

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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Transport

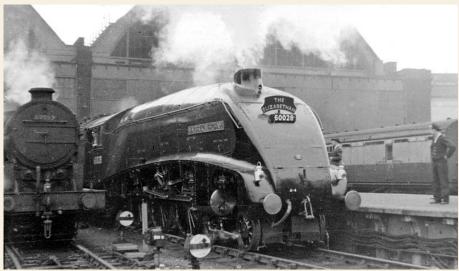


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Non-Stop to Edinburgh

Elizabethan Express

(1954) (Thompson) 20 Mins (B/W)

Inspired by the seminal "Night Mail" "Elizabethan Express" uses verse, music and image to capture the excitement of a trip on board the London King's Cross to Edinburgh non-stop passenger express.



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Swift trip to Peterborough
Inter-City 1250
(1982) (Lochner) 5 Mins Col

Promoting the virtues of the inter-city 125 series, the film takes us on a very quick trip from London King's Cross to Peterborough in 4 minutes, using a speeded up camera approach. "Inter-City 1250" offers a Train Driver's view of the journey similar in style to "Let's go to Birmingham" (1962).

Places



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Wales Recalled
A Letter for Wales

(1960) (Thompson) 22 Mins Col

Actor Donald Huston visits London's Paddington Station to post a letter, then recalls his youth in the land of Castles, battles and beauty. "A Letter for Wales" is an elegant travelogue which uses the Actor's recollections to introduce the viewer to points of interest in the principality.

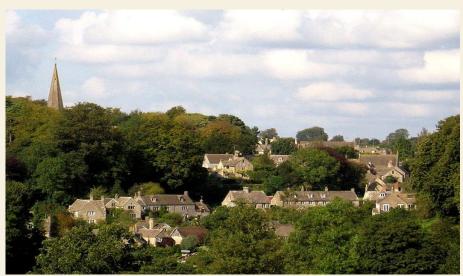


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The Beauty of the Cotswolds
West of England

(1951) (Swingler) 10 Mins Col

Words from Locally born author; Laurie Lee, narrated by actor; Stephen Murray "West of England" is a gentle promotion film for the local cloth industry, however, it also provides a pleasant overview of the history, landscape and traditions of the Cotswolds. Majestically capturing the idyllic Stroud Valley, hills and stone built villages.

Commercial Break



Catching up with the Neighbours

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Buzby - Gossip

(1979) (Advert) 1 Min Col

Promoting the telephone; Buzby the little yellow bird narrated by Bernard Cribbins; teatures Buzby's mother whom sounds like Irene Handl, catching up with some local gossip over the garden fence, in this late 1970's advert, with a reference to popular Television representations.



Flat Strada remembered

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Fiat Strada Figaro

(1979) (Advert) 2 Mins Col

Highly polished advert directed by Hugh Hudson, featuring Fiat's Strada built in Turin by robots accompanied musically to Rossini's Figaro.



Fancy a Flake? Image courtesy of Flickr.com

Cadbury's Flake: Sunflowers (1982) (Advert) 1 Min Col

Hazy summer scene with the Cadbury's Flake girl enjoying a moment of chocolate indulgence!



Time for a Coffee!
Image courtesy of Wikimedia Common
Good Strong Coffee
(1968) (Advert) 2 Mins Col

Psychedelic London revisited, as 60's Hipsters dance all night in discos and enjoy the benefits of hot strong coffee!

Sport



George Best Remembered
Image courtesy of Flickr.com
George Best
(1969) 22 Mins Col

George Best was arguably one of the most talented football players to have hailed from Britain. In 1969 still in his early Twenties, he participated in this feature Interview with Michael Parkinson which provides an insight of how he found life as a football superstar. The film includes interviews with his family, friends and colleagues.

Crafts



Making Saddles
Image courtesy of Wikipedia
Saddle Making
(1965) (ATV) 5 Mins B/W

Reporter Lionel Hampden visits rural Berkshire and meets a saddler whom has designed a lightweight saddle for the racing jockeys. This news item provides an insight to the craft and skill of the saddler as they create their handmade saddles for the equestrian community.