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Archives of the Towcester Film Society (formerly the Blakesley and Greens Norton Film Society) deposited by Mrs. S. Ranson (former Secretary).

The Blakesley and Greens Norton Film Society held its inaugural meeting on 25 September 1963. Initially meetings were held fortnightly at Blakesley and Pattishall village halls alternately, although the Society eventually settled at Blakesley. In 1971 it moved to Towcester, meeting at the Community Centre in Islington Road. In 1973 it changed its name to Towcester Film Society. It was dissolved in 1984.

ZB 513/

Minutes

1. Minute book of Committee Meetings and, 1965-1969
reversed at end, Annual General Meetings.
25 Feb. 1965 - 28 Aug. 1969.
Enclosures: related jottings (/1-2).
2. Minute book etc. (as above) 1969-1978
17 Sep. 1969 - 22 May 1978.
3. Minute book etc. (as above) 1978-1984
3 Jul. 1978 - 17 May 1984.
Enclosures: TS flimsy copy statements
of provisional Income and Expenditure
for 1983/84 season.
4. Folder entitled 'Committee Meeting Agendas 1963-1973
and Minutes'.
Includes envelope containing 'All Risks'
and Public Liability Insurance policies (1963/4);
envelope containing Public Liability insurance
policy (1964/5); TS copies of Committee meeting
agendas and minutes, 1963-1965; statements of
accounts, balance sheets etc., 1964-1973; TS
Committee questionnaire returns (numbered 1-15)
recording members' views re membership, films,
presentation, finance and general matters, 1973/4.

Correspondence

5. Loose leaf ring book containing 1963-1964
correspondence with, inter alia, the Rank Film Society re its services and facilities; the British Film Institute and the Federation of Film Societies re the constitution of the Society, registration as a corporate member of the B.F.I., opening of accounts etc; and the Performing Right Society re licences for performing musical works in connection with Film Shows.
6. Bundle of enclosures found within ZB 513/5. 1970-1971
Comprises bundle of correspondence with the B.F.I. re corporate membership subscription 1970-1971; TS list of films provisionally selected for 1972/3 season; MS statistical details of 47 returns to a questionnaire posed to members by the Committee as in ZB 513/4 (filled in on a questionnaire form); 2 B.F.I. corporate membership cards, 1970/71.
7. Folder entitled 'Rules and Constitution'. 1963-1973
Includes TS copies of Constitution and Rules of Membership; provisional selections of films and booking lists for 1963/4, 1969/70, 1970/1 and 1971/2 seasons; correspondence with, inter alia, the British Federation of Film Societies, Neall Cinemas (Woodford) Ltd. (Towcester Cinema), the Mobile Film Unit (Northampton), Towcester R.D.C., and Society members re membership of the British Federation, recruitment, canvassing and expansion of Society membership, payment of members' subscriptions, displays at Towcester Show (1968 and 1969), car-parking facilities, Local Authority financial support, attendance figures, arrangements for use of Towcester cinema for film performances by the Society, projectionists' charges, Film Society advertising, and securing guest speakers for lectures including a series of biographical details of speakers on the B.F.I. lecture panel; membership lists, 1971/2 and 1972/3 seasons; newspaper cuttings reviewing showings etc.; membership cards, 1969/70.

8. Folder entitled 'Correspondence'. 1974-1984
 Includes correspondence with the British Federation of Film Societies and East Midlands Arts re running and financing the Society, promotion and publicity efforts, applications for financial assistance, restrictions on advertising et al; sundry correspondence re membership subscriptions and film programmes, booking of Towcester Community Hall et al; TS copies of provisional programmes, 1974/5 - 1981/2 seasons; receipts and payments accounts sheet, 1976/7; papers re New Kettering Film Society's project to establish a County/regional film archive; membership list, 1983/4 season.

Miscellaneous and printed

9. Folder entitled 'Posters, Newsletters'. 1964-1984
 Includes printed publicity brochure/programmes (seasonal) which include brief descriptions of films, names and addresses of the Committee, details of subscription rates etc., 1969/70 - 1983/4 seasons (more than one copy for most years); TS copies of the Society newsletters 'Bang' Nos. 1-6 (1972-1973) and "Towspools" Vol 2 No.1 (Sep/Oct. 1974), Vol. 3 No.1 (Aug/Sep. 1975), Vol. 5 No. 1 (Sep/Oct. 1977), Vol. 6 No. 6 (Mar. 1979), Nov/Dec. 1979, Feb. 1980, Feb/Mar. 1980, Vol. 8 No. 4 (Jan/Feb. 1981) Vol. 9 Nos. 3-5 (Nov/Dec. 1981 - Feb. 1982), Vol. 10 Nos. 1-5 (Sep/Oct. 1982 - Jan/Feb. 1983), Vol. 11 Nos. 1-2 (Sep/Oct. 1983 - Nov/Dec. 1983); TS Notices re Annual General Meetings with details of provisional programmes, related circulars, handbills and leaflets, 1964-1971; printed membership cards for 1966/67 - 1969/70, 1973/4 and 1975/6 seasons.