

Cinemas, Films, Stars (in order of mention)

Synopsis: A great fan of Nelson Eddy and Jeanette MacDonald--their films and songs are referred to several times during the interview. Mrs Tarksky also liked "handsome men" stars like Errol Flynn; went to the pictures once a week, but was a keener reader, finishing the novel GWTW in two days. Occasionally went to live theatre in the city centre. Discussion reverts to the question of favourite stars, interspersed with comments and snippets of film world gossip. and Shirley Temple--after whom many children were named: "Whatever she played in was lovely"; George Formby "made you feel happy", comments on Gracie Fields's background and working life. Expresses a preference for "dramatic" films and enjoys comedy as well--recalls how seeing a funny film starring Joe E Brown jolted her out of a depression. Used to go dancing as well but was not "dancing mad". Memories of the cost of cinema tickets when children; recalls names of some of the numerous local cinemas attended during childhood--a 'walking tour' of seven within a mile of each other. The interview includes a long 'aside' exchange with a fellow resident about purchasing cosmetics.

Cinemas

Temple, Cheetham Hill Road, Manchester M8 8JA (*aka Temple Picturedrome, Temple Pictorium*)

Bijou Cinema, 160 Cheetham Hill Road, Manchester M8

Star NOT FOUND

Gaumont Manchester, 44-50 Oxford Street, Manchester M1 5EJ

Oxford, 36-38 Oxford Street, Manchester M1 5EJ (*aka New Oxford Theatre*)

Grosvenor Cinema, 137 Grosvenor Street, Manchester M1 7DZ (*aka Grosvenor Picture Palace*)

Riviera, Cheetham Hill Road and Queen's Road, Manchester, M8 8EP (*aka King George Cinema, Riviera Cinema-de-Luxe, Odeon Cheetham Hill*)

Premier Cinema, 461 Cheetham Hill Road, Manchester M8 9PA (*aka ABC Cheetham Hill*)

Premier Picture Hall, 382 Cheetham Hill Road, Manchester M89LS (*aka Greenhill Cinema*)

Shakespeare Cinema, Halliwell Lane, Cheetham M8 (*aka Continental, "The Shakey"*)

Films

[The Firefly 1937]

Naughty Marietta 1935

[Call of the Wild 1935]

Gone With The Wind 1939

[The Squall 1929]

Rose-Marie 1936

The Kid 1921

Shoulder Arms 1918

[Sing As We Go! 1934]

A Tale of Two Cities 1935

[The Inn of the Sixth Happiness 1958]

Mr Deeds Goes To Town 1936

Desert Song 1929 vsn?

[Jack and the Beanstalk?] NOT FOUND

Stars

Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy

Errol Flynn
Bette Davis
Loretta Young
Gary Cooper
Tyrone Power
Spencer Tracy
Barbara Stanwyck
Theda Bara
Charlie Chaplin
Gladys Cooper
Jane Withers
Shirley Temple
George Formby
Gracie Fields
Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers
Laurel and Hardy
Harold Lloyd
Fatty Arbuckle
Robert Donat
Joe E. Brown