# **Everyday life in Reading: what can printed ephemera tell us about the way we were?**

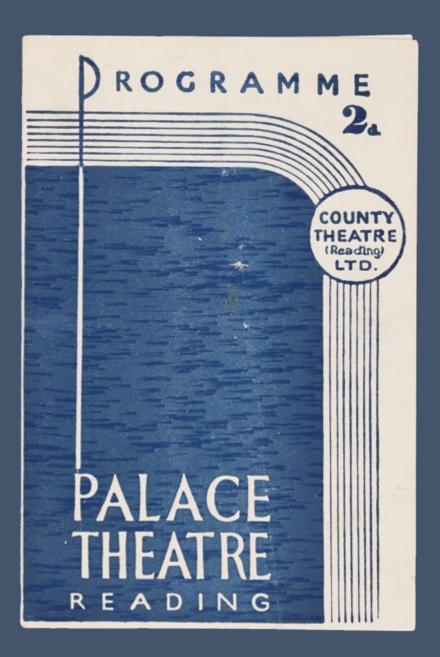
The University's Collections have material that tells us about the history of Reading and the local area. As well as artefacts and visual material about 'bricks, bulbs and beer', we have collections of printed ephemera that tell stories about everyday lives: shop invoices and packaging; theatre programmes; flyers for societies and events.

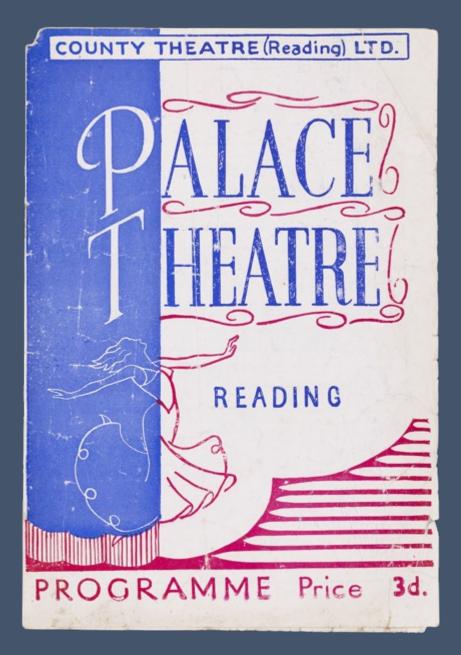
This digital display shows just some of the material from the collection of local ephemera in our Centre for Ephemera Studies and is part of a 'show-and-tell' afternoon for the Friends of the University.

### **Theatre programmes**

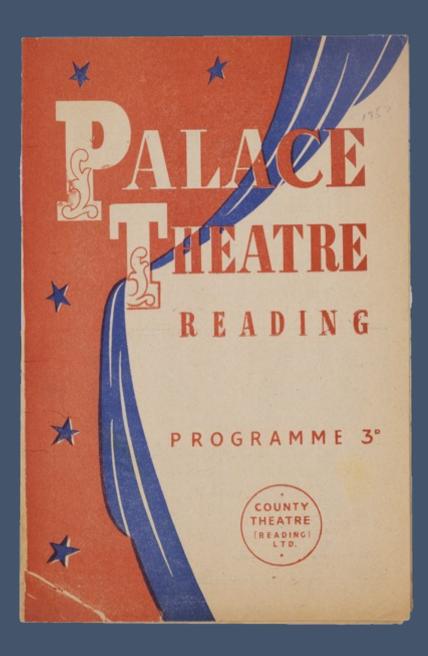
Theatre programmes developed from a simple four-page folder in the late nineteenth century to a multipage souvenir booklet with editorial matter and advertisements.

