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NEWS

[AGE OF STUPID](#)

This fascinating film is available to watch at home on iPlayer until 11.29pm tonight (21st December) – if you can't catch it tonight you can download it to watch within the next 30 days.

Already a big hit with many film society audiences across the UK, the film is available from [Indie Screenings](#) if you'd like to screen it to your local community.

[NEW TITLES FROM MPLC](#)

To help you through the wealth of films offered by the new MPLC Movie Licence, David Miller of Keswick Film Club has written the latest BFFS Recommends list – cherry-picking some of his favourite films to both watch and screen to his audience. [You can read his choices here.](#)

To help you find the titles you need and to ensure that you have complete certainty of booking, MPLC is now offering a bespoke title identification service for all customers. You can either call their friendly licensing team for personal service and advice during office hours. At other times you can email ops@mplc.com, or leave a voice mail on 01323 649647 *4.

If you were at the recent ICO screening days in Sheffield, you might be interested to learn that several titles will be available soon to book on DVD using the MPLC Movie Licence. These include:

Precious
Leaving
MICMACS

For more information, contact Iain McDonald, MPLC Licensing Manager and his team on 01323 649647.

[THE ARTS AND CIVIL SOCIETY](#)

In giving the 2009 Hinton Lecture: 'The Arts and Civil Society - Firm Friends or Distant Cousins?', John Tusa raises some crucial points pertinent to the community cinema and film society movement. We think this is a must-read for those involved in community arts. [Read on...](#)

2010 MEMBERSHIP

2010 application forms will be sent out in the New Year – don't forget to return them straight away to receive a full year's worth of BFFS benefits. With more services than ever before, BFFS is here to make sure you get access to everything you need to screen great films to your community.

COMPETITION WINNER

Congratulations to Andrew Bez of the London Socialist Film Co-op who has scooped the BFFS goody bag full of books and film for correctly answering the following question:

New Block Booking title *Welcome* sees a young illegal immigrant training to swim the Channel to be reunited with his girlfriend and fulfil his dreams of playing for which premier league football club?

The answer is: Manchester United.

Look out for more competitions in the New Year.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The BFFS central office will be closed between 23rd December and 4th January inclusive. If you have a Block Booking screening during the first two weeks of January your film will arrive early. Please send any *urgent* messages to jaq.bffs@googlemail.com.

EVENTS

[CEA Digital Funding Roadshows](#)

Coming to a venue near you

[Projectionist training](#)

Professional training opportunities from BKSTS

REMINDERS

[BFFS Interactive Web Forum](#)

There are now over 300 members to share ideas and network with. Sign up today and start the discussion!

[Community Cinema Sourcebook](#)

Limited number still available! Order your copy today while stocks last!

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE BFFS TEAM!