

REMINISCENCES

Bringing you archive films direct to your screen!

Volume 6 Issue 2 November 2023



The Elegance of Bath (Picture courtesy of Pxfuel)

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

“The online signposted film content, featured in the bulletin is intended for personal use only, to be viewed on a portable/mobile device.”

Films Sourced from
BFI Player
London Transport
Museum
BBC Archive

Click on the html
title to access the
film source.

Please contact us if you have any comments or suggestions?
Edited by Andy Hough Outreach/Training Librarian
Email: Andrew.Hough@covwarkpt.nhs.uk
Tel: 02476 932519

Places



Picture Courtesy of Wikipedia

Visit to Bath

[Of all the Gay Places ... An Interlude in Bath](#) (1938) (Strand Films) (Pollard) 12 Mins
B/W

An interesting historical tour highlighting the many delights of Bath. This a timeless travelogue which charts the development of the West Country City. Exploring the beauty of the unique architecture, leisure activities and the famous healing qualities of the Roman Baths.



Picture Courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

Trip to Leamington Spa

[Royal Leamington Spa](#) (1969)

(Leamington Society) 20 Mins Col

A charming promotional film highlighting the many attributes of Leamington Spa. The town's heritage and history are presented on screen, via an introduction on the development of Leamington.

Then Taking in a tour of the town, as viewer/observers we follow a young couple and their guide as they visit many of Leamington's attractions; Jephson Park, Regent Hotel and Georgian Buildings. Modern developments are also presented which brings the film back to the present of the late 1960's.



Picture Courtesy of Geograph

Heaton Hall

[Heaton Hall, Near Manchester](#) (1955) (Shell Films) (Discovering Britain Series) 3
Mins B/W

A quick visit to Prestwich to visit Heaton Hall. Complemented by John Betjeman's expert narration the splendour of the architecture and the features of this magnificent building are well presented in this short film.



Picture Courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

Eastleach Martin

[Eastleach Martin, Gloucestershire](#) (1955) (Shell Films) (Discovering Britain Series) 3
Mins B/W

John Betjeman narrates us through a visit to the Cotswolds and in particular the picturesque village of Eastleach Martin and its rural beauty. The attractions of the countryside, providing the viewer with the appetite for a good slow walk past country shops, stone bridges and cottages.

Vocations



Picture courtesy of www.freeimageslive.co.uk

A trip to a laundry service

[Daybrook is the Name](#) (1962) (Warners Industrial Film Services) 13 Mins Col
A promotional film which provides a good overview of the services provided by a laundry service. An insight to the full process of cleaning, ironing and packing the garments and bedding by the staff at the laundry. The film is a promotional film for the Daybrook Laundry Service in Nottingham



Picture courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

Conversations about Stocking Fashion

[Nylon Stockings](#) (1959) (ATV) 3 Mins B/W

A visit to Bennett Brothers Hosiery Factory at Hinckley from reporter Pat Astley, who discusses the latest fashion trends in lady's nylon stockings with a group of ladies outside the factory and industry insights from Mr Bennett.



Picture courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

Remembering Reliant at Tamworth

[100,000th Reliant Car off Tamworth Production Line](#) (1972) (ATV) 2 Mins Col
Celebrating the 100,000th Reliant Regal produced at the company's Tamworth Production line, Ruth Elliott discovers how the little car has appeal from a loyal customer base from Reliant Marketing Manager; Roger Musgrove. The Three-Wheeler proved a popular choice for motorists on a budget especially during the fuel crisis of 1973. The film also features the quirky production process, with the car chassis being manually transported from one factory unit to the other across the busy A5!



Picture Courtesy of Geograph

Sheepdog Trials

[Sheepdog trials in London](#) (1949) (BBC) 2 Mins B/W
Pleasant newsreel item which features the International Sheepdog trials at Hyde Park London and the winning performance. A great example of the agility and intelligence of the Border Collie and their skill at herding the sheep.



Picture Courtesy of Geograph

Delivering the Beer

[Ajax and Rhyme](#) (1970) (BBC) 2 Mins B/W

A nationwide feature celebrating the work and forthcoming vacation of London Dray Horses; Ajax and Team. The horses are seen working their central London delivery route, prior to a well-earned vacation in Kent.

Transport



Picture courtesy of Geograph

Mini steam trains In Leicestershire

[Miniature Railway - Stapleford](#) (1975) (ATV) 6 Mins Col

Chris Tarrant visits Stapleford Park near Melton Mowbray to take a trip on the parks miniature railway. A railway managed by Lord Gretton who discusses his interest in steam trains and preserving a form of rail power for future generations.



Picture Courtesy of Geograph

Day trips on London's Buses

[Open House](#) (1951) 8 Mins (British Transport Films) B/W

Promoting the virtues of using London's Buses to visit near rural areas. "Open House", is a film which encourages travellers and day trippers to take the bus and visit the near countryside and discover attractive stately homes which are open to the public. The film celebrates the efficacy of using public transport and the heritage available on offer to the traveller.

Animals



Image Courtesy of Geograph

Friendly Badger

[Yogi the Tame Badger](#) (1961) (BBC) 2 Mins B/W

A feature from an episode of BBC's Tonight programme, which introduces Yogi a badger hand reared by a Farmer in Yorkshire. Yogi is unlike other badgers, who are shy by nature, she is shown to be fairly sociable and enjoying life on the farm with her adopted family, happy engaging with the other animals and humans.