

BRAMPTON FILM CLUB

News clips

Dear Member,

Since our last newsletter, the club has shown two films, 'The Last King of Scotland' in January and 'Atonement' in February. Each performance was well attended and the club's membership has now risen to 106. Feedback from members has been positive at the venue after the shows, through email and on the Internet 'blog' now available to members. Interest has also been generated through coverage in the BIG magazine and following a letter from the chairman published by the Cumberland News.

The number of members without email has increased and so, to give those members a central point of contact, a 'brochure' has been compiled giving information about the club and its forthcoming events. Such members have been informed how the brochure is available in the foyer at Brampton Community Centre, where the staff will be very happy to point it out.

As you know, a sub-group of the committee meet to select films for future screenings. They will next meet in April, when the programme for the remainder of this year's monthly screenings will be set. The committee has had little feedback about member's taste in film and what they would like to see. So if you have some ideas, that you haven't already expressed, please let us have them by email, or on the suggestions pages in the brochure already mentioned.

A vacancy has arisen on the general committee following the departure of Colin LUHRS. Colin put a good deal of work into the earlier steering group and then the committee but other commitments have taken him away. On behalf of the club, the committee thank Colin for his hard work and endeavour. If you are interested in becoming a committee member, please let us know by email, or by leaving your details on the form provided in the brochure at the Community Centre, by 10.00 a.m. on Friday 14 March 2008. There is a lot of work still to do in helping the club to reach a suitable level of sustainability. You will obviously have an interest in films because you are already a member of the club and if you have some professional expertise that may assist the club, then great but... above all what you will really need on this committee is enthusiasm, time and a 'can do' spirit. We look forward to hearing from any interested members. Selection will probably be by names in a hat at a film night (the 'winner' buys drinks for everyone!).

Brampton Community Centre will commemorate its 10th anniversary on 8 March 2008 with an open day. The film club has been invited to provide a stall and we shall be there with a display, information about the club and hopefully a visual competition. It will also give members an opportunity to meet and talk with committee members, so do come along and support both the club and the Centre.

Now for our next film - what a treat. 'LA VIE EN ROSE' (alternative title 'La Mome'), tells the story of the great but tragic, French singer Edith PIAF. The movie has been well received but receiving most acclaim, is the towering performance from Marion COTILLARD, who has already won the BAFTA for Best Actress and is tipped for the Oscar on 24 February 2008. Unfortunately, we cannot bring you this film until 29 March 2008, due to venue unavailability but it is worth waiting for. Do come.

As an added incentive for members, we propose to arrange a **gathering after the film**, in the café at the Community Centre. The idea is to have a chance to talk about the film whilst enjoying tea, coffee and French nibbles. There could even be wine and cheese available!

The occasion would be open only to **members and their guests**, who apart from the fare, will be treated to a short reminiscence from one of our very own committee members, who as a young man actually **saw Edith PIAF in performance** three times in Paris during the late 1950's. Even then, in the last few years of her life, he will describe how her charisma was so overwhelming that the audience was captivated – so much so, that he has been captivated by it for the past 50 years! I am sure I would have been too.

In order to take this event forward, we do need some idea as to the level of interest. So please, **let us know** by email if you think you would attend. This is not a firm commitment by you, after all, you may have won the lottery by then and have something far better to do. It is just an indication. If you just *think* you may be there and would enjoy the 'après film' event, then just click the 'reply' button and say 'yes'.

If you don't have email, then please ring 016977 42992.

Until next time... or should I say, au revoir,

Eric Griffiths
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