

## WELCOME BACK!

The weather has been pretty gloomy, the National news depressing but some relief is at hand...the eighth Reel People season is now less than one month away.

A big welcome back to all those wonderfully loyal members from previous years and a special welcome to the new ones! Our season proper starts on 16 September with the superb American comedy 'Sideways'. but of course before that we have our fifth annual FREE outdoor show. More details below - see 'Dust off your Crinoline'. This year's show is a week earlier than usual so hopefully it may be just that little bit warmer. We do hope lots of you will come along to what promises to be great evening. If you are coming along don't forget something to sit on and some warm clothing. This year we are combining our film guide and programme into the same booklet and this should be with you within the next two weeks. Printed in full colour throughout it has been designed by Lizzy King and includes detailed reviews of each of the films including those featured as 'Special Events' written by members of the committee. By special request the booklet will include a double page pull out for the season for you to pin up in your kitchen or by the phone. When you receive the programme you will notice that we have made a alteration to the original draft programme issued to you back in the Spring. Our screening of 'A Very Long Engagement' will now be delayed until March 2006 to

enable us to screen 'Photos to Send' in November. We are hopeful that the film's director, Dierdre Lynch will be joining us from the US to introduce the film. This wonderful film has no distribution deal in the UK but we have special permission from Dierdre to screen it.

**Barry Fowler**



*Our exclusive screening of the wonderful 'Photos to Send' will now take place in November as we hope the film's director, Dierdre Lynch will be able to join us for the evening.*

## DUST OFF YOUR CRINOLINE

*Superb new adaptation of classic novel for our annual free outdoor film*



### VANITY FAIR (cert PG)

*Saturday 27 August 2005*

*Picnics from 6.30pm. Film at around 8.15pm.*

*Live music from 7pm. Show ends 10.45pm*

To begin the Reel People season of 2005/6, join us on Kilmersdon Village Playing Field (behind the Village Hall) for a free open-air screening of the exciting 2004 adaptation of Vanity Fair starring Reese Witherspoon.

Adapted by Julian Fellowes (Gosford Park), Mira Nair's expansive adaptation of Thackeray's 'novel without a hero' impresses with its vivacity and colour. The Indian motif explores the story's colonial themes while adding the glamour and chutzpah of the current trend, Bollywood. The film is a sumptuous feast of brilliance and colour from beginning to end. With elegant costumes, beautiful scenery (much of it filmed in and around Bath), and soaring score, this is one of the few successful attempts to adapt an exceptional novel. The film will no doubt create a real party atmosphere, so bring the whole family, dress for the occasion and enjoy a picnic before the film begins. To entertain before the film we are delighted that RP member and Sax Man, Marcus Mohn will return with his band 'Highlife' and play their own special blend of Jazz from about 7pm.

Our good friend George May of Pyjama Pictures will be presenting the film on his giant screen. George is now exceptionally busy on outdoor events with the National Trust & English Heritage, among others, so we are really pleased to welcome him back to Kilmersdon this year for our fifth annual outdoor show.

Of course, when it's a Reel People event, you know it's not just going to be a regular open-air film screening! Again, we will have competitions for Best Fancy Dress and Best Picnic, so dig out your Regency or Indian togs, conjure up a feast and get down the Village Playing Field (behind the Village Hall) on Saturday 27 August.

And don't forget - tell or bring your friends! Last year we had an audience of around 600 for our screening of Pirates of the Caribbean and the atmosphere was fantastic. So let's see a bumper audience again this year! With this 'Newsreel' you will receive two flyers advertising the show please display one in your car and pass the other to a friend.

**Nicki Grant**

## MEMBERSHIP FOR 2005/6

Undaunted at the prospect of stepping into the shoes of Reel People pioneering membership secretary Sarah Fowler, long-term member Helen Charlton was bathed in a baptism by paper: "Succeeding with a 130+ mailshot only two weeks after joining the committee was a major achievement," says Helen.

She would like to thank all RP members for returning their forms and fees so promptly. "As a result I don't think the postman can comprehend my sudden popularity!" adds Helen. Her greatest wish is now to put faces to all those names - no doubt she'll do her best!

Membership stands at around 174, with enough space for newcomers to still join. If you have any enquiries please telephone Helen on 01761 433036 between 8 and 9pm weekdays.

**Helen Charlton**

**Ticket Enquiries & Bookings 01761 439075 (6.30-7.30pm)**

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## WWW.REELPEOPLE.ORG.UK

Reel People Film Society has had a website on the internet for over three years now, and each year the existing pages get added to, so at the last count the website comprised over 30 pages with 125 pictures....

### **And what will you find there....?**

The website currently includes:

- Regularly changing news headline reminding you of the things coming up,
- News articles on film events as they happen (see pictures from the outdoor films and special events on the website within a few days of the event happening).
- News articles and summary reviews of the next film coming up in the season.
- Information on the history of the society, its awards and its committee,
- Reviews of the films in the season and reviews of all the films from the previous three seasons.
- And an archive of previous news items

### **Website for 2005/6**

By the end of August (when holidays are over and we have had a chance to update the site for the new season) you will have the usual calendar of the film events for the new 2005/6 season as well as reviews of all the films in the season. And why bother with these reviews?, Well these reviews will be different from those found in your members programme, from different sources, so may offer slightly different aspects on each film)...and as you'd expect the website also has links to film related websites as well as local arts and cultural

websites or just local sites of interest.

