FULL CIRCLE NEWS

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Full Circle Project "Connecting people with the screen heritage of the Midlands."

The Full Circle project is gradually building up a head of steam.......

Now that we have employed our cataloguer Catherine, she is busy uploading film clips of some of the footage found and adding them to our film catalogue. Eventually over the next 3 years we will all be able to view this previously unseen footage that Full Circle has unearthed and it is utterly charming! Here are a few film clips to give you a taste, please keep on with the film searches so that we can uncover some more hidden gems!

Home movie shot by JI Taylor featuring Coronation Day 1953.

We see shots of a family party celebrating Coronation Day in 1953 in an unidentified location. This includes shots of an illuminated model of the St Edward's Crown. Later we shots of people on the beach at North Landing, Flamborough, North Yorkshire and a boat ride around nearby caves.

Home movie shot in Sutton on Sea in 1938 by JI Taylor.

We see shots of a man and two women walking along the beach front in Sutton on Sea, Lincolnshire. This is followed by a man, two women and two children sitting on steps and playing in a garden. There are shots of another man and a smaller child on a veranda. This is followed by shots of the children on a beach, going on horse and cart and donkey rides and playing in the sea.

Home movie of fairground rides and on the beach at Sutton on Sea, Lincolnshire.

We see shots of children on fairground rides at a fair in Walkley, Sheffield. This is followed by a trapeze performance and shots of a crowd. Next we see shots of children in a walled garden in an unidentified location. Later we see a woman, a man and two children playing in a garden in Sutton on Sea, Lincolnshire. This is followed by two women, two men and two children playing on a beach.

The Walters/Mellor Collection

There is some interesting information about a new film collection recently deposited with us on the MACE website ...

Rare footage of Belper Town Football matches dating from 1950s ...

The late Norman Mellor of Belper, used to go to the old Ritz in Belper regularly where his father worked as the projectionist. This led to Norman becoming very interested in filmmaking, he bought himself a cine camera in the early 1950s and filmed many local events in and around Belper, Derbyshire. His nephew Stephen Walters has been clearing out his late uncle's house and found Norman's film collection. Stephen said: "Uncle Norman worked at LB Plastics based at Heage and Norman took his camera on holiday with him and also filmed many Belper Town football matches." Stephen told me how he went to the Belper Historical Society exhibition at the East Mill in Belper in October 2010 and picked up a Full Circle leaflet. He said: "This is just what I was looking for, some advice on what to do with my uncle's film collection and how to preserve it for the future." We at MACE are very pleased Stephen has decided to deposit his uncle's film collection and we will take great care of it so that future generations can enjoy watching old scenes of Belper. Some of this collection is titled, but there are many reels that are unidentified.

Rare film found in Glossop

Mike Brown of Glossop Heritage group is very pleased to have unearthed this rare piece of film dating from 1966. It makes an important addition to the collection of Midlands films in the Full Circle project. The footage shows the bakers from Bruckshaw's Bakery making preparations for the 1966 carnival and decorating their float. It was quite common in the 60s for local tradespeople to take part in carnival and use the opportunity to advertise their wares. Special point of sale boards were often commissioned and used each year.

Hithersay Collection

There is a new post on the blog about Derbyshire filmmaker Yvonne Hithersay.

Ashbourne Royal Shrovetide football match, John Watts - violin maker, the mule society and the route of Bonnie Prince Charlie from Derby are just some of the films made by Derbyshire film maker Yvonne Hithersay. Yvonne's collection also includes musical events such at the Belper Folk Festival in 1994 and the Peasmoulder Folk Club (now closed) as well as the Longford Mummers 2004 and 'Chip off the old Women's Morris Side' both still active.

Other interesting items in the collection relate to the Derby Rams – interviews with players from the historic 1946 Cup game, the making and unveiling of Bonnie Prince Charlie statue at Swarkestone, Derby historic buildings, Kedleston Hall with Lord Scarsdale, Okeover Hall, helicopter ride with views over Ashbourne and Carsington Water before the dam, Ashbourne Centenary Show 1990, Steam Rally and Brailsford Ploughing and Hedgecutting in 1988 and footage from the Wright/Radcliffe collection dating back to 1938

New post about film collection from Arnold, Nottinghamshire

There is a new post on our website about the latest film collection we've found, filmed by a local baker turned engineer and set around Arnold in Nottinghamshire, dating back to the 1960s.