

THE RESTORATION ROUNDUP



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A Message From Our Chairman

Welcome to our second newsletter of 2020 and what strange times we have found ourselves in for the past couple of months! As the year began we had lots of plans and exciting events booked throughout the year and then suddenly COVID-19 hit and everything has had to be adjusted, cancelled, postponed or rearranged.

Our building has been on complete lockdown apart from myself popping in most days just to make sure everything is okay, and I must say that it's very strange to walk around the building when it's so empty, especially since I'd got so used to the building being so full of life, with so much happening on most days whether it's the café, our room users and the many events we have on, we had worked so hard to get to this level of use so it is very strange to walk around those corridors and not hear excited voices and the general hum of activity.

Obviously the building being completely shutdown puts us under significant pressure financially, as I described at the last AGM more and more of our income is dependent on our building users and events so by not being able to conduct this activity this has had an impact on us. Also our café has had to close too and again this puts additional financial pressure on us.

I'm pleased to say that as I currently speak to you we are financially secure, this is testament to the prudent decision making by our Operations Committee and helped no end by the valuable input of our volunteers over the past few years. *Cont ...*

Although, I must highlight to you that the longer this goes on the more pressure will be placed on our finances.

Our Operations and Events teams have been really busy looking at our plans and at the events that we had upcoming, and they have been working really hard to start rearranging events either for later this year or into next year, as well as looking at plans for re-opening our café and ensuring that we are able to provide safe social distancing measures for our customer and wider building users. These plans come with a very big caveat that we are very much at the behest of the government and the Covid restrictions put on us.

I know you may see a shout-out elsewhere in this newsletter about our attempts to recruit new volunteers and even in these times of social distancing we have lots of jobs that will need doing both inside and outside the building, so if you're interested in helping us, even if its only for a couple of hours a week let us know and we'll find something that will suit you.

I would like say a huge thank you to the Pavilion volunteer team for their continued efforts during this crisis and I very much hope that we will bounce back quickly and continue our work to secure a future for this wonderful old building.

We will keep you fully updated on our plans and how we adjust to these new times. Stay well and I look forward to welcoming you all back to the Grand Pavilion very soon.



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



Are you shopping with Amazon More Than Usual?

In our last newsletter we mentioned several ways in which you can help us fundraise. One such method was to use "Amazon Smile" while shopping with Amazon online.

If you are guilty of buying more goods online via Amazon of late you are not alone. With the majority of our shops and stores closed it is inevitable that we are doing more of our necessity and leisure shopping online.

Amazon smile is a way of shopping that donates a percentage to good causes and charities such as ours. It is really easy to use and we would be super grateful if next time you go to Amazon, you register and enter via the Amazon Smile URL.

Simply visit www.smile.amazon.co.uk select The Grand Pavilion as your chosen charity, and log in as normal – Then, simply use this URL link to shop for all your future Amazon purchases, maybe save it to your favourites for ease!.

Your shopping experience is exactly the same, but as your chosen charity we'll benefit directly, every penny counts Thank you!



Jack of all Trades?

Are you a typical “Jack of all trades”?

Is your partner always getting at you because you never finish anything off?

Do you find yourself with more time on your hands since Lockdown?

Would you like to actively contribute to your local community but aren't sure how?

If you're answering yes to any of these questions then you might just be the solution to our problem, and we to yours!

Volunteers are essential for charities like ours. It's a sector where we always have more work to do than we have staff to do it; volunteers boost our power, lighten the load, and exponentially increase our impact. Best of all, our volunteers help us because they believe in our cause to maintain and restore our beautiful old building and want to help.

But where do we find these superstars who freely give up their time, energy, and expertise? Where are these people hiding? Well let us tell you this, right here in our community and our extended area, it could even be you? Running and restoring a building of this age, and size takes considerable resources, materials and expertise and we are always on the lookout for enthusiastic individuals who can contribute to our cause.

We currently have a small but very dedicated works team amongst our volunteers, who all have backgrounds in buildings, engineering or manufacturing. They are a truly amazing team and together they'll tackle odd jobs that need doing around the building and also the bigger restoration projects. Due to current lockdown rules and health considerations our works team have not been able to tackle those niggly jobs around the building and thus we appeal for new volunteers to come forwards and help us through these challenging times.

