

# News Information



Westcliff Film and Video Club

## Historic Movies on show at Oldest Yacht Club

Westcliff Film and Video Club are showing a programme of historic movies about Southend on **October 29<sup>th</sup>** to relive many of the changes in the resort we have seen over the last century and continue with the current work at Pier Hill.

*'We have got together with The Alexandra Yacht Club as a venue to show the films'* said Chris Taylor, the Club's Publicity Officer and organiser of the show, *'as it's the oldest in town and has a marvellous location in the very heart of historic Southend. The Club was founded in 1873 and we have a short programme about its history'*.

The movies, in the show come from Westcliff Film and Video Club's local collection, and from the **East Anglian Film Archive**, and show Southend as a resort right back to the beginning of the last century. They will be shown with new digital enhancement up there on the big screen. A new compilation about the pier includes views of the recent rebuilding at the entrance and at the seaward end.

The show will include items about the carnival over the years from the twenties to the eighties, and has one or two 'very famous faces' who have visited Southend, including royalty, TV personalities and of course, a word from Westcliff Film and Video Club's late Patron, Alfred Hitchcock.

*'These shows are always popular'* says Chris Taylor *'we try to make them both nostalgic and fun, all for a couple of pounds. In the past we have had audience members in tears one minute, with memories of shared days with loved ones in Southend, and in hysterics the next, at some of the antics of the town's trippers'. We are not even against being a bit controversial once in a while, especially if, as is often the case, we have someone from the Civic Centre in the audience!'*

With many hours of material to choose from, the shows always contains fresh items, often donated by local people who captured an event on their movie cameras and then forgot about it for years! A new feature this time, will be an all-time newsreel of events like a Viscount crash at the airport, the demise of The Guinness Clock and the early days of the then Hammerson Development in the trendy sixties!

Tickets will be available from Alexandra Yacht Club, Clifton Terrace, Southend (at the end of Royal Terrace) during Club open hours in the afternoons and evenings. The number is 01702 340363. Westcliff Film and Video Club's enquiry number is 01702 545207 and details will be available on the Club's Website.

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