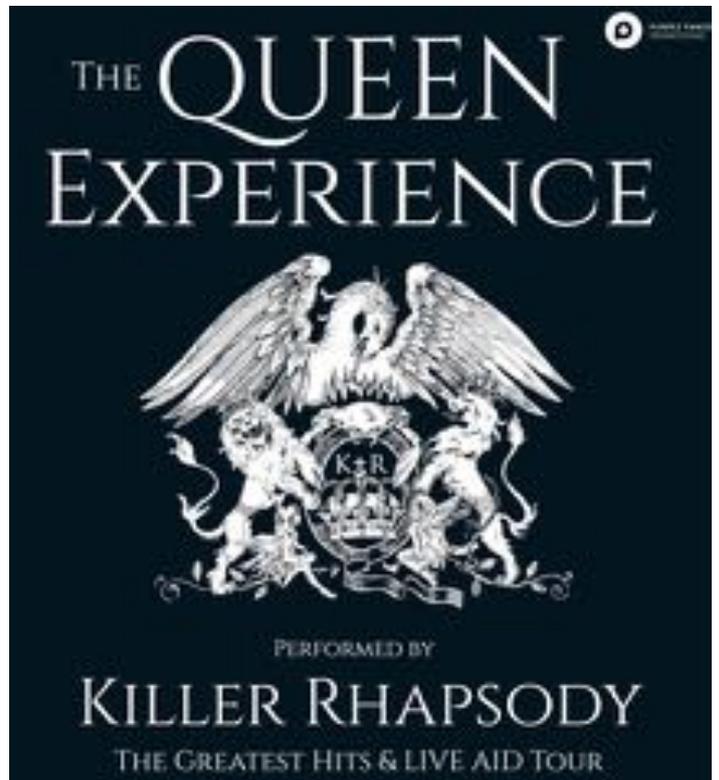
Every year we host events that we believe will benefit our community and you might like to experience, but these often cost us money to host. Our reputation as a viable events venue is growing year on year and word is getting out that we can host sizable events, but its by selling tickets and filling our rooms that we really see the benefit.

The bigger the entertainment often the higher the fee and by attending as many as you can we will ensure a better return. Meaning we'll have acts lining up to perform at The Grand Pavilion like once before because we can guarantee a fabulous audience, and we can continue to bring you more!

## 8 - Donate Materials & Time

Sometimes fundraising doesn't have to be all about money. If you are able to donate some time either by volunteering to support events, offering administration time, or by offering to help with painting, decorating, fixing, repairing for just a couple of hours every now and then it saves us needing to pay someone to do it, and we get the job done faster. We are also grateful of donations of unwanted/leftover building supplies and materials such as wood, filler, unopened paint, brushes, power tools, paper, flooring, tiles, and reclaimed objects, but please check with us first to make sure its something we can definitely use. It's a huge building and something as simple as painting a wall can be costly.

You'd be amazed by what we can use and we'd be grateful to receive it!



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## Spring Into Action

In what is usually a difficult time to host events in our main hall, last winter completely blew our socks off. It seems that despite the cool conditions in the main hall people were not deterred from hosting events, in fact some said it even added to the ambience!

We're glad that we're totally unique in that we can bring the outside inside this time of year, but we do hope that it won't be long before we can start tackling the hall refurbishment and ongoing heating challenges. It's great that people are enthused about using our main hall for their events, despite its current condition, and accessibility issues.

The Main Hall itself is proving popular because of the huge stage and its capacity to host larger events. We're thrilled that people are seeing beyond its tired, shabby façade and can see its huge potential as an event space. The improvements needed in this part of the building will require external funding to be progressed, but while we look at that, we've got it to a stage where it's safe and usable and we look forward to seeing it used for a variety of events later this year.