We have a tremendous amount to progress both within and around the exterior of the building, and many of these projects do not require specialised expertise or experience. Our building remains closed for the foreseeable future and now is the ideal time for us to make headway with some of our smaller projects.



We have rooms that need decorating, walls that need prepping, holes that need filling, windowsills that need painting, weeds that need pulling, pictures that need hanging, light bulbs that need replacing, flooring that needs cleaning, the list goes on!

These are all jobs that you and I can tackle safely and with social-distancing measures in place, they don't require any experience, and we are more than happy to show you the ropes. But if you do have expertise that we could benefit from don't keep them to yourselves, we have furniture that needs up-cycling, curtains that need making, and joinery that needs attention, plus many other specialised jobs that we simply can't get around to doing right now!

We would like to appeal to anyone who is on Furlough currently, or to those considering reducing their working hours to come forwards and enquire about our numerous volunteering opportunities.

Did you know that just one extra pair of hands can make the difference in a job taking 1 month and 1 day to complete? Now imagine if we had 10 extra pairs of hands? Or even better 20! We'd be able to move the building on much faster, and return it to its former glory days sooner, for others to be able to enjoy for years to come.

Many of us have many happy memories of their visits to The Grand Pavilion, and wouldn't it be great if you could say that you contributed to its restoration? We value each and every hour that our volunteers donate and we cannot reasonably expect people to help without seeing a personal benefit in return. *Cont*

**14 REASONS
TO VOLUNTEER WITH US**

We value each and every hour that our volunteers donate and we cannot reasonably expect people to help without seeing a personal benefit in return. Volunteering for us has many benefits:

- Learning new skills or upskilling (which not only looks great on your CV but its something you have for life)
- Using your skills and talents for good
- Meeting others in your community and making new friends and contacts
- Leaving your legacy on the building for future generations to enjoy
- Free refreshments and biscuits while volunteering with us
- 10% discount in our Restoration Café
- Discounted tickets across most of our events
- Quarterly newsletters
- Advance notice of events that we know will sell out fast!
- Opportunity to tour behind the scenes of our building – Oh the memories!
- Flexible volunteering hours to suit your availability
- Opportunity to volunteer and help with events and see them for free
- On-going mentoring and support throughout the project
- By volunteering you are showing support for our charity which increases our chances of securing grants and other funding initiatives

Some of our projects are very specialised and too large for our volunteers to tackle. We do accept that we can't do it all by ourselves and are constantly looking for ways to fundraise for these bigger projects.

Fundraising itself takes a considerable amount of time and resource, so if you want to help but don't feel up to tackling our manual tasks get in touch and we could have you helping us in other ways.

So we appeal to everyone at home, or those who can spare a few hours here and there to come forwards and volunteer with us TODAY! Together we are stronger, and able to make a difference faster!

You can get in touch by emailing us at info@thegrandpavilion.co.uk and adding 'VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES' in your subject heading.

Alternatively you can contact us on social media [facebook.com/thegrandpavilionmatlockbath](https://www.facebook.com/thegrandpavilionmatlockbath)

Cafe Catch Up!

It was such a huge shame that within a matter of days of re-opening our new refurbished café, that the government imposed lockdown and we had to close our doors for the foreseeable future. This was 100% the right and only action we could take to protect our visitors and our staff, but none the less it was bittersweet.

While in lockdown we have been thinking about our Cafe offering and reviewing our menu choices and options. We've also been in discussions with our buildings events team and looking at options for making better use of our new and improved café once it is safe to re-open. Together we have lots of ideas about how we can make our little café as appealing as possible for both our local community and visitors in the near future, but are always open to receive your ideas and comments.



There has been some division within our community about the early opening of takeaway services in the village, and the volume of visitors that has contributed to. Tourists are drawn to our beautiful village for numerous reasons and it would be unfair to blame our cafes and takeout's for the recent surges. We firmly believe that there are many contributing factors; however we have made the decision to remain closed for the time being.

We are looking at ways in which we can open, after all our café is an integral contributor of The Grand Pavilion's income, and are consulting government guidelines where they are available. We currently have no set date for re-opening, but we are keen to get going again as soon as possible.

We thank you for your patience while we make the necessary arrangements to make opening possible, and advise you to check our website and facebook page [/restorationcafe](https://www.facebook.com/restorationcafe) for updates in the coming weeks.

Events Update

Obviously it has not been possible for us to run our scheduled events, and there is a degree of uncertainty surrounding when we will be able to re-schedule them at present.

