

REMINISCENCES

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Travel



Trip to the Scottish Highlands

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Highland Journey

(1957) (Orrom) (British Transport Films) 22 mins Col

Taking the journey north from Edinburgh to the Scottish Highlands, this picturesque film depicts a Land of legends and tradition. A Scotland unspoilt by heavy industry and excesses of modernity; a land of mountains and heather inhabited by a proud people whom offer a hearty welcome to visitors from across the globe.

Leisure



Down at the Youth Club!

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We are the Lambeth Boys

(1959) (Reisz) (Graphic Films) 49 mins B/W

Produced as part of the Free Cinema movement in British Cinema “We are the Lambeth Boys” is an earnest depiction of a Youth Club in South London. The film follows a group of teenagers and their pursuit of the activities on offer; Dancing, Cricket and socialising feature as the members take time out away from work or study.

Places



A visit to 60's Stoke on Trent

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Look Around: 23.09.1964: The Potteries

(1964) (Tyrrell) (ATV) 26 mins B/W

An ATV documentary featuring the Stoke on Trent region as it faces a new era. A period when traditional industries, leisure and community were being challenged by new technology, innovations and the consumer economy. The film shows a fine balance between residents keen to protect tradition and those keen to accept the new opportunities available as a result of the redevelopment of Stoke.



Destination York

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This Is York

(1953) (Holmes) (British Transport Films) 20 mins B/W

Initially introducing York as a city of unique heritage and tradition, the film focuses on the daily routines, processes and procedures of its Railway Station. An important railway hub for rail travel between North, South, East and West, a role it still plays today in the 21st Century. The camera follows the daily tasks of the Station Master; whom becomes our guide, as we enter a world of schedules, logistics, updates and maintenance.

Music



60's Beat Scene

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[Mods & Rockers](#)

(1965) (Hume) (Anglo-Amalgamated) 28 mins Col

Rivalry between a group of Mods and Rockers played out as a beat ballet. Fashion, dance and music are at the core of this mid 1960's film depicting the contrasts in style of two British youth cultures.



Punk Rock remembered!

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[Punk Can Take It](#)

(1979) (Temple) (GTO Films/Boyd & Co) 19 mins Col

Primarily a promotional film for the Punk band "The UK Subs".

"Punk Can Take It" is an example of a Mocumentary, parodying the style of the British Film Documentary Movement. Hence the film's title is a variation on the Second World War documentary; "London Can Take It" (1940) (Jennings/Watt). "Punk Can Take it" Applies a documentary approach and employs narrator; John Snagge; a veteran BBC broadcaster, whom delivers a parody of himself, to provide the film with humour as we take a journey into the anarchy which symbolised the Punk Rock movement.

Talk



An Interview with Lulu.in the 60's
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[Inside Film: Lulu](#)

(1968) (Braden) 19 mins Col

Broadcaster Bernard Braden conducted a series of filmed interviews with significant actors, entertainers, politicians and social figures of the late 1960's.

This interview features; Lulu aged just 19 and already an established singer and actress. Lulu discusses her career, aspirations and the music and performers she admires.

Transport



Virtues of Supersonic Air Travel

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[A Look at the Anglo-French Supersonic Airliner Concorde](#)

(1973) (London Television Service) 10 mins col

Promoting the advances and evolution of aviation, this government sponsored film, charts the planning and preparation of Concorde. Once in service, Concorde offered the potential for high speed international air travel covering vast distances within hours.