

THE STRAND CINEMA - Port Erin

The Strand Cinema, in Church Road, Port Erin, was a popular venue for local people in 1940.

During the war, the internees were allowed to visit the cinema in the afternoon. Many of the internees were keen knitters and often took their knitting with them. One local person recalled that the films were accompanied by the clicking of knitting needles! Films shown included: *Band Waggon*, *Pinocchio*, *Night Train to Munich*, and *The Wizard of Oz*.

The cinema was also used as a synagogue for the Jewish internees in Port Erin.



Then



Now (2020)

After the 1940s the Strand Cinema building was used as a Museum (the legend 'Museum Building' can still be seen over the door) but now houses offices.