

Sport and entertainment

Leisure Centre and Swimming Pool

Goldsmiths Leisure Centre is located in Crowborough off the A26 Eridge road.

The Centre has comprehensive facilities including a gym, sports hall and a 25m swimming pool. It is open until 10:30pm on weekdays and 8pm Saturday and Sunday.

Tel: 01892 665488/9.



Cinemas

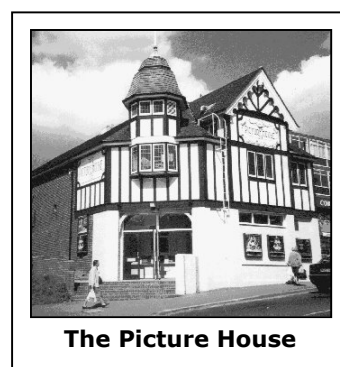
Crowborough does not have a cinema, but there are some very interesting cinemas nearby:

The Picture House, Uckfield

The Picture House dates from 1916 and is one of Britain's oldest surviving cinemas.

To save the cinema from closure the original single screen auditorium has been divided into two screens, both with state of the art sound.

Box Office: 01825 764909. 24hr programme info: 01825 763822.



The Picture House

Odeon Cinema, Tunbridge Wells

Unit 1/Knights Way, Tunbridge Wells, TN2 3UW. Box Office: 0870-505 0007.

This large multi screen cinema is located on Knight's Park on the northern outskirts of Tunbridge Wells within the North Farm industrial estate, just off the A21.

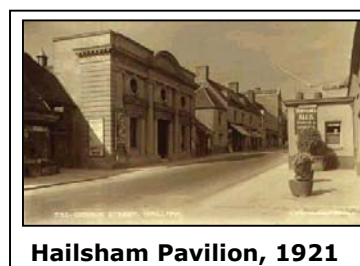
Trinity Theatre, Tunbridge Wells

There is also a world cinema in the Trinity Theatre complex. See the listings under Theatres.

Hailsham Pavilion

Hailsham has a restored Art Deco cinema in George Street which shows a range of the latest films. This cinema, called Hailsham Pavilion, is a small community supported project which has been beautifully restored to its original Art Deco style. **Box Office:** 01323 841 414.

Well worth a visit if you are driving back from the coast. Hailsham is about 15 miles south of Crowborough.



Hailsham Pavilion, 1921

Theatres

Tunbridge Wells

Assembly Hall Theatre, Crescent Rd, Tunbridge Wells
Tel: 01892 554162

Trinity Theatre, Church Road Tunbridge Wells.
Ticket Office 01892 678 678
A multi arts venue in a converted church.

Eastbourne

Eastbourne has four theatres. Each theatre has its own character and style, from the purpose built Congress Theatre to the Victorian Devonshire Park Theatre. There is a 'what's on' leaflet in the leaflet pack. For information on all four theatres ring: 01323 412000.

Brighton

Theatre Royal
Box Office: 01273 328488.

Bexhill-on-Sea

De La Warr Pavilion. This is an Art Deco building that is currently being restored (although it is open for business).
Information: 01424 787900.

Art Galleries

Tunbridge Wells Museum & Art Gallery

Civic Centre/Mount Pleasant Rd, Tunbridge Wells.
Tel: 01892 554171

Trinity Theatre, Tunbridge Wells

This theatre also presents visual arts exhibitions (see details in the theatre section).



A Sussex Sport - Stoolball

The game of stoolball, more than 500 years old, is the forerunner of the modern game of cricket.

The common lore is that it began when a milk maid removed the legs from her milking stool and used it as a bat. Another stool was used as a wicket.

Although once popular, stoolball had largely died out by the early 1900's. In 1917 a local Major resurrected the game in Sussex and it has been played ever since.

Today it is played almost exclusively in Sussex and is enjoyed by many teams across the county.

The wickets are wooden boards on stakes and the ball, aimed at the wicket, does not pitch. The bat is the shape of a table tennis bat, made of willow with a long, sprung and spliced handle. Teams consist of 11 players either Ladies or Mixed.



Ladies stoolball team 1920