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Wonderful Whitby (Picture courtesy of Flickr)

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Places



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Birmingham Redevelopment

Ringway: The Birmingham Inner Ring Road Stage 1 (1963)

Birmingham City Council 22 Mins (Col)

Out with the old and in with the new, appears to be the message of this promotional film to mark the new inner-city roadway through central Birmingham. Once regarded as a solution to congestion, is now seen as part of the problem as we strive for greener, more environmentally friendly city centres.



Picture courtesy of Flickr

A trip to the Glynne Arms

Nationwide: Crooked Pub (1974)

(BBC) 2 Mins B/W

The Glynne Arms also known as the "The Crooked House" was demolished in 2023 after a fire but is currently subject to a rebuilding order. This film features Nationwide's John Swinfield visiting the public house located in Himley near Dudley in the mid 1970's for a closer look at its unique architectural features.



Picture courtesy of Geograph

Ken Dodd's Liverpool

[Nationwide: Ken Dodd's Liverpool Walkabout](#) (1976)

(BBC) 8 Mins Col

Ken Dodd takes Nationwide reporter; Michael Barratt on a trip around Liverpool, the film features the famous Mersey Ferry, road tunnel, St Georges Hall, the Theatres plus a visit to Ken's "Knotty Ash" in the suburbs.



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The Beauty of Lincolnshire Wolds

[Out and About: Lincolnshire Wolds](#) (1998)

(BBC) 7 Mins Col

Tony Capstick presents this attractive mini travelogue in the form of a cycle trip around the picturesque, Lincolnshire Wolds. An area of beautiful unspoilt countryside, attractive churches, parks and green hills.

Games



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Conker Competition

Conkers (1981)

(ATV) 2 Mins Col

A visit to the annual Conker tournament by ATV Today reporter Malcom Munro. The 1981 event took place in Aston, Northamptonshire and features the competitors and characters attending the competition.

Sport



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Recalling when Coventry City won the FA Cup

Midlands Today: Sky Blues (1987)

(BBC) 3 Mins Col

A news item, celebrating the FA Cup success in 1987 of Coventry City. The players, manager and local people share their thoughts and hopes following the great achievement of Coventry City's victory over Tottenham Hotspur.

Transport



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The early days of Diesel Electric Trains on British Rail

[Newsreel: New Diesel-Electric Locomotives Haul Royal Scot Train](#) (1949)

(BBC) 3 Mins B/W

Celebrating the new diesel-electric locomotives, designed and built to supersede the Steam Locomotives. This newsreel follows the journey of the London Euston to Glasgow Central Royal Scot express train. Travelling up North the train passes through Crewe and Carlisle before arriving at Glasgow Central.



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Visiting the Motor Show

[Look North: The Whitley Bay Motor Show](#) (1982)

(BBC) 3 Mins Col

A news item from Look North, featuring the Whitley Bay Motor Show and the various exhibits which include Volvos, Rover SDI's, Morgans and a special visit by the Lotus Esprit Turbo, driven by Roger Moore in the James Bond Film "For Your Eyes Only" in 1981.

Travel



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A trip to the Churnet Valley Railway Line

[Railway Line Reopened](#) (1980)

ATV 3 Mins Col

An ATV today news items which charts the reopening of the railway line from Stoke On Trent to Cheddleton. The reporter discusses the hopes and aspirations of the passengers taking the trip from the potteries to the Staffordshire Moorlands.



Picture courtesy of Geograph

Changes at Stafford Station

[Tonight: Stafford Railway Station](#) (1964)

(BBC) 7 Mins B/W

A Tonight feature on the recently built new Stafford Station. Presenter: Cathal O'Shannon, discusses the design features of the new station and interviews the railwaymen working at the station how they feel about their new uniforms. The station stands today as an example of the functional architecture which embodied the spirit of modernity in the early 1960's.

Animals



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Equine Therapy

[Midlands Today: Rupert the Horse](#) (2014)

(BBC) 2 Mins Col

A news item on Midlands Today featuring Rupert the Horse. A local Shropshire horse dropping in with owner to a local elderly persons home at Shrewsbury, to interact and engage with the residents.



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Numeric Labrador

[Spotlight South West: Dog Does Maths](#) (1993)

(BBC) 3 Mins Col

An Interesting news feature from England's West Country, introducing Charley the Labrador. A very bright dog with a natural gift for mathematics. The film features him demonstrating his skills both at home and at a local school.