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BFFS NEWS

Ian Christie

BFFS is delighted to announce that Ian Christie has become Special Advisor to the BFFS Board of Trustees. Many of you will know Ian as a film historian, curator, broadcaster and writer. He is Anniversary Professor of Film and Media History at Birkbeck College, a vice-president of Europa Cinemas and a Fellow of the British Academy.

We are thrilled to have Ian on board.

Brad Scott joins BFFS Board

Brad Scott of Forest Row Film Society is the latest addition to the BFFS Board of Trustees. Brad says: "I'm delighted and honoured to join the BFFS Board. I've only been involved with a film society for about six years, but when I attended my first BFFS conference a few years ago I was inspired by the range, expertise and breadth of the community cinema movement. I'm really excited by the things film societies can do, whether in terms of community engagement, or in enlarging our consciousness through the medium of film. I look forward to doing whatever I can on the Board as BFFS continues to grow and develop."

Welcome, Brad!

BFFS is now on Facebook

Pop by and say hello. If you have a Facebook group for your Film Society or Community Cinema, let us know and we'll publicise it on our page: <http://bit.ly/9EKVeV>

Don't forget, we're also on Twitter @_BFFS_

BFFS BOOKING SCHEME NEWS

London River available from 9th July

London River is available from the BFFS Booking Scheme on its date of theatrical release – 9th July. The new film from Rachid Bouchareb (*Days of Glory*) is set in the immediate aftermath of the 7/7 bombings.

"This is a film no Londoner should miss: humane and stunningly acted... Brenda Blethyn is magnificent."

Derek Malcolm, *EVENING STANDARD*

The film was awarded the SILVER BEAR for Best Actor and Best Actress at the 59th Berlin Film Festival 2009

Under the Mud Screenings near you

BAFTA-nominated producer, Sol Papadopoulos will be holding host a series of very special workshops for filmmakers across the country. Sol will use his extraordinary film *Under The Mud* (available from BFFS) as a case study to show how young talent and more experienced filmmakers can work together to make an acclaimed feature film. Join him in your region:

West Midlands: <https://www.bafta.org/public-event.html?Pevent=com.othermedia.bafta.model.BaftaEvent-L-6198658>

South West: www.underthemudatkwmc.eventbrite.com

South East: <https://www.bafta.org/public-event.html?Pevent=com.othermedia.bafta.model.BaftaEvent-L-6198658>

FILM SOCIETY NEWS

New name for Chorley Film Society

Chorley Film Society has renamed itself for its 25th anniversary. To celebrate the heritage of the building in which it's now based the group has taken the name **Chorley Empire Community Cinema**.

Read all about it and take a look at the stunning new logo:

<http://bffs.org.uk/newsandevents/news/chorleyempire.html>

Edinburgh Film Guild honoured by Edinburgh International Film Festival

The world's longest continuously running film society, Edinburgh Film Guild, recently celebrated its 80th birthday in an event honoured by Edinburgh International Film Festival. The festival, along with the Edinburgh Filmhouse, was set up by the society in 1947. BFFS chair Donna Anton travelled north of the border to offer our congratulations.

Swindon Film Society

Swindon Film Society is planning a new addition to its activities with a season of documentary films to run at the new Central Library, in tandem with the Society's main programme at Swindon Arts Centre. The library proved a great success as a film venue during Swindon Film Festival in April 2010, with over 50 people attending the screening of *Burma VJ* (winner of the Festival's Audience Award). SFS Chair Barbara Thompson commented: "The Library Service has been very supportive of the idea of the Society using their space, and we think there's a good potential for developing an audience for a regular documentary slot. The availability of some excellent titles through BFFS, including latest Dogwoof releases, makes this a very viable new project."

New Featured Exhibitor

David Tolcher of **Looe Film Society** in Cornwall shares his top tips for keeping your community cinema open during the summer months.

Community Cinema spirit in action in America

BFFS Research and Information consultant Jim Barratt writes about the non-theatrical success of *Lioness*, and how the community cinema network can lend support to indie-filmmakers.

Radio 4 Film Programme Features Community Cinemas

In an edition devoted to community cinema, Radio 4's **Film Programme** on 4th June featured two touring cinema ventures: Scotland's Screen Machine and Shropshire's Flicks in the Sticks, together with comments on the history of the movement by BFFS's Special Advisor Ian Christie.

NEW RELEASES

London River - Trinity Filmed Entertainment

Released 9 July

Videocracy - Dogwoof

Released 4 June

H2Oil - Dogwoof

Released 11 June

Ajami - Vertigo Films

Released 18 June

Villa Amalia - Peccadillo Pictures

Released 25 June

REMINDERS

BFFS Community Exhibitor Survey

Many thanks to those groups who have already filled in 2010 community exhibitor survey online using Survey Monkey. It is important for BFFS to gather information on the community cinema sector. By learning more about how you organise and deliver your activities, we can better serve your needs and advocate effectively on behalf of the sector.

[Complete the survey online](#) here.

If you would like to request a paper copy, or if you have any questions, please mail info@bffs.org.uk.

Film Society of the Year Awards 2010 – applications open!

Dates for your diary:

- The deadline for applications is **30th July**
- The Film Society of the Year Awards Ceremony will take place on Saturday, 18th September, at the Cine Lumiere in London's South Kensington. We hope to see you there.

Regional Screen Scotland – Small-Scale Equipment Grants

Groups in Scotland still have time to apply for equipment grants up to £5,000. The deadline is 2nd July.

BFFS Interactive Web Forum

There are now over 500 forum users to share ideas and network with. Sign up today!

Community Cinema Sourcebook

Last copies available – buy now for an invaluable guide with information and advice to increase your audience, expand your programme and keep it legal.

BFFS MARKETPLACE

As it is moving venue to one with both 35mm and digital, The Phoenix (Southampton Film Theatre) is looking for a new home for one or both of its Philips FP20 projectors and 2k lamphouses/rectifiers. All are in excellent working condition and any offers are welcome. Buyer collects.

Pictures of the equipment can be seen at www.thephoenix.org.uk/moves.html. Please contact Adrian Pickering: jap@thephoenix.org.uk

EVENTS

The 2010 BFFS National Conference

The 4th National Conference for Community Cinemas will take place on 18th-19th September at the Institut Français, London. Focusing on film education, this year's event will be a mix of training sessions, film screenings and networking opportunities. Bookings will open at the end of July.

For all the very latest news and updates, keep your eye on the BFFS website: www.bffs.org.uk

THE BFFS TEAM