

# Come and Join your friends on the CTC 'Projectionists' Day Out' in Newport Saturday May 22nd 2010



**BOOK NOW - [www.bksts.com](http://www.bksts.com)**

**Enjoy the chance to look around the burgeoning new cinema museum, before it officially opens, where you will be able to get 'hands-on' with a wide range of classic cinema equipment and to talk with friends and colleagues on a completely relaxed trip to South Wales. Come along and get involved!**

It is not often that those in the projection business can get together for long enough to talk about the business, to catch up on what is happening to old friends, and to generally 'chew the fat' about how things used to be and whether or not they will be getting better, so for some time the Cinema Technology Committee has been thinking about how to organise a day out that would appeal to as many people as possible.

The article elsewhere in this issue about Chris Plaister's efforts with a team of volunteers at the old Odeon in Newport raised the suggestion, that Chris readily agreed to, that the Odeon Newport, packed as it is with a wide range of classic cinema equipment and memorabilia, would be an ideal venue for such a get-together. **We have therefore arranged that Chris and his team will make the place open to Cinema Technology readers and friends from 1100 to 4pm on Saturday May 22nd.**

Attendees will be able to wander round at will and examine and touch many of the old projectors and the vast range of other cinema and TV equipment that has been assembled as the core of a potential cinema museum.

The intention is for this to be a 'fun day' and certainly not a formal training course, but having all that equipment available, some of it working, will also give us the chance to put on some 'educational' events. For those who have attended our Projectionists' Training courses this year it will also

be a unique chance to get involved with 'hands-on' experience of some of the important topics that our lecturers covered during those courses and to see the recommended methods put into practice.

**Ideas so far** include getting Nigel Shore to do a live demonstration of the 'maximising projector performance' talk that he does on our training courses, including lens alignment, gate adjustments, focussing anamorphic lenses, shutter phasing, using the PA-35 / RP40 test chart to detect and correct numerous faults. Nigel will have a projector to take to bits, plus a working one on which to demonstrate how alignments should be carried out.

On a more nostalgic theme we should be able to find an expert to demonstrate his skills in getting the carbon arcs working to perfection in one of the museum's old carbon arc projectors that is still in good working order (I saw an old 'Look at Life' movie from this projector when I last went to Newport) and we promise to have plenty of more modern kit available too!

Nigel Wolland will have a couple of rewind benches and loads of film available to give demonstrations of film-splicing techniques, and he will certainly be happy to encourage people to have a go for themselves, and to show how splicing machinery can be kept at its best.

Dion's talks explaining how projectionists can make a huge difference

to the sound that they provide for all sorts of 'alternative content' events have proved very popular at the training courses, so up in the top foyer of the cinema he will have a sound system and video projector to give practical demonstrations of what can be achieved.

The old Newport Odeon is only a few minutes from junction 25 of the M4 Motorway, and a few minutes walk from Newport railway station which is served by trains from all directions, including London, Manchester, Gloucester, Bristol, the West of England, and even Brighton, so it should be straightforward to arrange a good Saturday excursion.

There will be a charge of £7.50 to cover any overheads for the day, and we hope to be in a position to give a donation to the museum trustees after the event. Teas and coffees, maybe sandwiches and cakes, will be on sale in the original Cafe bar area of the old Odeon, and there are several cafes and eating places within a few minutes walk of the premises.

**Please book through [www.bksts.com](http://www.bksts.com), where credit card payments will be taken, or if you can't do that contact [cinematech@btinternet.com](mailto:cinematech@btinternet.com) or ring Dion hanson on 0116 279 3222**

**And since this is being written in February to go into the March magazine, do check on the web [www.bksts.com](http://www.bksts.com) before you travel to Newport in May!**