



Oxen Park Cinema Club

Secretary's Annual Report 2017 – 2018 (read at the 2018 AGM)

I have great pleasure in presenting the secretary's report for 2018.

We have had an outstanding year beating all previous numbers. We now have over 120 members which is a great recognition of your support.

Here are some annual statistics:

Over the past season we showed 25 main films. This was composed of 18 main films with 7 extra showings.

The films with most attendance were those with double showings: Eagle Huntress came out top with 71, then Sherpa with 69 and Lion with 64. Our lowest turnout was a respectable 25 for The Fencer.

Total admissions went up to 794 from 607 and 523 before that. The overall average attendance for 25 films went up to 32 from 30. We have remained more than sustainable again as you will hear from our treasurer. All this is a reflection of our increasing popularity.

Checking out the bead pot feedback system we only had 3 double no-smileys and 10 single non-smileys over the whole year so we think we have got the film choice just about right knowing that we can't please everyone all the time.

Our 12 Thursday after school children's films continued to be popular with the Leven Valley School children. We had a total attendance of 451 which includes 40 adults – a mix of supervising staff, parents and grand-parents. As well as the popular modern animations such as Cars 3 we showed some old films like the 1940 Thief Of Bagdad and The 1957 Singing Ringing Tree both part of our mission to introduce a variety of film types and genre. Thanks again to Gay who helped out with most of these films.

The Carthouse was hired out to 5 groups this year and we also showed another six presentations on behalf of the Oxen Park Reading Room. These were

popular fund raising evenings making a significant contribution to refurbishing The Reading Room

We still have the ability and knowledge to take our mobile equipment out of Oxen Park. As well as our annual show at Finsthwaite we also went to Grange, to show Paddington 2 and Star Trek and arranged a film licence for Crosthwaite to show The Martian.

Last year we were all set to show some Live Theatre shows. However, the system failed because of a Microsoft glitch which is still to be sorted. It is still on out agenda and hope it will be forthcoming before too long.

Our free to borrow DVD library continues to grow.

The 8-10 volunteer committee members continue to put in a lot of their time enabling our cinema to be managed in a sociable and sustainable way. This year we lose Mike and Norma Atherton who have moved a long way to Burneside . They are great film watchers and critics and we have missed their thoughtful input on film choices. We have recently gained Claire Allison who has already shaken up our rural relaxed approach with her introduction of Cinema Club Facebook and Twitter accounts; thanks Claire.

Roger has continued to design our remarkable and collectable posters and Iain Smith Ward is to be thanked for his input into printing the posters and designing the programme layout every year.

The Manor House with the Carthouse Cinema and the newly refurbished Village Hall make the Oxen Park community one to be envied. We love being part of it and enjoy all the benefits which have developed with cross over events and good sociability.

As always I would like to thank all our film sponsors, the programme advertisers and all our members & everyone who has come to any of our films. Without you we wouldn't survive as a social and sustainable organisation. Special thanks to Sue McKinnon who remains our webmaster, for all her work in looking after the website, thanks Sue.

Finally - As always: Do keep coming. Enjoy the films. Bring your friends.

Thank you.

Carol McNeill September 2018