

## **BRITISH FEDERATION OF FILM SOCIETIES FEBRUARY 2010 e-NEWSREEL**

### **NEWS**

#### **Recognition for Film Societies and Community Cinemas on National Radio**

A recent article on Radio 4's 'The Film Programme' featured the difficulty much of the UK population has in seeing many foreign language and independent titles. Many of you responded to this article, as did we, and as a result the programme broadcast on 19 February focused on the invaluable work carried out by film societies and community-run cinemas in bringing hard-to-access to their local communities. BFFS groups quoted include The Electric Picturehouse at Wotton-Under-Edge, Durham University Film Society and Bracknell Film Society.

[Listen to the programme here.](#)

#### **The UK Film Council Consultation on Priorities for the Next Three Years**

Thanks to everyone who sent us a copy of their response to the UK Film Council public consultation exercise on its policy and funding priorities from April 2010 to March 2013. This is invaluable in informing our strategy over the next 3 years.

#### **Yorkshire Group Viewing Weekend – Cober Hill**

Read all about this fantastic weekend of screenings.

#### **Industry News**

Disney have reduced Alice in Wonderland to 12 weeks only in theatrical cinemas, which means DVDs and Blu-ray will be available earlier, although at what stage these will be made available to community exhibitors is not yet known.

#### **BFFS Booking Scheme Top Hires of 2009**

We thought you'd like to know which titles on the BFFS DVD scheme were the most booked last year.

Top, by a country mile, was Emma's Bliss - a decidedly off-beat, amusing, touching and wonderfully acted film that handles difficult subjects with grace. Yet to receive a UK-wide cinema release, Emma's Bliss is a real crowd-pleaser that deserves a place in your programme and which otherwise an appreciative audience will never get to see.

Our second most popular title was Cherry Blossoms, a quiet and very beautiful film about the duality of love and death. In his review, BFFS President Derek Malcolm observed: '(Cherry Blossoms is)... highly sympathetic, telling us that when our children seem to have no time for us, a different culture can provide solace, even if the shortness of life in the end brooks no argument.'

[Click here to book or to find out more about the BFFS Booking Scheme](#)

#### **What's New on the BFFS Web Forum?**

Forum users are chatting about the merits of including education in constitutions. Find out what they've been saying and join in.

#### **Tell Us About Your Equipment**

BFFS is interested to know if any of our Newsreel readers has experience of using interactive whiteboards to show films. If you have, please let us know what you thought of the experience by dropping an email to [info@bffs.org.uk](mailto:info@bffs.org.uk) and we'll share the responses with you in a future NewsReel.

### **Your Questions**

Judi Sutherland of Dornoch Community Cinema asks:

*'Can you recommend reliable and competitive source for blackout material, please.'* Send your responses to [info@bffs.org.uk](mailto:info@bffs.org.uk) and we'll pass them along and post your replies on the BFFS web forum.

### **NATIONAL EVENTS**

- [Keswick Film Festival](#) THIS WEEKEND!
- [Edinburgh International Film Festival](#) 16-26 June
- [London Film Festival](#) 13-29 October
- [Bradford International Film Festival](#) 18-28 March
- [Borderlines Film Festival](#) 26 Feb-14 March
- [Celtic Film and Television Festival](#) 21-23 April

### **BFFS MARKETPLACE**

#### **16mm Equipment Available**

Siemens 16mm sound projectors (2) with stand, switchover unit, transformer, amplifier, loudspeakers and cables. All in original boxes.

Although over 40 years old they have been well maintained and used solely by the original owner, a film society. The equipment has not been used for around 10 years and has been kept in storage.

Open to offers - payment will go to a chosen charity.

Sold as seen / buyer to collect from Hornchurch, Essex. Call Stephen Raindle 01708 470670 or e-mail [sraindle@aol.com](mailto:sraindle@aol.com)

### **COMPETITION TIME**

Win a copy of new Lew Grade biography *All My Shows are Great*.

### **EVENTS**

#### **South West Group Spring Viewing Session – date announced!**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April, Jubilee Hall, Batcombe, Somerset**

The SW Group make a welcome return to this excellent venue in charming Somerset. The line-up of six new releases is being finalised - watch out for further information. (more on web link)

#### **The BFFS National Conference and Film Society of the Year Awards 2010**

The 4<sup>th</sup> National Conference for Community Cinema and Film Societies will take place on 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> September 2010. More details to be confirmed soon.

#### **ICO Spring Screening Days 2010**

Saturday 17 – Monday 19 April 2010, BFI Southbank, London

### **REMINDERS**

**[BFFS Interactive Web Forum](#)**

There are now over 450 forum users to share ideas and network with. Sign up today!

**[Community Cinema Sourcebook](#)**

Dwindling stocks –buy now for an invaluable guide with information and advice to increase your audiences, expand your programme and keep it legal.

For all the very latest news and updates, keep your eye on the BFFS website: [www.bffs.org.uk](http://www.bffs.org.uk)

**THE BFFS TEAM**