

Circle Eight Film Group

Films for Hire

A comprehensive list of films
currently available for hire from
Guildford's award-winning film makers



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CIRCLE EIGHT'S FILMS FOR HIRE



Over the past 50 years, the Circle Eight Film Group - Guildford's Award-Winning Film Makers - have produced more than 200 separate films and videos and won more than 130 movie awards at International, National and Regional Festivals and Competitions.

Circle Eight's Film Library of local interest films and other movies is extensive, covering a wide range of subjects that will appeal to all ages and tastes.

These films are available for hire – together with projection equipment and an operator – by any group, club, business or local society in the Guildford area.

Organisations regularly booking Circle Eight's shows include local history societies, local Clubs with AGMs, Women's Institutes, Townswomen's Guilds, retirement Associations, disability Groups, village associations, firms and businesses.

A list of our charges and hire conditions can be found on the centre pages of this booklet and we look forward to showing you more of our movies in the not too distant future.

**To book a show, please call
Circle Eight on 01483-222534 or for
further information, please visit our
website at.....**

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Circle Eight Film Group, West Clandon, Guildford, Surrey. GU4 7UJ

Guildford in the Great War

Running Time : 1 hour 10 minutes



Circle Eight's locally acclaimed documentary, produced to mark the anniversary of the start of the First World War, recalling how the town's everyday life changed during the four years of hostilities between August 1914 and November 1918.

The film also recalls the 492 men from Guildford, who enlisted for active service on the Western Front and never returned to their home town.

**Narrated by
MATTHEW ALEXANDER**

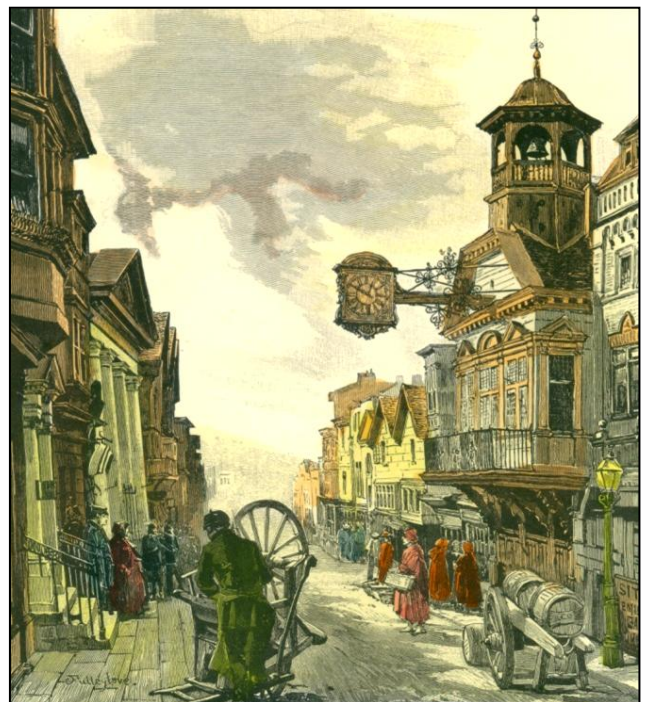
The Tales of Old Guildford

**1000 Years of the Borough's History, Legends and Folklore
explored by MATTHEW ALEXANDER & DAWN OWERS**

Running Time: 1 hour 10 minutes

featuring the following local stories.....

- The Legend of the Silent Pool
- The Guildford Massacre of 1036
- The Rabbit Woman of Godalming
- The anchoress of Shere
- The Story of the Clandon Dragon
- Guildford's Guy Riots of 1863
- The Story of the Onslow Family
- Chilworth's Gunpowder Works
- Stephen Langton & St. Martha's Chapel



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The Tales of Old Surrey

More History & Legends explored by MATTHEW ALEXANDER & DAWN OWERS
as seen from their Hot Air Balloon flying over West Surrey

Running Time : 1 hour 31 minutes



featuring the following local stories.....

- The Alchemist of Stoke
- The Foolish Villagers of Pirbright
- Matthew Trigg & Ash Steeple
- Shere's Rough Music
- Brooklands ~ Britain's Cradle of Aviation
- Ripley ~ The Mecca for all good cyclists
- The Earl who couldn't stop building
- The Ghost of the Leatherhead Organist
- The Great Guildford Panic of 1688

The Tales of the Pilgrims Way

The History and Legends associated with the ancient pilgrim's route from Winchester to
Canterbury, across Hampshire, Surrey and Kent

Running Time :1 hour 34 minutes

featuring the following stories....