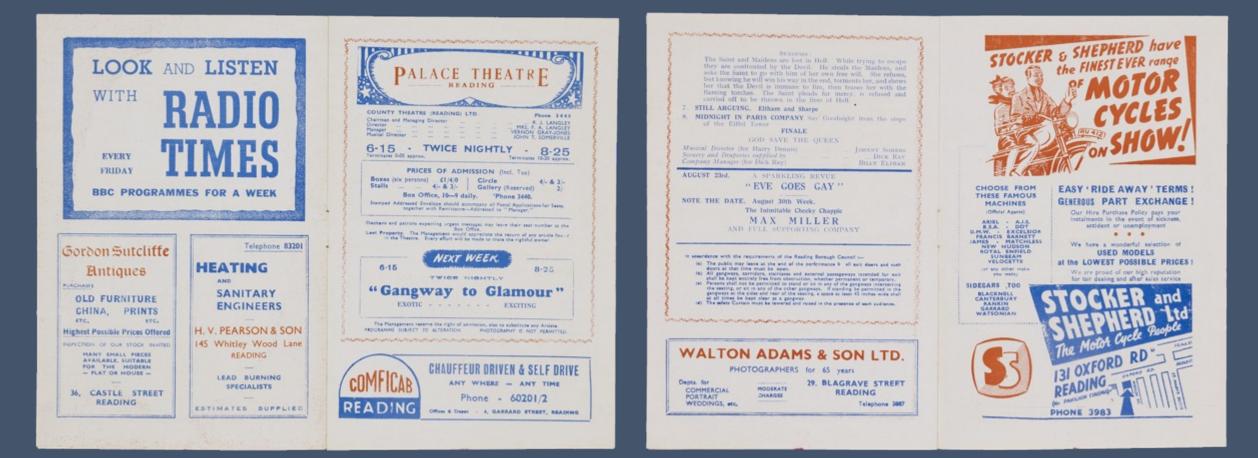
The Palace Theatre of Varieties was opened on 30 September 1907 and as the Palace Theatre from 1939 presented plays, revues and concerts as well as big dance bands of the day. Repertory theatre was also popular for many years. Once television was introduced in the mid-1950s, business at the Palace Theatre began to fall. The pantomime 'Babes in the Wood' was the final production andthe theatre closed on 9 January 1960. It was demolished in 1961, and an office block was built on the site.



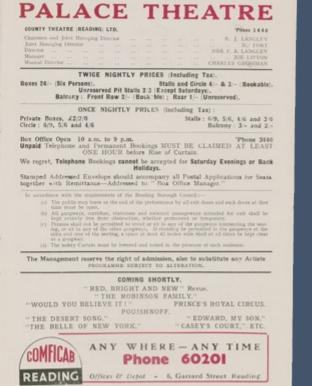














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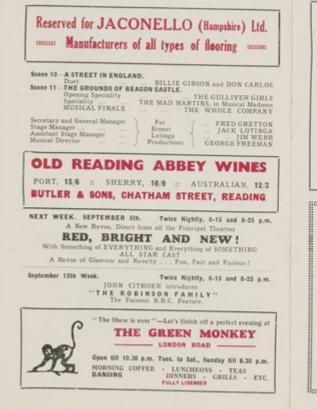
Week Commencing AUGUST 29th, 1949. Twice Nightly, 6-15 and 8-25 p.m.

ERNEST LOTINGA PRODUCTIONS present ERNIE LOTINGA in another " Josser " comedy in Eleven Scenes entitled ;

#### "BLUEBOTTLES"

Written by Neville Kennard. Produced by Ernest Lotinga. Ensembles and dances arizanged by Nancy Gulliver. Scenary by Geerge Sinchair, Scenic Studios, Cart den Town. Music arranged by George Freeman.

Characters in order Beacon, owner of Beacon Castle				BILLIE GIBSON
k Lovet, Eve's fiance				DON CARLOS
ia, Eve's maid				BETTY LOTINGA
d Walker, Josser's " Shadow "				JACK FROST
MY JOSSER, Special Agent				ERNIE LOTINGA
lin, the butler at Beacon Castle				MAX BREWSTER
er Pretty, a guest at Beacon Castle				JACK LOTINGA
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Smith, visitor to Maternity Hospital				JIM WEBB
Jones, visitor to Maternity Hospital				LAROLD BRYANT
or Pedro, manager of Spanish Bull-ring				MAX BREWSTER
Jerez, a Spanish girl				ANNE SINCLAIR
Avelino, Spanish Passport Officer				MAX BREWSTER
ame Feeno Barbitone, an Italian Prim				BETTY LOTINGA
, a native girl of island off Morocco				BETTY LOTINGA
m, native Chief of Moroccan island				MAX BREWSTER
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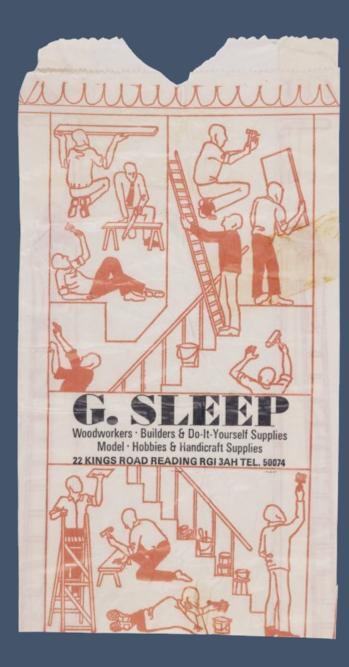
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### **Paper bags**

