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Andover

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Feb 8 1995

Dear Annette & Valentine [sic],

I was born in Andover in 1924 and was told by my mother that I was 1st taken to the cinema at the age of 6 months, which was usual in those days! However this is a bit too early for me to remember! I moved to Regents Park London, in 1926, aged 2. Until the war started when we moved back to my grandmothers house on Sept 2 1939. I have lived locally ever since.

The family always went to the "flicks" in London at least twice a week, it was the only entertainment there was for the workers, but during the war when the pictures changed every Monday & Thursday, we had 3 cinemas in a small town and often went 4/5 times a week, so I am able to tell my husband when an old film comes up on TV as I am passing through the room - after 1 shot - what the film was and who was in it! We continued to go after the War every week, but stopped about 1975 as my mother didn't like the new style films with so much bad language - & my older 2nd husband always fell asleep!

What would you like to know – I hope I can help you – as this was a great interest in my younger days – there was nothing else – no TV – Don't remember about British films before the war much – they were very poor – but during & after the war produced many marvellous action films which are still watchable today.

Where we lived in London, my father was caretaker & butler – there were dental surgeons upstairs, & he would say – peep up & see many famous film stars of the day – most memorable were Madeleine Carroll & Herbert Lom – so I always exclaim when I see him today still working! I used to take the 'Picturegoer' all the time & I also had several autographed 'stills' of the stars, alas now gone-

Look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly

Iris Alder Mrs.

Aged 70 but still with it! We also went to theatre a lot in London.