



CINEMA CULTURE IN 1930s BRITAIN
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Answer as many of the following questions as you can but do not worry if you cannot answer all of them. Simply tick the appropriate box(es) or write your answer in the space provided. If you wish to add any further comments please feel free to do so, using a separate sheet of paper. Thank you for your help.

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1. Are you

Male		Female	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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2. In which year were you born?

19 <u>09</u>

3. How old were you on your earliest visit to the pictures?

About <u>9</u> years old

4. At what stage of your life did you do most of your cinemagoing?

Between the ages of <u>9</u> and <u>18</u> years
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Questions 5 to 16 are about your main cinemagoing years, as indicated in your answer to question 4. If you have been a regular cinemagoer for many years, your answers should refer to *the 1930s only*.

5. Where did you live during your main cinemagoing years?

(state city, town or village, and county or district)

<u>WESTHOUGHTON, NR. BOLTON LANCES</u>
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6. On average, about how often did you go to the pictures?

More than 3 times a week <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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2 or 3 times a week <input type="checkbox"/>
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Once a week <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Less than once a week <input type="checkbox"/>
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7. When you went to the pictures, did you often or usually go
(please tick as many as apply to you)

On your own <input type="checkbox"/>
With friends of about your own age <input type="checkbox"/>
With family members <input type="checkbox"/>
With a boy friend or girlfriend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other(s) (please specify) <input type="checkbox"/>

8. How did you choose which films to go to? (please tick as many as apply to you)

I saw whatever happened to be on
Recommendations by friends/family
Favourite stars
Notices in newspapers, magazines, etc
Advertisements outside cinemas, posters etc

9. What was your favourite cinema? (please state name of cinema and village, town, suburb, or city district)

EMPIRE CINEMA, WESTHOUGHTON.

10. What did you like about this cinema? (use up to three words to describe it)

My favourite cinema was as above,
because it was local.

11. Did you have a favourite film star or stars

Yes | No

If yes, who were they? (up to three names)

Robert Donat, ROBERT MONTGOMERY.
MERLE OBERON

12. Do you recall any films that made a particularly strong impression on you?

Yes | No

If yes, which ones were they? (up to three titles)

13. Did you ever look at any film magazines?

Yes

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No



If yes, which? (please tick as many as apply to you)

Film Pictorial

Film Star Weekly

Film Weekly

Boys' Cinema

Girls' Cinema

Picturegoer

Picture Show

Other (please state) _____

14. Did you collect stars' photographs or autographs?

Yes

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No



If yes, whose?

15. Did you belong to any film star fan clubs?

Yes

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No



If yes, whose?

16. In your main cinemagoing years, did you enjoy any spare-time activities apart from going to the pictures?

Yes

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No

If yes, what were they? (please tick as many as apply to you)

Reading ✓

Dancing

Music hall, plays or other live theatre

Listening to radio ✓

Churchgoing, chapelgoing, etc

Youth club or organisations (e.g. Scouts)

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Political activity
Other clubs or societies
Sports and outdoor activities
Indoor hobbies
Jobs around the house and/or garden
Other (please state) _____

We would be grateful if you could answer the following questions about yourself, which will provide us with useful background information. If there are any which you prefer not to answer, please leave a blank.

Your name and address: _____
WESTHOUGHTON
ADA BELLIS _____

Where were you born? WESTHOUGHTON _____

Have you ever been married?

Yes _____ | No

Do you have children?

Yes _____ | No

At what age did you finish your full-time education? 14 years

What was your first job? as a weaver. _____

What has been your main occupation through life? (please state 'housewife' if applicable; and if you have had several occupations, please say what they were) Library Assistant _____

How did you find about about this project?

WESTHOUGHTON LOCAL HISTORY WORKSHOP _____

NOW PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE TO US IN THE
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Thank you for your help