



Oxen Park Cinema Club

Secretary's Annual Report 2010 – 2011 (read at the 2011 AGM)

I have great pleasure in presenting the secretary's report for 2011.

We showed 17 films last season, 6 were on Tuesdays, 3 Saturday Supper Specials, 5 children's films and our annual film and book event at the Coronation Hall. We also responded to requests to show extra films at Flookbrough Primary School. Our average audience was down this year. 8 films had less than 30 in the audience and one film had to be cancelled because of snow.

We chose *The Third Man* for the annual book and film event at the Coro in February. Dr Alan Sennett was invited again, giving us another enjoyable evening. However we have decided to put this event on hold until we come up with an event which will attract a guaranteed larger audience.

The children's films shown at Leven Valley Primary School have been a huge success. Child care and a snack are included and these have proved very popular with parents and the audience which is most of the school pupils. Due to lack of grant support we have decided to raise the entry fee to £2 (this will be £2.50 with child care) next season to cover more of the costs. Every film costs between £80 and £100 to put on. (mainly copyright and hall charges)

Tess Baxter and Roger Layfield continue to use their design talents producing the programme and film posters which are so much admired and have become part of our image.

The film sponsors and programme advertisers always make a huge difference to balancing the books. This year our sincere thanks go to Dane Stone Cards, Esthwaite Water Trout Fishery, Forrester Solicitors, Gates Travel, Lakeside and Haverthwaite Railway, Pony Boy Printing, David Hoyle, Rick Emslie Analytics, Sting In The Tail, Two by Two, The Tinnors' Rabbit, The

Ship Inn, The White Hart Inn, The Eagles Head, Yew Tree Barn, John Walton Restoration, The Rusland Valley Community Trust, and the Cumbria Community Foundation

Other additions to our income came through a few fund raising events: Two extra Film shows have once again been shown at Flookburgh Primary school with audiences of over 60. These extra shows are proving to be a good fund raiser for not too great an effort. We also raised £69 at a Strawberry Tea and over £250 at our coffee morning at the Coro. It was a huge effort helped by many local supporters who will be pleased to know that we are having a break until 2012 – which at this moment doesn't seem so far away.

The film unit continues to be active. Its main effort has been in running workshops: an after school club at Leven Valley Primary School in the Spring and the annual summer holiday workshop, also held at Leven Valley where films are produced for entry to the Rusland Show.

The committee has met monthly; sub groups continue to update policies, films are always being watched whether it is at home, or various festivals and film screenings around the country.

The Carthouse in Oxen Park is slowly but surely moving on. Work has been done on sound insulation and we are planning to continue work on a reduced budget version

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

Thank you.

Carol McNeill October 2011