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Ms Bold  
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Dear Ms Bold,

I understand that a team from your department wish to hear from people born before 1925 in Lowestoft, regarding films.

I was born in 1922, but as my family were poor I wasn't taken to the cinema very much, but from 1936 when I was earning my own living I went twice a week.

I can't remember many early films, although I did see the first talking picture with Al Jolson [referring to *The Jazz Singer*] shown at the Grand Cinema in 1928.

We have a very good local historian called Jack Rose and he could tell you about all the old cinemas – the Grand, Palace, Hippodrome etc.

I'm writing because I kept scrap books of films and film stars from 1936 onwards and as I have no relations they will probably be thrown out when I die, so if they are of any interest to you you are most welcome to have them.

Yours sincerely,

Doreen Lyell

MISS D. J. LYELL