



Brampton Film Club News clips

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BFFS Funding

Further to our news in April that the British Federation of Film Societies (BFFS) has lost its funding due to government cut backs, the Federation has written to all clubs and societies to thank them for their support. We, in Brampton Film Club, gained the support of our MP Rory Stewart, who wrote to the club and also to the minister responsible, Ed Vaizey.

Of course, the funding was not saved but it certainly put on the map, the sense of feeling and outrage their decision has caused within the community cinema movement.

The BFFS has now secure some interim funding and hopes to continue with its work.

Thanks to all of you who took the time to make your thoughts known to 'our Ed' and also thanks to Rory Stewart for actually standing with his community on this issue.

BFFS Awards

In 2009 we won the BFFS award for *Best New Film Society*. In 2010 we did not enter the competition but this year, in 2011, we have made two entries contending for the awards for *Best Programming* and *Best Marketing*.

Keep your fingers crossed.

Should any member wish to see the supporting documents submitted for each application, please drop us a line and we can forward it by email - we cannot print the reports because they are just toooooo big.

Hadfield Trust Support this Film Club

All of you know (or should know) that we are trying to raise money to buy a new and improved screen system. With 80% of our membership aged over 60, erecting and dismantling our current screen is not always that easy. The new screen we hope to acquire will be fixed to the ceiling and present itself at the press of a button. It's also about 4 feet longer and 2 feet wider - wow!

The problem is, it costs £5.5K.

'Our Wendy' has been busy putting in grant aid applications and it is with great pleasure we can announce the Hadfield Trust has agreed to sponsor our venture to the tune of £1500. This is very welcome news and it is hoped will encourage other groups to come on board to support us.

Thank you Hadfield Trust!!!!

Talking About Screens

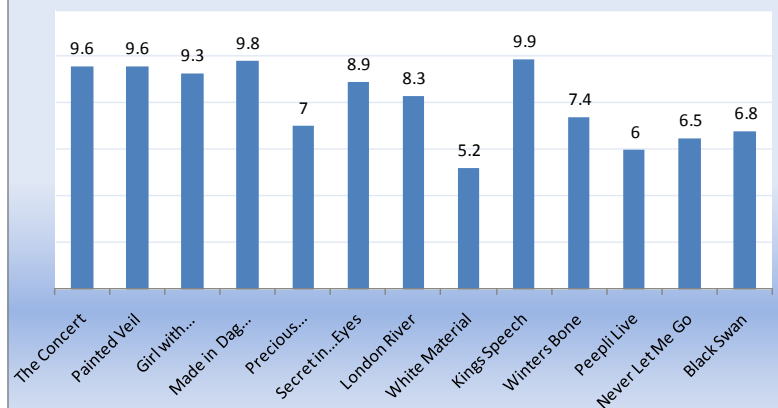
Every time we erect or dismantle our current screen, we have to lay the skin (the white bit) on the floor. Over three and a half years, the reverse side had accumulated a thick film of grime, which gave us concern over picture quality, as even though the front of the screen was clean, light has to interact with the surface to provide the best picture. To overcome this, two 'Mrs Mops', in the forms of Tim and Eric descending with their Sturgene and nail brushes, scrubbed the screen clean on 26 July. It took all day!

Hopefully it will be an even better picture now.



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Score out of 10



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