- The Murder of Thomas Becket
- The Patron Saint of Winchester
- Jane Austen's Days at Chawton
- Farnham's Kindly Witch
- Guildford's Last Hanging
- The Miller of Reigate Hill
- The Holy Rood of Boxley
- Canterbury's Jealous Cook
- Henry II's Pilgrimage of Penance



Royal Guildford

MATTHEW ALEXANDER tells the Story of the Borough of Guildford and the Kings and Queens of England from Saxon Times to the present day

Running time : 1 hour 17 minutes



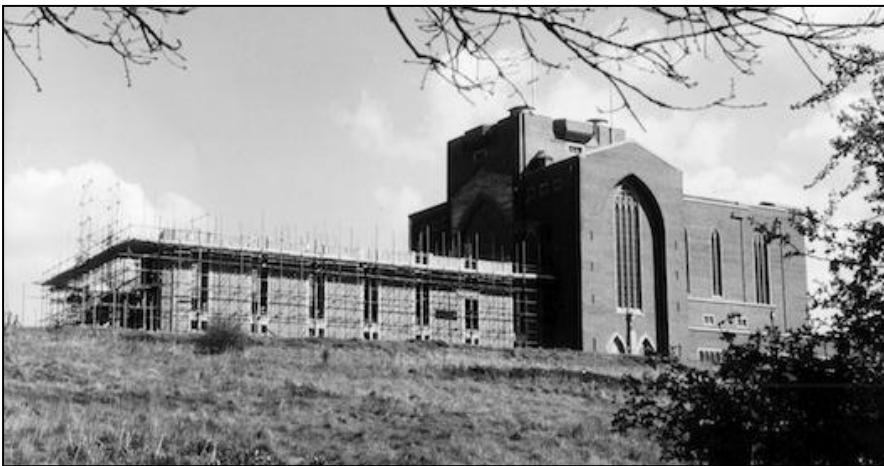
Since Saxon times, when 'Gyldaforda' became established as a riverside settlement in the 5th Century, the Kings and Queens of England have been frequent visitors to the Borough. King John, Henry III and Edward III owned a luxurious medieval palace here and Henry VIII, Elizabeth I, James I, Charles II, George I, Queen Victoria and Elizabeth II have all visited Guildford during their reigns.

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The Story of Guildford Cathedral

Running Time : 57 minutes

AWARD WINNER



Using rarely seen archive film, Circle Eight tells the story of one of Guildford's most famous buildings, including the laying of the foundation stone in 1936; the half-finished building on Stag Hill and its uses during World War Two; the buy-a-brick for 2/6 campaign of 1952; the Cathedral pilgrimage to start building the Nave in 1955; the consecration in the presence of the Queen in 1961 and the events during the cathedral's Silver Jubilee in 1986 and its Golden Jubilee in 2011.

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GUILDFORD....THIS IS GUILDFORD!

The Story of Guildford's Railways

Running Time:- 49 minutes

AWARD WINNER



On May 5th 1845, the first train steamed into Guildford Station and changed Surrey's ancient county town forever. The impact of the railway on the town was so great, that, by 1900, Guildford's population had trebled and the town found itself at the centre of a busy rail network, which became one of the most important railway junctions in Southern England.

Narrated by **BOB SYMES-SCHUTZMANN**

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THE LIFE & TIMES OF LEWIS CARROLL

Running Time:- 48 minutes

AWARD WINNER



This documentary was first produced in 1998 to mark the centenary of Lewis Carroll's death. The film tells the story of this author's life in Guildford and Oxford; how 'Alice in Wonderland' came to be written and the true story of Alice, the Dean's daughter, who inspired one of the most famous children's stories in the World.

GRANDAD'S PICTURE PALACE

Running Time:- 1 hour 17 minutes



Guildford's first film show took place on December 9th 1896 in the town's old Borough Hall. 'Grandad's Picture Palace' traces the story of Guildford's Cinemas and Surrey's Pioneer Film Makers, taking a retrospective glance at some of the movies that captivated the town's cinema audiences in years gone by.