Currently all our classes and room user events have also been cancelled due to the government guidelines regarding the Coronavirus. We have been working with our contacts and event hosts to re-schedule the majority of our events into our 2021 calendar, and have kept what we can live for our autumn and winter season at present.

We are finding that many agencies and entertainers are holding back from committing to dates under the current circumstances, but we have managed to pull together a busy year in 2021 to date, with yet more to come soon.

We are hopeful that we can run our autumn/winter schedule as planned and are awaiting further guidance from the government as to whether or not this is likely.

ALL events that have or will be affected by temporary closures, or that have restrictions, which make it unviable to run, will be issuing customers with full refunds. Please purchase your tickets as normal and we will do the rest!

We urge you all to book onto our autumn/winter scheduled events as normal, because we will need to establish if there is sufficient demand for these to run as early as possible.

It may be possible that we are given the green light to open for the autumn/winter season, but expect that strict restrictions will have to be adhered to. Early feeling in the entertainments industry is that social distancing measures will need to be adhered to and obviously this will affect our capacity and ability to generate sufficient income from ticket sales alone.

We are thinking of ways around this, but we are fortunate that for the majority of our events, it is not essential to have a full house. This works in our favour but we will need the support of our community and visitors to book tickets in advance so that we can make judgements early on about event viability.

We will be adding next years events to our website in due course, but meanwhile please do go ahead and check out what we have scheduled for later this year, we have some fantastic events planned – Your support is needed more than ever! Simply visit www.thegrandpavilion.co.uk to see our latest event listings.



We've got everything crossed for these Autumn Events!

FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER 2020
LIGHTS OUT: PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION

FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 2020
LITTLE MONSTER HALLOWEEN PARTY

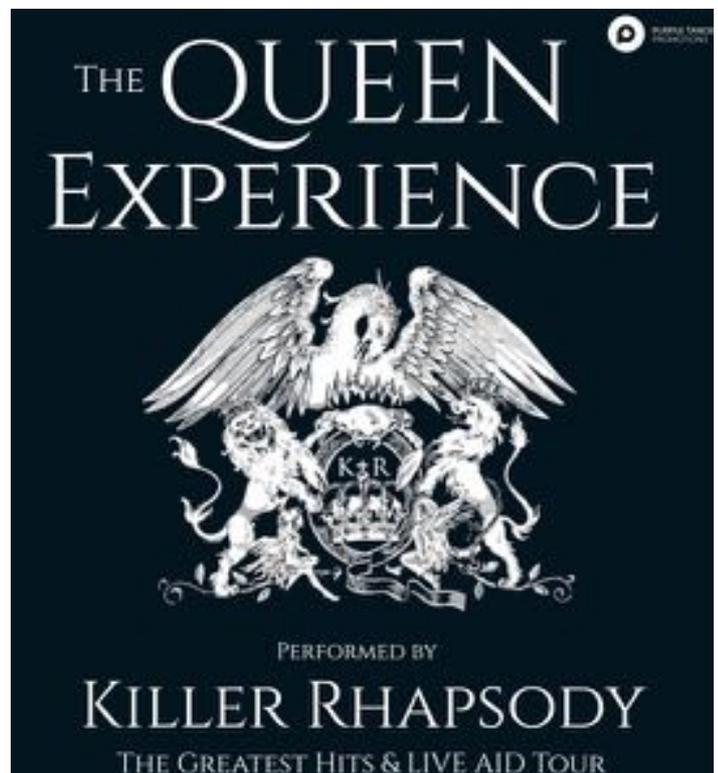
FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2020
JOSIE LONG: TENDER TOUR

SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2020
THE QUEEN EXPERIENCE: KILLER RHAPSODY

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2020
MATLOCK BATH SOUL BASH

THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2020
REEL ROCK: 2020 UK TOUR

SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2020
ABBA SENSATION



Sat 14 November 2020 | Tickets £12.50
www.thegrandpavilion.co.uk

Business not as usual at The Mining Museum

We've been talking to the businesses that use our spaces at The Grand Pavilion and asking them how lockdown has affected them. Clare Herbert from the Peak District Mining Museum tells us more about what's been happening during lockdown.