Printed hand-made paper bags began to appear in the 1840s and 1850s. They advertise products being sold and can act as a security device to show something has been paid for. These twentieth-century bags are from Reading shops, many long gone, but indicative of a vibrant and varied retail trade.











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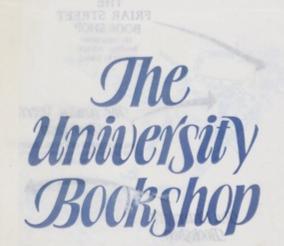


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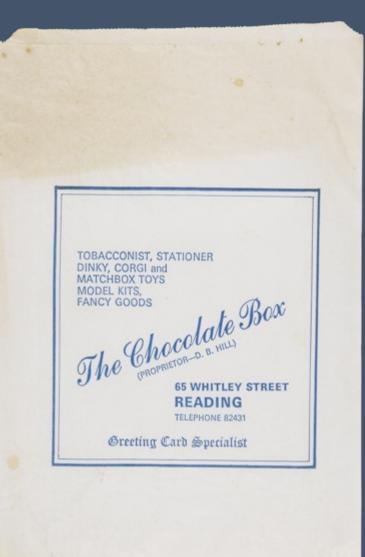




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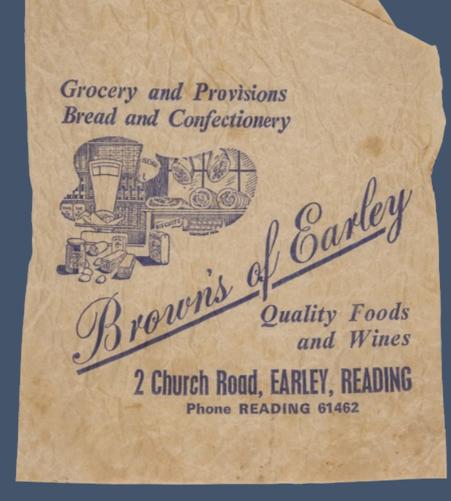