THE STORY OF GUILDFORD

Running Time:- 13 minutes

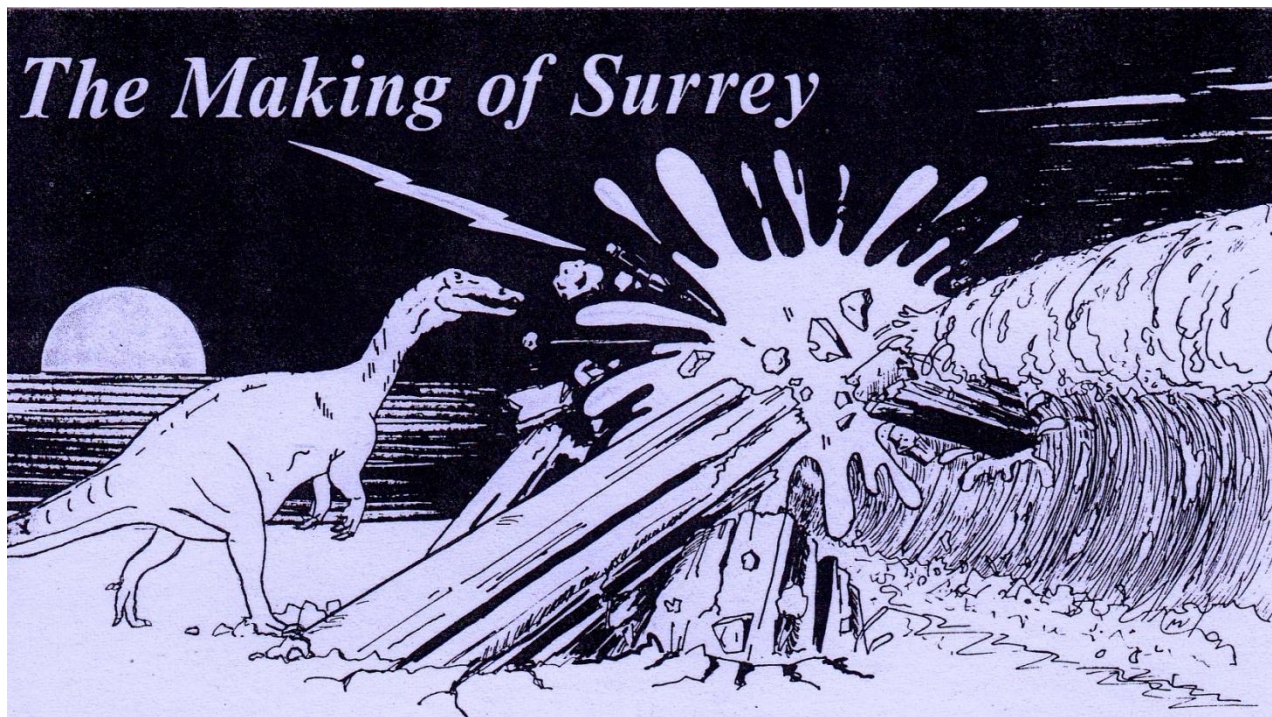
AWARD WINNER

MATTHEW ALEXANDER tells the story of Guildford's development from the days of the 5th Century riverside settlement to the modern University town of today



- 'Gyldeforda' or The Golden Ford
- The Medieval Royal Palace
- The Wealthy Wool Town
- Archbishop George Abbot
- The Coaching Trade
- The Arrival of the Railways
- Famous Guildford Personalities
- The Building of the Cathedral
- The University of Surrey

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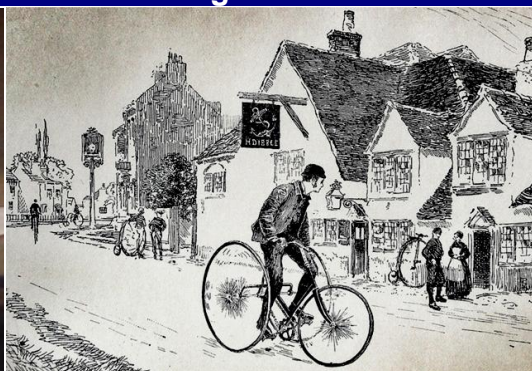
Circle Eight's cartoon depicts in a light hearted way how the county of Surrey has been geologically formed over millions of years. Although simplified, the various stages of Surrey's evolution are depicted as they are believed to have happened. In just under six minutes, the county's geological history is zipped through at an average rate of one million years per second!