"It has been a quiet time at the Museum since lockdown began but we have stayed busy on social media where we provided eight weeks of learning activities for children to use at home. These were all based on areas covered in the Museum including uses and making of lead (which included making chocolate crispie cakes), volcanoes, rocks, fossils and a look at old Matlock Bath. A new set of sheets went out each Monday morning at 9.15 and by 10 o'clock hundreds of people would have already viewed them.

These activity units were created by two volunteers working from home who were both surprised and delighted by the positive response to them. Don't worry if you missed them as they are still available on the Museum facebook page www.facebook.com/peakmines

In May we also launched a model-making competition, models could be made out of anything but needed to link to one of the learning activity themes. There were some great entries including a model of our very own Temple Mine, and the winners received family tickets to the Museum. By the time you are reading this we will have re-opened our shop area with staff well protected with a screen built by our volunteers. New shelves have been erected in the Pump Room windows on which we will be displaying items from the shop – do have a look, we stock a growing range of unique gifts handmade by Derbyshire artists. We already have risk assessments in place ready for when we can open the Museum and at Temple Mine families will be able to book a private tour underground and we will be running separate mineral panning sessions. Come along and see if you can find any gold!!" - Clare Herbert



It's all go at Matlock Bath Prescool despite lockdown

We've not heard much from Matlock Bath Prescool recently, but in a recent catch up it seems that staff have been busier than ever in light of the ever-changing restrictions on care providers under lockdown rules. We caught up with Tanya Taylor, who gave us an insight into the progress they have been making towards allowing children to use their facilities again.

"What can we say? We are missing our children and their families more than ever since we had to make the decision to close on 20th March. Fortunately we are very lucky to have an understanding and close-knit group of parents and carers and we are staying in touch, sharing stories of what we have been up to during Lockdown, and helping each other through these very unusual times. We've loved seeing pictures of our Children on their Lockdown Adventures!

Not many know that that we are also a Charity-run preschool, and over the last few months we have relied heavily on our fabulous Committee and Volunteers who have supported us in ways non-of us thought they would

ever have to! Our Staff all had to be Furloughed, but this has not stopped them volunteering to help us prepare for re-opening. Our families have also been working hard, and while the weather stayed fine we have been repairing, building, cleaning, scrubbing, painting and generally smartening things up for when we return – THANK YOU to each and every one of you who have supported us with this, it looking great!

In addition, our Committee launched a Go-Fund-Me page in the hope that our local community would donate to help us through these tough times, and WOW! Together YOU have raised an amazing £2600 +gift-aid - We have been overwhelmed by your support, and would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to each and every one of you who donated.

We cannot put into words what your support means to us, but we can tell you that this money will enable us to return in September stronger than ever, despite the current crisis. It will be spent on supporting our staff and Children with equipment, *Cont...*

repairs, supplies, running costs and much, much more. We would also like to say THANK YOU to The Grand Pavilion, who have supported us in many ways over the years, and once again during this uncertain time. We couldn't exist without such support, and are immensely grateful for everything you do to help us continue to operate.



WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE WILL BE RE-OPENING on 22nd June, for three morning sessions each week from 9am-12pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

These sessions will be outside-learning only and will run for the last 4-weeks of term until 17th July when the summer holidays begin.

Obviously, these plans will be dependent on attendance, will be continuously reviewed, and we are very limited as to what we are able to offer due to Govt. guidelines, BUT WE CAN'T WAIT!

We are also taking admissions for the New School Year in September so if you or your family are looking for Preschool Childcare with wonderful, fun and caring staff, or you know someone who is, please get in touch on info@matlockbathpreschool.co.uk for more information.

It's been a struggle to advertise, and we really don't know what September will bring, but we are making plans and will adjust as things move on - We'd love to hear from you! So... Thank you again to everyone who has supported us. The Covid crisis has been tough on everyone, but has shown us all a huge strength of community love and support. We are extremely grateful to our local community and our lovely children and their families, our fabulous building, our amazing staff and our wonderful Committee. Together we will stay strong, support each other and keep our Preschool going for many more years to come!" - *Tanya Taylor*

Light After The Lockdown!