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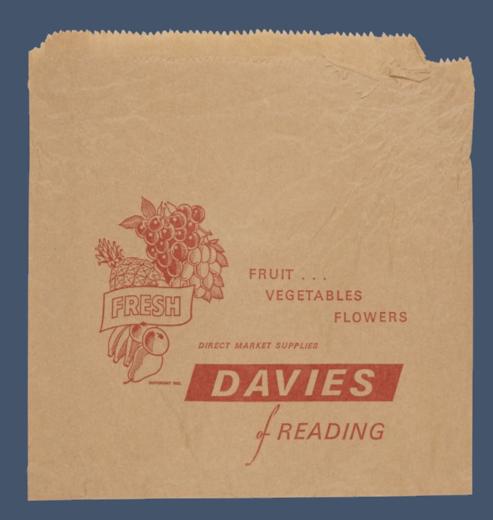
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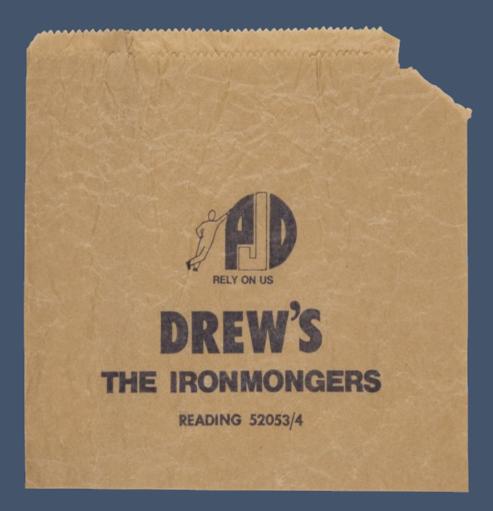
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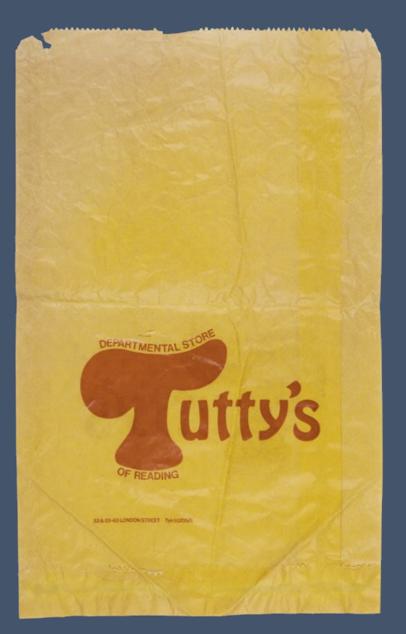
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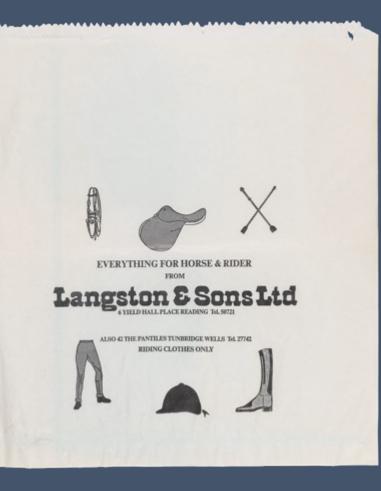
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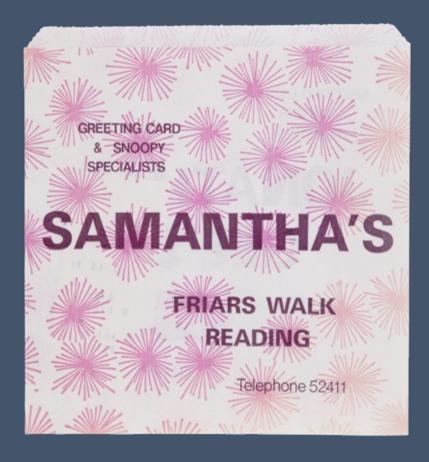
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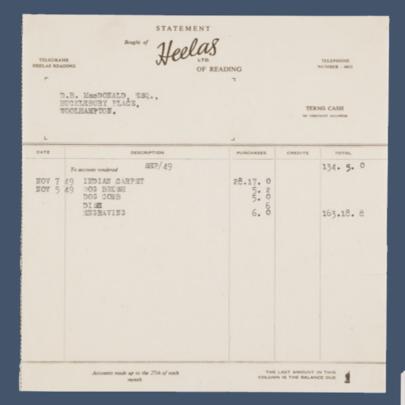


### Invoices

An invoice is a demand for payment that's sent by the seller after the sale of goods/services has been completed, but before payment has been made. They provide a wealth of information about goods being sold, how much they cost and who bought them as well as giving an overview of the trades in a particular area. Nineteenth- and twentieth-century business invoices were often headed with detailed engravings showing premises or goods.