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SURREY TALES

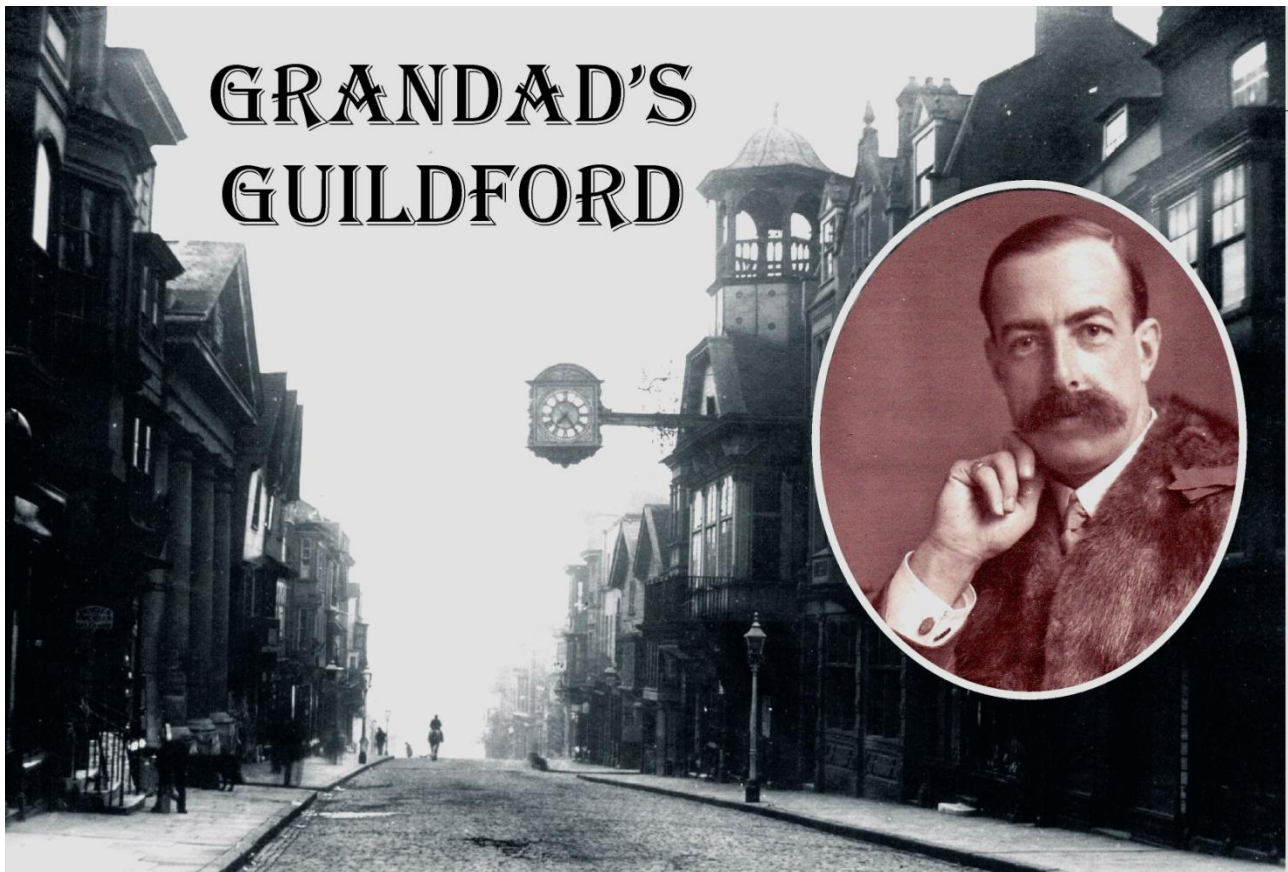
Narrated by MATTHEW ALEXANDER & DAWN OWERS

Running time : 44 minutes



An aerial tour of West Surrey villages in search of more Legends and Folklore :

ASH - 'Tale of Matthew Trigg & Ash Steeple' RIPLEY - 'The Mecca for all Good Cyclists'
BOX HILL - 'Major Labelliere's Eccentric Funeral' HORSLEY - 'Sir Walter Raleigh's Head'
PIRBRIGHT - 'The Foolish Villages' SEND - 'The Village where they shoe dead horses'



'Grandad's Guildford' is a Victorian Magic Lantern slide show that features a unique collection of historic glass slides that are rarely shown in public and show the town as it was 150 years ago in Victorian and Edwardian times. Many of these images were taken at the time of the dawn of photography in the 1860s and provide today's Guildfordians with a view of how today's familiar locations looked in days gone by.