### **Can I contribute....?**

We welcome any film reviews or articles that you may wish to send in to be put on the website. An article of 3 or 4 paragraphs with a picture (jpeg format approx 40k) can be added to the website news page at any time, so please email us any contributions.

So now you're thinking...uummmm, maybe I should visit the website, after all my membership fee does pay for it, and I have internet access during lunch/evening/at the local library, I should check the site out once every few weeks or between each film.

### **And does anyone visit the society's website...?**

In the last year since August 2004, we had 14000 visitors with a record 1197 visitors just in May 2005.

### **And where do these visitors come from....?**

Well apart from the obvious UK and US visitors other visitors came from...Australia, Canada, Italy, Singapore, Portugal, Poland, Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Germany, New Zealand (Aotearoa), Russian Federation, United States, Finland, Slovak Republic, Australia, Switzerland, Denmark, Ireland, South Africa, Cote D'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), Lithuania, Estonia, Iran, Belgium, France, Norway, Taiwan, Guatemala, Hong Kong, Mexico to list but a few.

### **And the strangest place so far...?**

My personal favourite so far has to be from back in August 2004 when the website topped 1000 visitors in a month for the first time, and by taking a close look I noticed down in 24th place of the highest visitors was a little place called Niue (one of the Cook Islands).

**So if the Niueans have visited, don't you think its time you added [www.reelpeople.org.uk](http://www.reelpeople.org.uk) to your internet favourites list and checked out the site every so often...?**

**Stuart Grant**

## MEET YOUR COMMITTEE 05/06

### **Dawn Townsend – Treasurer**

Dawn and her husband Alan have been members for some time and helped out at a number of events even before Dawn became a committee member. Dawn continues in her role of treasurer this year, banking all takings and presenting accounts.

### **Chris Mooreshead – Secretary**

Chris has been both a member and a sponsor of the film society before joining the committee in March 2005. As well as taking on the general secretary role she has also taken on the minutes for all RP meetings.

### **Helen Charlton – Membership Secretary**

After being a member for five years, Helen joins the RP committee as membership secretary, a role performed in the past by Sarah Fowler. See more on Helen's work and the membership elsewhere in the newsletter.

### **Jane Lewis – Guest & Special Ticket Sales**

Local councillor and film lover, Jane has been on the committee for the past six years. Having been responsible for special ticket sales last year, Jane takes on the extra role of guest ticket sales. You can book your guest tickets at film events or alternatively through the RP enquiry & booking line – 01761 439075.

### **Kevin Davis – Sponsorship Co-ordinator**

After the great success of his first year as sponsorship co-ordinator, with the highest level of sponsorship ever received by RP, Kevin continues in the role this year. Sponsors have already been found for every film in the coming season, including a number of completely new sponsors.

### **Tony Matthews – Hall Manager & Quizmaster**

Tony continues as hall manager for the fourth year running. Tony designed and made the new wire cages for the speakers (which you'll see this season). As resident quizmaster he will continue to provide entertaining and thought-provoking questions throughout the year!

### **Maggie Horrill – Bar Manager**

Maggie continues as manager of the bar and kiosk. Along with Tony, Maggie does all the stock purchasing for the bar and organises the special licenses required for the outdoor film and other special events.

### **Lizzy Ashard (King) – Advertising**

Lizzy continues as our promotions designer, putting her skills into designing and eye-catching and user-friendly film guide, tickets,

leaflets and posters.

### **Nicki Grant – Press & Publicity /Shorts**

Nicki has been a committee member for three years and continues in her publicity role, writing press releases and reviews and organising photo calls when necessary. She and Stuart will be taking over the newsletter this year, also, so please get in touch if you have any ideas for articles.

### **Stuart Grant – Website & H&S rep /Shorts**

Stuart remains as website designer and host, updating news, special events and collating web reviews. Stuart also remains as health & safety rep. Stuart and Nicki also organise the short films in the season, so do get in touch if you have any films you'd would like us to consider.

### **Dennis Taylor – Projectionist**

Dennis returns as a full time committee member this year and continues as the society's main projectionist.

### **Barry Fowler – Chairman**

Barry has been a member of Reel People since its inception over seven years ago and has been chairman for the past six. In addition to carrying out the jobs nobody else wants (!) Barry also orders every film, organises the powerpoint presentations that you all enjoy before the main feature and deals with equipment & insurance issues. With Sarah, Barry mans the RP telephone enquiry & booking line on 01761 439075 which is open for 'business' each weekday evening 6.30 – 7.30pm.



**The award winning comedy 'Sideways' opens our 'indoor' season on Friday 16 September at Kilmersdon Village Hall**