

The Regent ledger 1931 to 1938.

The Regent was a first-run cinema in Portsmouth, owned by the Gaumont British group and seating 1,972 customers. The ledger contains a detailed record of attendances, box-office – including matinees – and confectionery, ice cream (from 1934) and tobacco sales. The ledger is housed in the Portsmouth City Museum and Records Office. Thank you to them for allowing me access to it and giving me permission to photograph it. The photographs cover the records for the years 1931 to 1938, the period that I have been researching but the ledger continues to 1948.

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