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## REPORT TO CFA SW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THORNBURY - SPRING VIEWING SESSION - 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017

This Viewing Session at Thornbury, to the North of Bristol, was the first of two, both of them showing the same programme of films. The twin session was held in Calstock, Cornwall on 9<sup>th</sup> April.

The day was hosted by *Thornbury Picture House* a society set up in 2006 to revive a previously disbanded club that had run up until 1992. The TPH committee should be congratulated, on their planning and attention to detail, for the event's success.

The Armstrong Hall venue provided excellent facilities with two large well equipped function rooms and a spacious reception area that was ideal for registrations, coffees/teas; lunches; tea and cakes and a DVD Bring & Buy stall.

Nearly a hundred delegates from twenty four different groups assembled there to share out their time watching *Manchester by the Sea*; *Things to Come*; *Moonlight*; *Burn Burn Burn*; *Fire at Sea* & *The Olive Tree*. Several of which had gathered major awards & nominations since being originally chosen.

An excellent hot lunch was provided by Rosina Catering of Thornbury ,in staggered sittings allowed by planned film timings. The delegates enjoyed competing to win film quiz prizes and this was followed by a member's forum which provided , a multi-stranded discussion about choosing films, audibility of films and how members assess their audience reactions. Also the forum was given information about the Women in Film F-rating system, initiated by Bath Film Festival.

The afternoon sessions had a welcome interval for tea and cakes provided by the TPH committee, and the day was rounded off by what proved to be the most successful films of the previews *The Olive Tree* and *Burn Burn Burn*.

