

## BRITISH FEDERATION OF FILM SOCIETIES NOVEMBER 2010 e-NEWSREEL

### NEWS

#### [BFFS COMMUNITY EXHIBITOR SURVEY RESULTS](#)

The results are in! Head to the BFFS website to read the results of the latest BFFS Community Exhibition Survey and read some of fascinating statistics that demonstrate the importance of community exhibition in this country. Many thanks to all who took the time to fill in the survey.

BFFS Patron Ken Loach says of the report:

*"The latest survey shows what a great job film societies and community cinemas are doing. If only the multiplexes had half the passion for films we wouldn't have such problems of distribution and exhibition!"*

#### [FIND ANY FILM – COMMUNITY CINEMA LISTINGS](#)

BFFS is delighted to announce that the ground-breaking website [FindAnyFilm](#) will now include film society and community cinema listings.

[FindAnyFilm](#) is an online film search service, which enables members of the public to search the availability of a film they wish to see - whether at the cinema, on DVD/ Blu-ray or through a legal download. Now film societies and community cinemas have the opportunity to have their programme listed, gain some extra, free publicity for their screenings and increase their audiences.

We will be contacting all Members, Associates and Affiliates with details of how to get involved. If you have any questions about submitting your listings to FindAnyFilm, please contact BFFS on [info@bfs.org.uk](mailto:info@bfs.org.uk).

#### [ICO SCREENING DAYS – REACTION SCORES](#)

Read the full reactions scores from the weekend of preview screenings in Manchester. BFFS special selection *Loose Cannons* is available to book from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

#### [NEW FEATURED EXHIBITOR – DULWICH PARADISO FILM SOCIETY](#)

Head to the BFFS website to read all about Dulwich Paradiso Film Society, who have been hosting free film festivals this autumn, with huge success.

### BFFS BOOKING SCHEME NEWS

#### [EDUCATION MATTERS](#)

Following on from the BFFS National Conference theme of Education here are some further suggestions for education activities.

***Hidden Herstories:*** The stand-out hit of the 2010 BFFS National Conference, this vibrant and fascinating documentary celebrates the achievements of four inspirational women: Octavia Hill – social housing pioneer, Amy Ashwood Garvey – first wife of Marcus Garvey and organiser of the women's section of the UNIC, Claudia Jones – 'Mother of the Notting Hill Carnival,' and Jayaben Desai – a leader of the Grunwick strike of 1977. Suggestions from BFFS members for linked events

include holding a screening and discussion on International Women's Day (8 March 2011), during Black History Month (October), showing individual stories themed with a main feature or event, or how about contacting local action groups for a joint screening.

For full information about this film: <http://www.hiddenherstories.org/herstories.php>

### **NEW TO THE BFFS BOOKING SCHEME**

***Bleak Moments*** (1971) is Mike Leigh's first feature film. The film presents a stark portrayal of human isolation, centring on the failure of personal communication and social interaction. In its uncompromising outlook, it is closer to *Meantime* (1983) and *Naked* (1993) than to Leigh's more optimistic works. Both haunting and disturbing, it is because it is at once unremarkable in its content and yet tangible and true, that it is so affecting. The film premiered at the London Film Festival and won major awards at the Chicago and Locarno Film Festivals.

***Le Donk & Scor-Zay-Zee*** is an improvised comedy shot over five days by Shane Meadows, devised with and starring Paddy Considine. Rock roadie and failed musician, Le Donk (Considine) has lived, loved and learned. Along the way he's lost a girlfriend (Olivia Colman) and his life has gone sour, but things start to look up when he finds a new sidekick in up-and-coming Nottingham rap prodigy Scor-zay-zee (playing himself). With Meadows' fly-on-the-wall crew in tow, Donk sets out to make Scor-zay-zee (and himself) a star...with a little help from Arctic Monkeys. This low-budget rockumentary follows Le Donk and Scor on the journey of a lifetime; it's an unpredictable, irrepressible ode to spontaneous filmmaking – and to a burgeoning UK rap talent.

## **EVENTS**

### **BFFS Yorkshire Group Education Weekend**

Cober Hill 2010, 3 - 5 December

The BFFS Yorkshire Regional Group annual film study course held in Scarborough.

### **Researchers Tales**

BFI National Library, 21 February, 6.30pm

Based on his PhD research into BFFS and the post-war film society movement, Richard MacDonald will be holding a session at the BFI to discuss his findings. Booking required as places are limited.

Details at: [www.bfi.org.uk/filmtvinfo/researchers/tales](http://www.bfi.org.uk/filmtvinfo/researchers/tales) early in the New Year.

**The British Independent Film Awards** : 5 December, London

### **Festivals, Festivals, Festivals**

- [Keswick Film Festival](#) : 10-13 February 2011
- [Fort William Mountain Film Festival](#) : 11-15 February 2011
- [Glasgow Film Festival](#) : 17-27 February 2011
- [Birds Eye View Film Festival](#) : 8-17 March
- [Minghella Film Festival](#) : 11-13 March 2011
- [Llanberis Mountain Film Festival](#) : 18-20 March 2011
- [London Asian Film Festival \(Tongues on Fire\)](#) : 18-27 March 2011
- [Bradford International Film Festival](#) : 17-27 March 2011
- [Pennine Film Festival](#) : 21-25 March
- [Flatpack Film Festival](#) : 24-27 March 2011
- [Borderlines Film Festival](#) : 25 March-10 April 2011

- [London Independent Film Festival](#) : 14-25 April 2011

### **New Releases**

- [Chico and Rita](#) – Trinity Filmed Entertainment: Released 19 November
- [Leap Year](#) – Axiom Films: Released 26 November
- [An Ordinary Execution](#) – Arrow Films: Released 26 November
- [Easier With Practice](#) – Axiom Films: Released 3 December
- [Enemies of the People](#) – Dogwoof: Released 10 December
- [Loose Cannons](#) – Peccadillo Pictures: Released 17 December

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