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The Splendour of York (Picture courtesy of Wikimedia Commons)

Welcome to Reminiscences a quarterly bulletin from CWPT Libraries which features a selection of archive films freely available online of a variety of subjects.

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Places



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Exploring Liverpool

[Main Street Mersey](#) (1955) (Selwyn Films) (Radley) 31 Mins B/W

An informative and engaging travelogue with native Liverpudlian; Derick Guyler, a popular character actor of film and television as our guide. The film explores landmarks such as St George's Hall and the Anglican Cathedral. The City's importance as a maritime international gateway to the world is also highlighted.



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Plans for Wolverhampton

[Wolverhampton into the 1970's](#) (1970)

(Wolverhampton County Borough Council) 20 Mins Col

A progressive spin can be perceived in this film by Wolverhampton Council promoting it's plans for the future of the Town (now city). This promotional film puts forward the case for change and the virtues of the new retail, residential and road infrastructures.



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Trip to Adlington Hall

[Adlington Hall, Cheshire](#) (1955) (Shell Films) (Discovering Britain Series) 3 Mins B/W
One of Cheshire's most magnificent stately homes; Adlington Hall, is the subject of this film. Scripted and Narrated by John Betjeman, the film is a "whistlestop tour" around the hall.



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A Visit to Wakefield

[Wakefield, Yorkshire](#) (1955) (Shell Films) (Discovering Britain Series) 3 Mins B/W
John Betjeman narrates us through a visit to Wakefield a proud West Riding City, featuring splendid provincial architecture.



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Trip to the New Covent Garden Market

[New Covent Garden Market-Europe's Super Market](#) (1976) (Smart) 19 Mins Col
Promoting the virtues of the New Covent Garden Market, which replaced the original market in 1974. The film provides a historical context and a contemporary overview of the market's importance as a national and international supplier of Fruit and Vegetables.

Tradition



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Memories of the 1951 Festival of Britain

[Festival in London](#) (1951) (Crown Film Unit) (Leacock) 10 Mins Col.
Promoting the essence of Britishness, at a time when the need to market our products to an international customer base was essential. The film focuses on British Heritage and fresh innovations in attempt to shake-off the shackles of London's "Post War Austerity" and provide the promise of a brighter future.

Travel



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A Ferry ride to Western Super Mare

[Paddle Steamer the Bristol Queen](#) (1964) 7 Mins B/W

Taking a trip from Cardiff across the Bristol Channel to Weston Super Mare in a Paddle Steamer; the Bristol Queen. The film celebrates the joy of a nautical day trip on a traditional sea craft from Wales to England.



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A Train Ride to St Ives

[Journey from the Centre of St Erth to St Ives](#) (1975) (Westward) 6 Mins Col

One of a series of news features produced by Westward Television, to celebrate local railway branch lines. Pictorially elegant we travel from St Erth to St Ives, witnessing the beauty of the Cornish coastline.

Public Information Films



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Charley Says!

Two short Films from the Central Office of Information; "Charley Says!" Series from the 1970's. These animated films were aimed at informing children of potential hazards and danger at home and around the neighbourhood. Featuring a young boy and his pet cat.

[In the Kitchen](#) (1973) 1 Min Col

Warnings of the imminent dangers around the kitchen

[Strangers](#) (1973) 1 Min Col

Dangers represented by Strangers

Vocations



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Producing Smarties

[My World: At the Sweet Factory](#) (1974) (Yorkshire TV) 10 Mins Col

An insightful film on the production of the popular sweet; Smarties at manufacturer, Rowntree's York Factory.



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Life at the Locomotive works

[The Train Makers](#) (1981) (British Transport Films) 23 Mins Col

Promoting the virtues of a career at British Rail Engineering, this film provides a good overview of the tasks performed at the Railway works and an understanding of the roles of the newly recruited engineers.