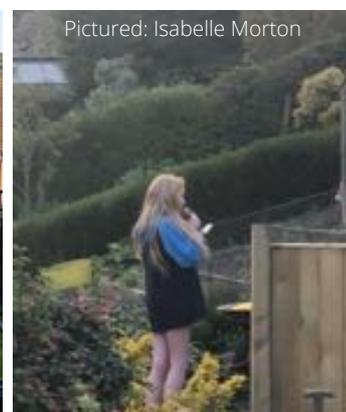
We are fortunate to have a few regular room hirers at The Grand Pavilion. Unfortunately lockdown hasn't only just affected our operations, but those of our room users too. We spoke to Kirsty Williams at Theatreworks and asked how they were getting on as the lights went off at The Grand Pavilion...

"It seemed that the dust had only just settled on the stage after our production of Robin Hood & Babes in the Wood in December 2019, before a new player arrived on the scene. Coronavirus was to take the leading role in the lives of everyone across the world. Taking centre stage without invite or warning, this virus was about to change our lives as we knew them. Our younger students had just begun work on their acting and speech examinations due to take place in July 2020.

Ironically, our youth theatre had just finished on a unit of work based on "The play that goes wrong" and were working towards a Musical Theatre showcase in June. So much energy, enthusiasm and talent working together and planning ahead.

Then, on March 23rd, we suddenly closed our wonderful Theatre School. We were so sad, but it quickly became apparent it was not just right, but absolutely essential. The rest you know.....we are living through it together.

Not to be beaten, our members were inspired to entertain and cheer others. Isabelle Morton (13) was heard singing "Sing a rainbow" accompanied by local Musician John Gill over the treetops of Matlock Bath. Immy Clark, with brother Charlie, who recently had success on ITVs "The Voice Kids" quickly became a weekly attraction at Morledge on Thursdays evenings at 8pm to honour the NHS.



It seems rather moving that this time last year we were staging "Wizard of Oz" and Immy's beautiful rendition of "Somewhere over the rainbow" has become even more poignant and special when she sang for the NHS. *Cont...*

Fundraising News

Our Youth theatre made a video of the song "you will be found" from Dear Evan Hansen. More than 1800 people viewed this uplifting song about feeling lost and supporting each other, a real moment of courage from our amazing youth theatre members in their own tribute to our key workers.

Kirsty and Mark continue to do creative projects whether it's radio presenting, editing, writing, working with choirs online, performance coaching, zoom lessons etc. We can still be creative in lockdown. In fact, in many ways, the imposed solitude and time on our hands has resulted in many people being part of creative arts pursuits, either alone or as part of an online collective. Choirs, writing groups, dance competitions are all springing up online. And what an amazing selection of free theatre online. The National Theatre and The show must go on have provided an excellent selection of top quality performances to your front room for free.

The future of theatre is uncertain, we have been one of the hardest hit industries, but there will be a future. It might look different, but in order to survive change is necessary. At Theatreworks we hope to be back up and running classes and workshops in September, subject to Government guidelines. We are being open and actively looking at how this can work so that all of our students from 3 to 26 can benefit. We miss them all tremendously and are awaiting the day we welcome them back into the spotlight. Theatreworks will be back with a bang in 2021!"

- Kirsty Williams

We haven't always been open about our fundraising efforts, mainly because we took a huge knockback a few years ago when we were refused National Lottery Funding to restore the building. This was a huge disappointment and the project cost us thousands of pounds, not to mention hundreds of hours in people's time.

It has taken us a while to recoup what we lost both financially and in motivation, but it is not all doom and gloom. Since our disappointment we have managed to secure a large amount of funding which enabled us to repair our roof, guttering and rendering which has protected the building for many years from water damage and maintained a dry, safe and usable building for quite sometime.

We have also received income generated from both the café and membership fees, which get pumped straight back into running and maintaining the building. The majority of our income is generated from the use of our facilities, and we are always thankful to our regular room hirers, and lease holders for making use of our spaces and contributing to our cause.

Special events give us an additional income boost, which is why the current economic climate is giving us some cause for concern. That said we are busy working behind the scenes scheduling a full events programme for 2021 and reviewing pockets of grants, which are available and applicable to our charity.

Any small grant awarded to us will enable us to bring in professional people and resources to get the jobs our volunteer team cannot tackle done faster. At the same time we have taken steps to start work on a larger fundraising project, which would seek to restore the main areas of the building to its former glory, and to bring our facilities and equipment up to date.

Watch this space for updates as we continue to work through all the available applications and quotes to get The Grand Pavilion up to scratch!

Of course if you can think of good reason to help us fundraise, or you have an event idea that you'd like help getting off the ground, so we are always on the lookout and very grateful of any help, so please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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