

124 Names:

If I think of More will write again! Have kept copy! 95-79

CINEMA CULTURE IN 1930s BRITAIN

(please tick as many as apply to you)

1. Are you ☐ Male ☒ Female
2. In which year were you born? 19 24
3. How old were you on your earliest visit to the pictures?
About 1 years old
4. At what stage of your life did you do most of your picturegoing?
Between the ages of 10 and 40 years

FAMILIES ALL
WENT TOGETHER.
NO BABYSITTERS!

Questions 5 to 16 are about your picturegoing during the 1930s

5. Where did you live during the 1930s?
(state city, town or village; and county or district)
LONDON. PARK CRESCENT 'W.I. 1926-1939.

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6. On average, how often did you go to the pictures?

More than 3 times a week
2 or 3 times a week
Once a week
Less than once a week

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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
With friends of about your own age
With family members
With a boyfriend or girlfriend
Other(s) (please specify) _____

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8. How did you choose which pictures to go to? *impression?*
(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 ☒

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

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

DOMINION - TOTTENHAM COURT RD.

ODEON - EDGEWARE RD.

ALL LONDON

EARLIER
CINEMAS:
BLUE
HALL
EDGEWARE
RD.

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

My favourite cinema was

DOMINION -

ABOUT 4 p.m to 10.30 p.m.

TWO FULL LENGTH FILMS - NEWSREEL.

ALSO FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

TRAVELOQUE - 15 min STAGE SHOW - DANCERS
ACROBATS - SINGERS -
JUGGLERS. ETC.

11. Did you have a favourite film star or stars? Yes ☒
If yes, whose? No ☐

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

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

LESLIE HOWARD, RONALD COLMAN -

BETTE DAVIS.

CARY GRANT.

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)

WIZARD OF OZ.

BROADWAY MUSICALS.

THIRTY NINE STEPS.

235
205
13
(Madeline barrow used to
visit friends in the large
Mansion where we lived, apartments.)

Can you say why these films made such an impression?

Happy Stories

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13. Did you ever look at any film magazines?

Yes

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No

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

Film Pictorial

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Film Star Weekly

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Film Weekly

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Boys' Cinema

☐

Girls' Cinema

☐

Picturegoer

☒

Picture Show

☐

Other(s) (please state)

14. Did you collect stars' photographs or autographs?

Yes

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No

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If yes, whose?

AS MANY AS POSSIBLE!

300
As my friend next door had
father who worked
at American Embassy
she had enough for
Both of us.

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

Yes

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No

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If yes, whose?

16. In the 1930s, did you enjoy any spare-time activities apart from going to the pictures?

Yes

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No

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Only Reading -
Stories at School.

If yes, which of these did you do regularly?
(please tick as many as apply to you)

Answer the following questions about your-
important background information. However, if
there are any that you prefer not to answer, please leave a blank.

Reading

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Your name and address:

MRS IRIS ALGER

Dancing

14 MOORE CLOSE

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Music hall, plays or other live theatre

BRISTOL WAY

☐

Listening to wireless

HAMPDEN SP 10 ST.

☐

Churchgoing, chapelgoing, etc

☐

Where were you born?

Youth club or organisations (e g Scouts)

☐

Political activity

☐

Have you ever been married?

Other clubs or societies

Yes

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No

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'Courting'

☐

Do you have children?

Sports and outdoor activities

Yes

☐

No

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Indoor hobbies

☐

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

Jobs around the house and/or garden

☐

15 years

Other(s) (please state)

What was your first job?

CLERK

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)

HOUSEWIFE. AND THEN RUNNING OFFICE/WAREHOUSE

FOR LARGE SHOP (40-62)

QUESTIONS CONTINUE OVERLEAF

How did you find about about this research project?

POST OFFICE CARRIER I BELIEVE

NOW PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE TO US IN THE
ENCLOSED REPLY-PAID ENVELOPE

Thank you once again for your help

We would be grateful for your answers to the following questions about yourself, which will provide us with important background information. However, if there are any that you prefer not to answer, please leave a blank.

Your name and address: MRS. IRIS ALDER.
ANDOVER
HAMPSHIRE.

Where were you born? ANDOVER. HAMPSHIRE.

Have you ever been married? Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you have children? Yes ☒ No ☐

At what age did you finish your full-time education? 15 years

What was your first job? CLERK.

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)
HOUSEWIFE. AND THEN RUNNING OFFICE/WAREHOUSE
FOR LARGE SHOE REPAIR Co. FOR 22 YRS. (40-62)

How did you find about about this research project?
POST OFFICE COURIER. I BELIEVE.

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

American etc.

1930S FILM STARS.

(E) English

GLORIA SWANSON.
 GRETA GARBO.
 MARIE DRESSLER.
 CLAUDETTE COLBERT.
 MARGARET O'BRIEN (CHILD)
 CAROLE LOMBARD.
 ALICE FAYE.
 JANET GAYNOR.
 BARBARA STANWYCK.
 EVE ARDEN.
 CARMEN MIRANDA.
 ESTHER WILLIAMS. (SWIMMING)
 SONJA HEINTJE. (SKATING)
 MADELEINE CARROLL.
 JEAN HARLOW.
 NORMA SHEARER.
 BETTE DAVIS.
 IRENE DUNNE.
 KAY FRANCIS.
 MAE WEST.
 MAUREEN O'SULLIVAN.
 FAY WRAY. (in King Kong)
 MYRNA LOY.
 MARLENE DIETRICH.
 DOROTHY LAMOUR.
 JEAN ARTHUR.
 ROSALIND RUSSELL.
 SHIRLEY TEMPLE.
 RITA HAYWORTH.
 PAULETTE GODDARD.
 JOAN BLONDELL.
 ANN SOTHERN.
 HELEN HAYES.
 JANE WYMAN.
 GREER GARSON.