Overleaf are some events to watch out for later this year, which we hope can go ahead. The full and updated list and booking details will be available online at [www.thegrandpavilion.co.uk](http://www.thegrandpavilion.co.uk)

# Upcoming Events

## How Coronavirus is effecting our events

The current situation is having a huge effect on venues like ours, and in line with government advise we are unfortunately having to postpone many of our forthcoming events. Those who have already purchased tickets for cancelled events are being offered full refunds (includng booking fees), and where possible we are re-scheduling the event for later in the year.

Nobody really knows how long we will be in this situation and therefore we are currently making tentative arrangements to welcome you all again during the summer months. If you want to book tickets for these events, then we urge you to do so, as this will assure the event can go ahead if government advise changes. Should we need to make further postponements then full refunds will be offered and you will not need to do anything.

Once it is safe to gather at public events again we will rely upon your support to attend our events and help us get on our feet again. Like many venues we are hoping that public appetite to go out will return and we can make up for much needed lost revenue.

For a full list of events and ticket information please check online!

[www.thegrandpavilion.co.uk](http://www.thegrandpavilion.co.uk)



## Our Postponed Events . . .

**JOSIE LONG | TENDER TOUR**

Was: Friday 20 March

New Date: **Friday 6 November**

**LIGHTS OUT**

**PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION**

Was: Friday 3 April

New Date: **Friday 16 October**

**BURLESQUE TALENT SHOW**

Was: Saturday 11 April

New Date: **TBA**

**THE QUEEN EXPERIENCE**

**KILLER RHAPSODY**

Was: Saturday 25 April

Now: **Saturday 14 November**

## Fantastic events coming up later this year!

**NORTHERN SOUL NIGHTS**

SATURDAY 20 JUNE - 7PM

SUNDAY 30 AUGUST - 4PM

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER - 4PM

**FLOYD IN THE FLESH**

SATURDAY 8 AUGUST - 7.15PM

LIVE MUSIC - TICKETS £15.00



## Josie Long: Tender Tour

FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER - 7PM

STAND UP COMEDY - TICKETS £16

Three-time Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee and very-hard-to-pin-down-indie-underdog-nightmare Josie Long is going to be back with her show after a brief hiatus, during which we were all in our homes avoiding one another!



## Josh O'Keefe

SATURDAY 6 JUNE - 7.00PM

LIVE MUSIC - TICKETS £10.00

Josh O'Keefe is visiting Matlock Bath as part of his coveted 2020 UK Tour! A rebel artist, a protest singer, the heir to Bob Dylan, or – when he's doing one of his lighter satirical numbers – a harmonica-tootin' Mr. Bean... with raw, topical storytelling and a voice that crackles with authentic folk tradition, Okeefe is all of those and more.

# Our Small But Mighty Team

Over our tennanture of the building the board of trustees and the operations team has seen people come and go. That's totally understandable because a building of this condition and size takes a lot of resource and time to function. But who is it that really keeps this building alive today?

We have the board of Trustees, who's current chair is Dave Mowle and includes Nick Whitehead, Andie Brazewell, Judy Chappell and Tanya Taylor, who oversee any big decisions that might impact the wellbeing of the building. Nick is our Operations Chairman and Treasurer. He's very hands on and leads in making operational, developmental and financial decisions.

Judy operates the Restoration Café, in addition to managing our event catering and assists during events. She has a small team of staff who work in the café on a daily basis to help her operate.

Tanya heads up the events operations at The Pavilion, she's often our first point of contact for events and booking enquiries and she ensures that our events run smoothly by coordinating the team.

Victoria only recently joined the team, and she supports with the events, helps with marketing and promotions and is starting to work on fundraising opportunities.

Dave Catchpole is our Buildings and Bar Supervisor, and he ensures the building is open and ready to receive users and guests. Dave also manages a small team of volunteers and helps out during our events in any way he can.

Keith & his team are our Works Team who are all dedicated volunteers with backgrounds in engineering and building maintenance. They help us to project manage and tackle building improvements, of which there are many!

And then we have a small pool of volunteers, without whom we would struggle to function, and of whom we are very grateful.



View from above using drone photography



Restoration Cafe Entrance

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