



EVENTS

AT THE EMPRESS BUILDING

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The iconic Empress Building offers a classic, cost-effective space for celebrations and events of many types.

Located in the heart of Mexborough, South Yorkshire, the venue is only a 15-minute drive from Junction 36 of the A1 Motorway, and a short train ride from the large stations of Doncaster and Sheffield.

This information pack is intended to provide you with an overview of our history, facilities, revenue-share opportunities, and set hire packages, but we welcome any enquiries for bespoke function packages, and will tailor everything we can to your requirements, so don't hesitate to contact us if you do not see what you need.

The History of the Empress Ballroom

Opened in December 1928, the Empress Building was described as a "Palace of Dancing" and was built with elaborate lighting and a sprung dance floor. The in-house orchestra, known as the Empress Sextet, played popular music of the times during weekly dances.

For decades after, the ballroom would host musical and dance evenings, private celebrations, and picture shows, packed out with locals enjoying a busy social night. Through the 80s, 90s and early 2000s it was the hosting venue for regular Northern Soul nights, raves and other events.

However, it gradually fell into a state of disrepair, before being acquired by local entrepreneur Jason Mace, who invested heavily in restoring the building to its former glory, and has since been home to several businesses and a children's charity headquarters.

In 2021, the Empress Ballroom hosted some test events and celebrations as part of Mace's intention to return the venue to its previous purpose as a function room and a local destination venue for socialising and special events.

2022 will see a return of regular Northern Soul nights, special White Collar Boxing evenings, high class charity dinner dances, amongst many other special events and private hire functions, with the Empress Ballroom now open for event opportunities.



Our Event Space

THE BALLROOM

This spacious and elegant former dancehall can comfortably seat up to 300 people, theatre-style, or 180 with dining, and has the benefit of a large performance stage at the front. It can be used for live music, comedy performances, awards events or presentations.

Equally, the stage could be used to elevate a DJ above the large dance floor. It is a great exhibition or party venue, or as a dining space catered for by the adjacent restaurant business within the building.

By the entrance to the room there is a good-sized bar that can be stocked for any events, or the event organiser is welcome to bring their own refreshments according to the need. Alcoholic drinks may also be provided in partnership with the adjacent restaurant business within the building.



Room Hire & Packages

The Empress Ballroom is an elegant and iconic venue that has seen hundreds, if not thousands, of events over the past century of our historic building, and the future is set to be filled with many more functions of many different type and size.

We will host many different events throughout the year, and in between, the ballroom will be available for hire for a variety of private functions, including:

- Weddings
- Christenings
- Birthday parties for people of all ages
- Corporate seminars, presentations and general meetings
- Work and School parties

All private hires will get full use of our huge 350 capacity function room, plus pre-agreed access to our fully licensed and staffed bar if required.

The room comes with imposing high ceilings, original 1920s décor brought back to life, sprung dancefloor and grand stage overlooking to huge dancefloor space.

Additional services include access to our PA system and microphone, projector and big screen, and all manner of optional services that suit the nature of the function.

We offer several levels of pricing, depending on what you need. Example prices:

Monday – Thursday Evening Room Hire: £250

Monday – Thursday Daytime Hire: £250

Friday – Sunday Evening Room Hire: £350

All Day Wedding Reception Hire: £500

Evening Wedding Reception: £350

Please note these prices are for the hire of the room itself, and optional extras such as hot food, cold buffet, or provision of entertainment will incur extra expense and will be negotiated on an individual basis according to attendee numbers.

Revenue Share Opportunities

The Empress Ballroom is a large, iconic event venue that has hosted many regular events over the past ten decades, and we are looking for professional promoters to bring their future events to our historic 350-capacity venue with great facilities, including fully licensed late bar, large stage and sprung dancefloor.

We are looking for organisations and individuals who have an interest in launching and hosting one-off and regular social evenings with the Empress Ballroom as the regular venue and operating them on a revenue share basis. We are happy to manage ticketing and payment systems in partnership with our payment provider SOTpay, and share the revenues generated by tickets and drink sales with the event promoter.

Events we are interested in holding within the confines of our historic building include:

LIVE PERFORMANCES – Mexborough has a proud heritage of hosting some great gigs, and rumour has it that an unknown band called the Beatles once played the halls of the Empress Building. Whether you're looking to host your own mini one-day festival or simply a one-off gig, the Empress Ballroom is ready for you.

COMEDY NIGHTS – With its wide auditorium and spacious stage area, the Ballroom is an ideal space for hosting comedy nights and hosting well known comedians on nationwide tours.

CLUB NIGHTS – No matter what the music style, the Ballroom is capable of holding up to 250 paying customers whilst the stage is perfectly equipped to hold a DJ and their equipment.

CASINO / BINGO EVENINGS – With a spacious auditorium capable of seating around 180 people at tables, the Ballroom makes an ideal space for running a private function in partnership with casino event operators.

CRAFT & RECORD FAIRS / TRADE SHOWS – The huge hall of the Empress Ballroom makes an ideal open area for stallholders in several rows, or situated around the edge of the room, with plenty of space for paying customers.

Enquiries and Bookings

In the first instance, please contact us to ensure the dates that you require are available. You may then secure a date with a £250 deposit.

Once the booking is confirmed, we will require a deposit of 50% within 7 days of saving the date to allow us to make arrangements for your event, with the full balance required 12 weeks ahead of the event.

If the function is within 12 weeks of the booking, then full payment would be required within 7 days of saving the date.

All prices are inclusive of VAT at the current rate (20%) and may be subject to change if national VAT rates change.

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