



## **Oxen Park Cinema Club**

### **Secretary's Annual Report 2009 – 2010 (read at the 2010 AGM)**

I have great pleasure in presenting the secretary's report for 2010.

Of the 23 films we showed last season, 8 were on Tuesdays, 4 Saturday Supper Specials, 7 children's films and our annual film and book event at the Coronation Hall. We also responded to requests to show extra films at Penny Bridge Primary School, Flookbrough and Field Broughton. Our average audience was up to 35 from 26 with 4 films bringing in audiences of over 40. The best of these was *Grow Your Own* at Lowick Community Hall when we had 56 – many allotment owners I'm sure.

We chose *The Manchurian Candidate* for the annual book and film event at the Coro in February. Dr Alan Sennett spoke to an engaged audience giving us an evening enjoyed by all who came. We struggle to break even on this event but feel it is good P R and a worth while occasion when we break out of the valley.

The striking programme, designed again by Tess Baxter, and the stunning posters created by Roger Layfield continue to enhance our profile. The film sponsors and programme advertisers make a huge difference to balancing the books.

Our sincere thanks go to Barr Ecology, Brenda & Lawrence, Dane Stone Cards, Esthwaite Water Trout Farm, Forrester Solicitors, Gates Travel, Grizedale Forest Enterprise, Grizedale Riding Centre, Lakeside and Haverthwaite Railway, Pony

Boy Printing, Rick Emslie Analytics, Sting In The Tail, Two by Two, The Bookshop at The Tinnners' Rabbit, The Tinnners' Rabbit Picture Framing, The Ship Inn, The White Hart Inn, The Eagles Head, Yew Tree Barn.

The 'Grass Roots' grant from the Cumbria Community Foundation saved our children film shows. We have seen that school based shows makes this programme much more sustainable. The grant also covers this season's films but then, next season it will be up to us to see how we can make the children's films work within the budget.

Other additions to our income came through a few fund raising events: We held a Strawberry Tea and woodland map walk at Rusland in June. Two extra Film shows have been shown at Flookburgh Primary school with audiences of over 50. These extra shows are a good fund raiser for not too great an effort.

The film unit continues to be active. Its main effort has been in running workshops: an after school club at Leven Valley, the annual summer holiday workshop and a parent and child workshop here at Rusland. Several films were produced for entry to the Rusland Show. The input given by John Evans was most valuable; we will miss him.

The committee has met monthly; sub groups continue to update policies, films are always being watched whether it is at home, or festivals. Our biggest item this year was making the decision to revert back to being an ordinary community group and dissolving our status as an Industrial & Provident Society. This process is virtually over now and we can get back to functioning 'normally'.

The Carhouse in Oxen Park is nearly at the top of our action list. We now have a reduced budget version and work is currently being done on checking that the sound insulation is satisfactory.

As always: Do keep coming. Enjoy the films we have chosen. Bring your cushion and friends. Spread the word.

Thank you.

**Carol McNeill 4.11.10**