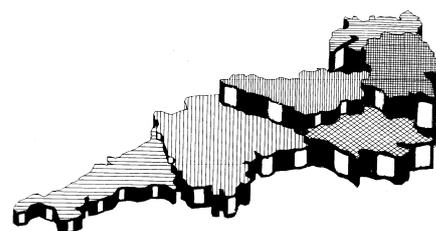


FILM SOUTH WEST - eNewsletter December 2016

This a brief follow-up to the South West's successful Autumn Viewing hosted by Teignmouth Film Society last month. Full details on the re-launched South West website at <http://cinemaforallsw.org/>, but here are the highlights:



- **SW Group's 40th Anniversary Viewing**

Over 50 delegates from 22 Societies made the journey to Teignmouth Community School to preview six new releases on DVD/Bluray for inclusion in future seasons. The audience reactions attracted mostly As and Bs with the warm Spanish drama *Truman* topping the poll with good showings for the other titles including the beautifully-filmed *Sweet Bean*, just added to Cinema for All's Booking Scheme (see <http://cinemaforall.org.uk/booking-scheme/>).

Title	A	B	C	D	E	Total Votes	Reaction Index %
Truman	8	6	1	0	0	15	86.7
Sweet Bean	14	8	3	0	1	26	82.7
Tale of Tales	7	5	0	0	1	13	82.7
Maggie's Plan	7	8	2	1	1	19	75.0
Ingrid Bergman in Her Own Words	2	13	4	0	0	19	72.4
Embrace of the Serpent	7	16	2	3	1	29	71.6

Full details of the distributors etc are available on the website and copies of the programme notes will be available shortly for incorporation in handouts via <http://cinemaforallsw.org/resources/film-notes/>. Many thanks to Sue Maclean, Steve & Ruth Bentley, all the TFS team and all those at the Community School.

- **SW Group Annual General Meeting**

The AGM, held after lunch at the Teignmouth Viewing, saw a number of changes to the Group Executive following Brian Clay's stepping down after 40 years as Regional Secretary. He will continue as the contact to the national body and Film Hub SWWM whilst most of his roles have been taken over by other Exec. members. Vice-Chair John Holmes said there were still jobs to be shared out and he hoped that other SW Society organisers would step forward and join the fun!



Members of the SW Group Executive, left to right. John Holmes. Jane Sanders, Brian Clay, Paul Schilling, Andy Hastie and Chris Baker

Treasurer Chris Baker reported that the Group had added a new state-of-the art Canon digital projector for start-up screenings and hire by CforA members which was being used for the previews in the Drama Studio that day with impressive results. The Group continued to be grateful to the Film Hub SWWM for help in funding the Viewing Sessions during the year as well as the travel bursaries to film events that had been taken up by a numbers of members.

- **40th Anniversary Celebrations**



The Viewing provided an opportunity to celebrate its 40 years of activity supporting and starting up film societies in the South West. Brian Clay outlined the development of the Group from the Viewing Session in Dorchester in November 1997, through many other viewings, film events and training days to the present day. In that time the number of societies and

community cinemas in the region had grown from around 20 to over 75, many of which had been launched with help and advice from the Group. Brian's lasting memories were meeting "all the great people throughout the South West who shared a passion for World Cinema and the fun of bringing it to a wider audience". The anniversary was also marked by a large decorated cake arranged by Jane Sanders by a local cake-maker in Shipham.

OTHER NEWS

- **BFI Neighbourhood Cinema Equipment Fund**

The Members' Forum at the AGM included a reminder that the Equipment Fund was re-opening for applications from **28th November 2016** providing a great chance to obtain some brand new equipment; be it a full screening set, chairs and blackouts or to replace broken or old equipment. Applicants need a BFI Neighbourhood Cinema profile to apply for the fund which can be obtained from <http://www.bfi.org.uk/neighbourhoodcinema/user/register?venue=add>. For further advice, contact Cinema For All: info@cinemaforall.org.uk or call 0114 2210314.

A number of SW venues have benefited from the fund so why not have a go! The closing date for receipt of applications will be **16 January 2017**.

- **SW Website – send us your news!**

The re-launched South West website at <http://cinemaforallsw.org/> is now fully operational and looking to be the hub for news and views for all Cinema for All South West members. Any items on special events, popular titles, success with funding applications etc. are welcome – send to admin@cinemaforallsw.org with photos if possible. We are also planning to re-launch the Film South West newsletter in the New Year so all contributions will be welcomed!

- **HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS!**

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