

REMINISCENCES

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Nottingham Victoria Station in 1961 Picture courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

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Places



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The Beauty of the Welsh Landscape **Cambrian County**

(1953) (Henryson) (Carisbrooke/United Artists) 13 Mins B/W

An elegant travelogue celebrating the beauty of Wales, contrasting heritage, mountain, and coast. Including a tour around Pembroke Castle and a trip on the Snowdon Mountain Railway.



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Observing Jodrell Bank **The Inquisitive Giant**

(1957) (Anvil Films) 28 Mins B/W

The planning, construction and launch of Cheshire's radio observatory. A film which celebrates the precision of British pioneering scientific and engineering talent in its quest to discover astronomic activity.

Sport



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Support for the “Beautiful Game”

Saturday Fever

(1961) (Rank) 10 Mins Col

Focusing on our enthusiasm and passion for Football, this early 1960’s “Look at Life” episode focuses on the game, players, managers and supporters.

We visit Tottenham, Southport, Celtic and Cardiff to discover the relationship which supporters have with their football teams.

Tradition



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Preserving village livery

Telephone Box

(1981) (ATV) 3 Mins Col

John Swallow visits Overbury to discuss the plans of British Telecom to paint their village Phone Box yellow to match their corporate livery. A proposal which is unpopular with a local landowner, who wants to preserve the green livery of the village.

Transport



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Air Travel

All in a Day's Work

(1969) (Rank) 10 Mins Col

“Look at Life” focusing on how air travel has revolutionised commuting across the globe. Presenting a range of destinations available principally from Heathrow Airport; London, the film provides an insight on the emergence of air travel as a major method of international travel.



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Canal Power

Where No Tide Flows

(1963) (Rank) 9 Mins Col

An episode of Look at Life, celebrating the canal as a national transport network, which chronicles its historical role in the industrial revolution and possible future opportunities for light haulage and holidays.



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Hover Travel

[So, they All Hover Now](#)

1962 (Rank) (9 Mins) (Col)

Once at the cutting edge of new technology, Look at Life celebrates the Hovercraft. This episode features rare footage of the World's First Hovercraft Passenger Service in 1962 from Moreton (Wirral) to Rhyl (North Wales).

Commercial Break

(British Sports Car feature)



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[Celebrating the Virtues of the MGB](#)

Mid 1960's) 1 min Col

Recalling the days when Abingdon was busy producing MGs for both domestic and the more lucrative market in the United States. This short advert for the MGB; promotes the enjoyment factor of British Roadster to the American audience.



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[Triumph TR4A Remembered](#)

ND (Mid 1960's) 2 Mins Col

Like the previous advert for the MGB, this American advert highlights the excitement and performance factor available from the TR4A, One of Triumph's finest achievements!

Travel



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West Wales snapshot

[Train Ride to Devil's Bridge](#)

(1964) (British Transport Films) (Willmott) 12 Mins Col

A beautiful film with a musical and natural soundtrack which captures the beauty of Aberystwyth and the Rheidol Valley as we embark on a trip on the light railway from Aberystwyth to Devil's Bridge. Hills, valleys, and waterfalls are captured on camera as the little steam locomotive and carriages sweep in land with its passengers.



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Cornish Railway Adventure
[Truro to Falmouth on the Maritime Line](#)

(1976) (Westward) 8 Mins Col

Part of a series of films exploring West Country railway branch lines, produced for Westward Television as a news feature; this episode takes the viewer on a journey across the scenic Cornish landscape from Truro to Falmouth.

Fine railway architecture is evident as the contemporary diesel train glides across the county.

Vocations



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Glass Production

[Factory Visit](#)

(1975) (ATV) 6 Mins Col

Sue Jay visits a Glass producer in Stourbridge, as traditional industries open the doors to visitors, to exhibit their crafts and skills. Offering a new type of tourism celebrating the regions industrial heritage.