

# Entertainment



The Regent Cinema on Sycamore Road. Iceland now occupies the site where the cinema stood.

In the 1930s two of Amersham-on-the-Hill's main attractions were the Regent Cinema and the Playhouse Theatre.

The Regent Cinema on Sycamore Road opened in 1928. With seating for 700 people it was built by Colwood Pictures, a partnership of local people including Alfred Woodley. Dwindling audiences in the 1950s resulted in its closure and it was demolished in 1962.

The Playhouse Theatre occupied the building where Amersham Auction Rooms is today. Originally named the Bijou Hall in 1907, the building provided a venue for dances and concerts. It later became a cinema – the Pavilion Cinema & Café – before opening as a theatre in 1936. The theatre had seating for 240 people and had a regular programme from the Amersham Repertory Players. Many famous people performed there, including Dirk Bogarde.