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## REMINISCENCES

Bringing you archive films direct to your screen!

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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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#### **Animals**



Managing a different herd
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<u>Duck herding dog</u>

(1970) 4 mins B/W

A TV news item from the "West Country" that demonstrates both the intelligence and the adaptability of the Border collie. In the film two working collies operate effectively as a team herding a flock of ducks. An activity which proved popular for the Dog's handler/shepherd as his endeavours generated invites from County Shows nationwide.

#### **Food**



Faggots and Peas
Black Country Food
Image courtesy of Wikimedia Commons
(1972) (ATV) 5 mins Col

Roving news reporter; Sue Jay visits Wednesbury, to find out how the locals feel about Black Country food and beverages. Traditional snacks and Beer are on offer in this brief celebration of regional food.

#### Music



Legendary Singer/Songwriter Brook Benton
Brook Benton - It's Just a Matter of Time

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(1959) (Mercury Records) 5 Mins B/W

American soul crooner; Brook Benton sings Two of his hits; It's Just a Matter of Time accompanied visually by an assortment of clocks and delivering Hurtin inside from a gym, in this late 50's music promo film.



60's Beat: Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick & Tich Hold Tight/Hideaway

Image courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

(1966) 5 mins B/W

Featuring Two of Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick and Tich's hits; Hold Tight and Hideaway, this promotional film takes us on a quirky trip around London via vintage Bentley and on to a grandiose retreat, providing the group with stylistic visuals to accompany their beat vibes.

#### **Places**

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Southampton Bound
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Gateway

(1964) 22 mins Col

Promoting the virtues of England's main port, bustling with ships of various types Gateway provides an interesting look at the history of Southampton plus reflecting contemporary life in the 1960's. The film also takes a look at neighbouring Portsmouth, Winchester and the New Forest.



The beauty of Northern Ireland
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Charm of Ulster

(1959) (Associated British Pathe) 13 mins col

The "Charm of Ulster" is an elegant travelogue promoting the many virtues of Northern Ireland. The film offers a perspective on the tranquillity of Ulster's natural landscapes, industries, culture and heritage.

### **Transport**



Hoof Power
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<u>Donkeys</u>
(1974) (ATV) 7 mins Col

Chris Tarrant visits an Oxfordshire Farm whom have put their Donkeys to use as a green alternative to motorised vehicles. This news item would have been quite topical at the time of its broadcast during the 1970's "Fuel Crisis". The film presents the versatility of the animal and the tranquil location of the Oxfordshire countryside.



Transition in rail power
Image courtesy of Wikimedia Commons
<u>Diesel Power on British Railways</u>
(1965) (British Transport Films) 5 mins col

Steam was rapidly being superseded by diesel power, on Britain's rail network during the mid-1960s. A development which is captured here in this rail promotion film as the attributes of Diesel Locomotives is heralded as a significant landmark in the modernisation of the railways.