JAMES CAGNEY.
 NOAH BEERY, JR.
 WALLACE BEERY.
 VICTOR MC. LAGEN.
 EDWARD G. ROBINSON.
 CHARLES LAUGHTON.
 OTTO KRUGER.
 DON AMECHE.
 LESLIE FARRELL.
 BORIS KARLOFF. (E?)
 GEORGE BRENT.
 TOM MIX (COWBOY)
 HOPALONG CASSIDY "
 GABBY HAYES. "
 STERLING HAYDN.
 BEN LYON.
 ADOLPHE MENTOU.
 DON AMECHE.
 WARNER BAXTER.
 JOHN CARRADINE.
 WARNER OLAND (Fu Manchu Tec.)
 SIDNEY GREEN STREET.
 CHARLES BOYER.
 PAUL ROBESON. (Singer)
 ALAN JONES. "
 RONALD REAGAN.
 SABU.
 JOHNNY WEISMULLER.
 JACKIE COOPER.
 JACKIE COOGAN.
 WILLIAM POWELL.
 LEW AYRES.
 FATTY ARBUCKLE.
 LYLE TALBOT.
 ORSON WELLES.
 JON HALL.
 CONRAD VEIDT.
 THE FOUR MARX BROTHERS
 THE THREE STOOGES.
 FRANCHOT TONE.
 ROBERT TAYLOR.
 DEAD END KIDS.
 WAYNE MORRIS.
 ERROL FLYNN.
 DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS. SNR.
 LAUREL & HARDY

GERALD DU MAURIER.
 JACK BUCHANAN.
 JESSIE MATTHEWS.
 GRACIE FIELDS.
 BASIL RATHBONE.
 SIR CEDRIC HARDWICKE.
 CARY GRANT.
 SEBASTIAN SHAW.
 CHARLIE CHAPLIN.
 CONRAD NAGLE.
 ROBERT DONAT.
 OLIVIA DE HAVILLAND.
 JEAN FONTAINE.
 LESLIE HOWARD.
 VIVIEN LEIGH.
 MADELEINE CARROLL.
 RICHARD TAUBER.
 GRACE ?
 JACK WARNER.
 GERT + DAISY.
 STANLEY HOLLOWAY.
 JOHN CLEMENTS.
 IDA LUPINO.
 GEORGE SAUNDERS.
 MAURICE CHEVALIER. (FR)
 EMILYN WILLIAMS.
 PEGGY MOUNT ?
 HERBERT LOM.
 GLEN FORD.
 RAY MILLAND.
 SAM SOMERVILLE.
 JOSEPH COTTON.
 DICK POWELL.
 GEORGE RAFT.
 JOHN WAYNE.
 MELVYN DOUGLAS.
 FREDRIC MARCH.
 RALPH BELLAMY.
 RICARDO CORTES.
 CESAR ROMERO.
 DENNIS MORGAN.
 WALTER PIDGEON.

NOT FORGETTING
 FELIX THE
 CAT.
 BEFORE
 M. MOUSE.

from
 Mrs. Alder
 Andover

STAN

Live

FILMS. 1930's

Mrs.
Alder

Andover

HURRICANE. - DOROTHY LAMOUR - JON HALL.
THE CHAMPION - WALLACE BEERY - JACKIE COOPER or COOGAN.
HELLS KITCHEN. - DEAD END KIDS.
ANGELS WITH DIRTY FACES.
MIDNIGHT AT MADAME TUSSAUX. 1936. in ?
SAUNDERS OF THE RIVER. - PAUL ROBESON -
RASPUTIN THE RASCAL MONK.
HENRY VIII - CHARLES LAUGHTON - ELSA LANCHESTER.
CHARGE OF THE LIGHT BRIGADE
COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO.
Gunga Din - SABU.
THREE MUSKETEERS.
BEAU BRUMMELL.
FU MANCHU.
BULLDOG DRUMMOND.
IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT.
ZEIGFIELD FOLLIES.
DESTINY RIDES AGAIN.
BROADWAY MELODIES.
TARZAN FILMS - JOHNNY WEISMULLER - MAUREEN O'SULLIVAN.
ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT - LEW AYRES - (LATER 1ST. DR. KILDARE).
KING KONG - FAY WRAY.
HELLS ANGELS - JEAN HARLOW - BEN LYON.
THE THIN MAN - SERIES? WILLIAM POWELL - MYRNA LOY.
~~MIDNIGHT AT MADAME TUSSAUX.~~
" " ? Judy GARLAND - MICKEY ROONEY. A FILM ABOUT A FAMILY.
THE WEREWOLF. London?
MR. DEEDS GOES TO TOWN.
KINGS ROW. - RONALD REAGAN.
SECRET OF MADAME BLANCHE.
INTERMEZZO - 39/40? INGRID BERGMAN - LESLIE HOWARD.
THAT CERTAIN WOMAN.
THIRTY-NINE STEPS - ROBERT DONAT - MADELEINE CARROLL.
DARK VICTORY - BETTE DAVIS.
TRAIL OF THE LONESOME PINE
GRAPES OF WRATH
THE BRIDGE OF SAN LUIS RAY. GARY COOPER - Ingrid Bergman?

Seem to Remember the Stars More than the Films! Enjoyed them all!!

Strange how all these names came to mind after 50 + years!

I received your letter the day I went on holiday, so I was able to

relax and rack my brains for Names & familiar faces I remembered!

Dear
DR
Kuhn