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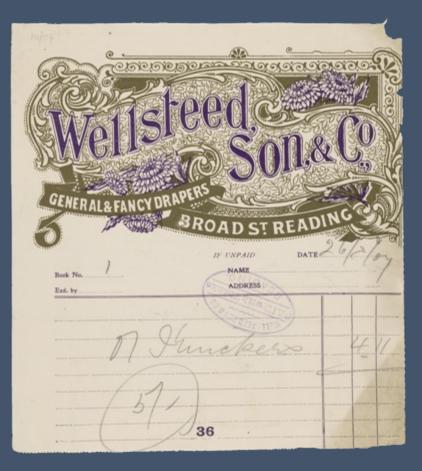


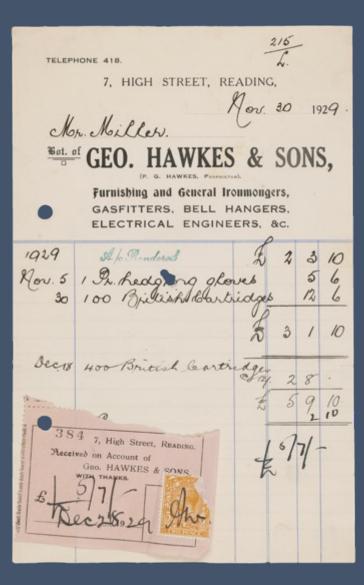


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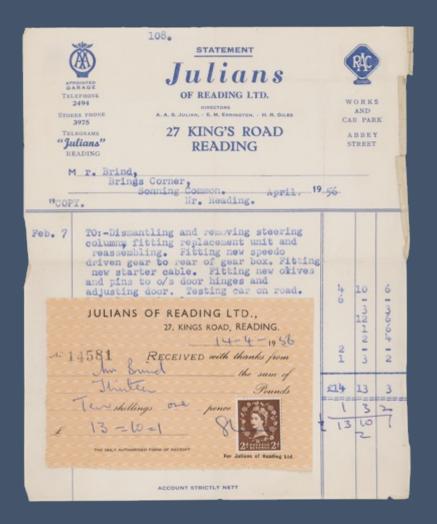


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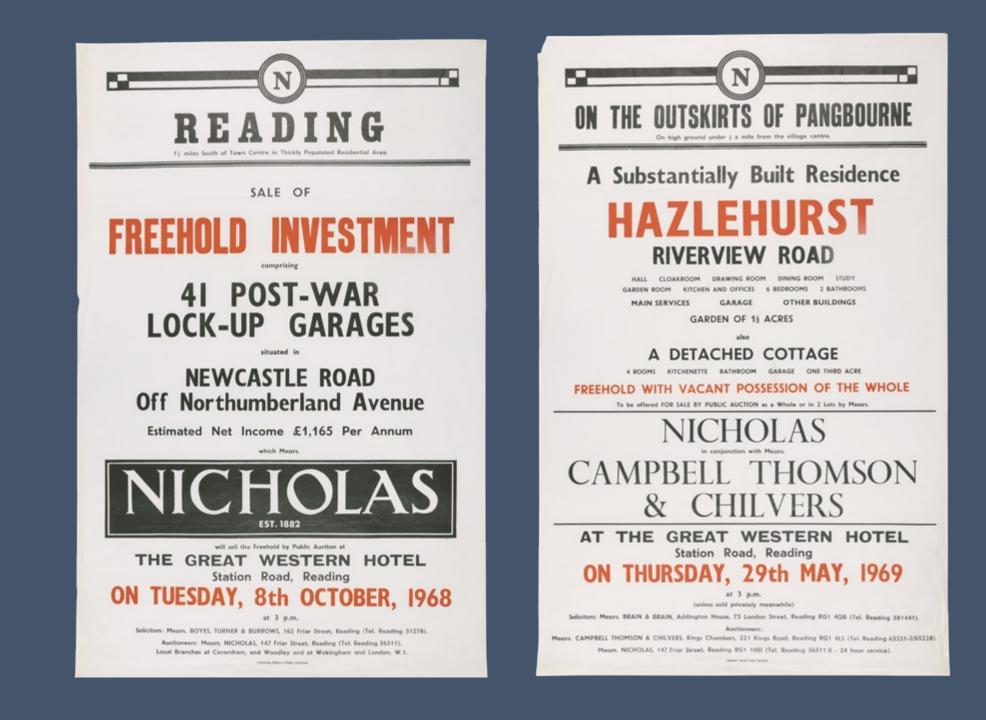


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### **Sale notices**

Sale notices provide details of property to be sold. Some are typographic only, with differentiation of the important elements such as the name of a house or a location by size and colour. Photographs of the property were sometimes included.





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