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MERTHYR VENUES



The Temperance Hall. (Photo courtesy Old Merthyr Tydfil)

The Temperance Hall

The Temperance Hall on John Street, opened in 1852 and is noted via a plaque as being rebuilt in 1888. The building is the only one of the old cinemas in Merthyr that is still in use, currently being used as a snooker club. It was also known as the Scala when used as a cinema.



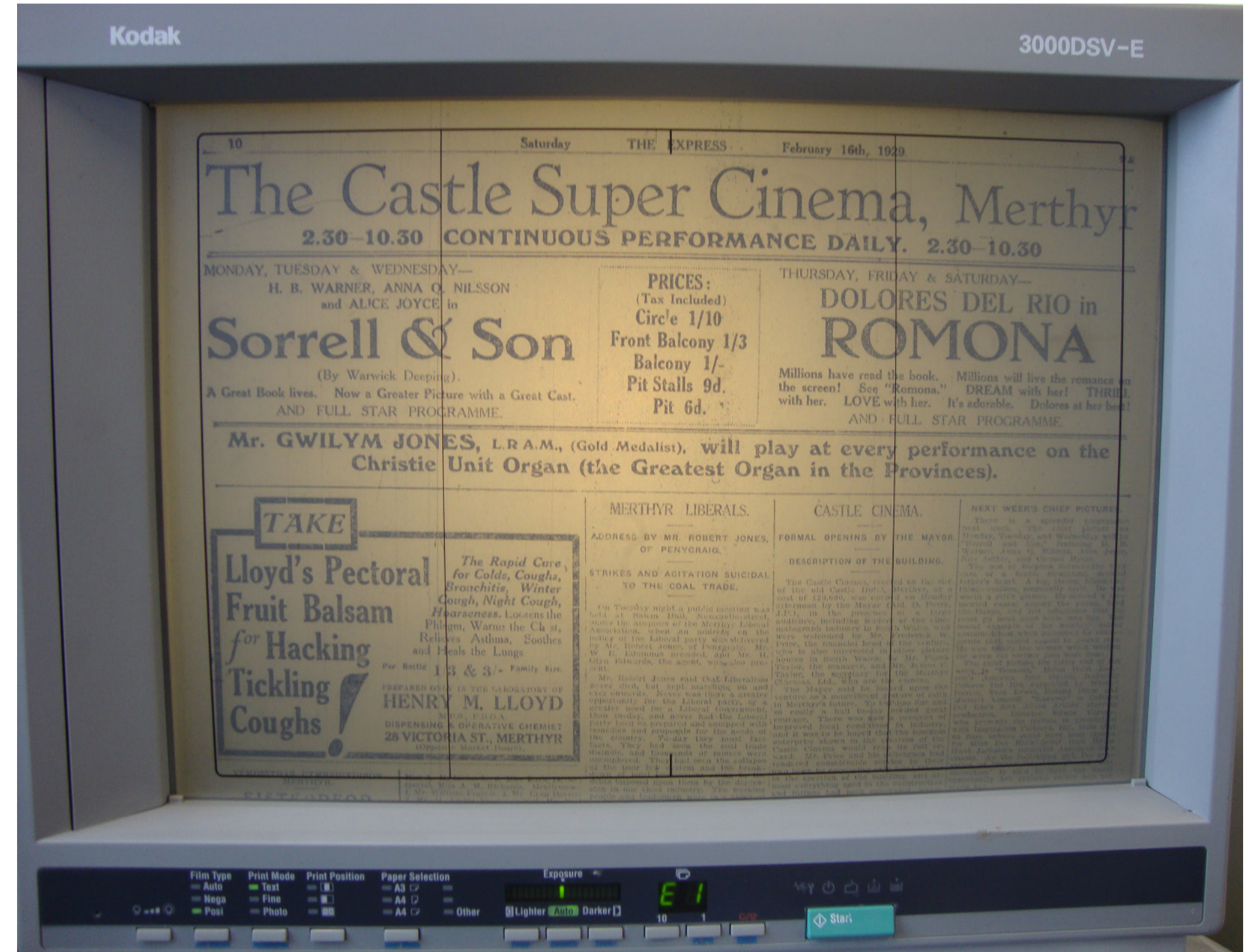
Scala Cinema Advert from the 1960s. (Photo courtesy Old Merthyr Tydfil)

The Castle Cinema (ABC)

The Castle Cinema, Pontmorlais, opened on June 29th 1912 with seats for 897 persons. By the end of the 1950s the Castle ceased to be a cinema but continued as the Palace Dance Hall. The building was demolished as part of a redevelopment program in the 1980s and the site is now a car park.



Castle Cinema Doorman.



Castle Cinema Advert from 1929.



The Castle Cinema Changes to the ABC.



The ABC Cinema in 1964. (Photos courtesy of Old Merthyr Tydfil)