The Mayors of Guildford



Since the first Mayor of Guildford was appointed in 1362, the role of the town's first citizen has been held by over 600 people. Here is a chance to learn about some of the distinguished, successful, philanthropic, scandalous, barbaric and devious citizens that have held the office down the years!

Hire Charges and Conditions



Our current rates for film shows are based on the size of the audience and include the hire of the films, a screen and all the necessary projection equipment, plus an operator.

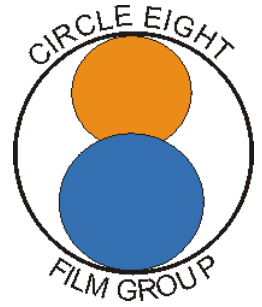
Our basic charge for all shows is £70 for an audience of up to 50 people. For an audience over 50 people, an additional charge of £1 per head is payable.

Our conditions are as follows:-

1. Payment for any performance becomes due after the conclusion of any show. We accept cheques or cash but not credit cards. Cheques should be made payable to the **Circle Eight Film Group**.
2. In order to set up our equipment, we will require access to your venue at least 45 minutes before the start of any show. We might also need to take a look at your venue before the actual day of your show.
3. Circle Eight reserve the right to show their films at their total length. No cuts or shortened versions are permitted.
4. Circle Eight also reserve the right to sell programmes and DVDs of their films to the audience at any of our shows.
5. We can also provide computer generated artwork for posters and leaflets to advertise your Circle Eight show, at a small extra charge.
6. We are all bound in law by the Licensing Act 2003. Under this legislation, your venue must possess a suitable licence from your local Council to enable you to show films to the general public.

THE CIRCLE EIGHT STORY

Circle Eight was founded in 1964, when a small group of school leavers got together and started making movies on the Standard 8mm film gauge.....hence the name. Today, the same circle of friends are still together producing films and videos and have become one of the best known amateur movie-making groups in the United Kingdom.



In the Group's early years, Circle Eight produced a procession of slapstick comedies but these comedies changed to horror in 1970, when the Group produced **'The Haunting'**, which proved to be so convincingly horrific that Circle Eight won three of the top awards at the London Amateur Film Festival the following year. Since then, the Group has gone on to produce 207 film and stage productions and their trophy cabinet now contains 138 awards, gained at National and Regional Film Festivals at home and abroad.

Since the 1980s, Circle Eight have become well known to local audiences in and around Guildford for their many local interest history films that feature the tales, legends and folklore of West Surrey.

The first of these was **'The Tales of Olde Guildford'**, which was produced in 1984, followed by its sequel **'The Tales of Olde Surrey'** five years later in 1989. Both films have now been seen by over 50,000 people at showings all over Surrey and in other parts of Great Britain.

More local interest movies followed. **'Guildford....This is Guildford'**, the story of the town's railways was premiered in 1995; **'Grandad's Picture Palace'** to celebrate the centenary of the cinema in 1996 and **'The Life & Times of Lewis Carroll'** in 1998.

Circle Eight celebrated the Millennium with the completion of its third 'tales' feature **'The Tales of the Pilgrims Way'**, which traced the history and legends to be found along the route of the ancient Pilgrims Way between Winchester and Canterbury. Started in 1993, this major production took seven years to complete and was the last Circle Eight movie to be produced using 16mm film.

A short 13 minute documentary entitled **'The Story of Guildford'** was produced in 2005 for continuous showing to visitors and tourists at Guildford Museum. A DVD version is now on public sale locally and French and German language versions have now been produced for Guildford's European visitors.

Many of our other productions are comedies and dramas produced and directed by members of the Group, not forgetting the many award-winning cartoon films produced by our talented animator Norman Lilley. These films have filled theatres and village halls around Guildford for the last 30 years and this trend is hopefully going to continue with showings of Circle Eight's First World War documentary **'Guildford in the Great War'**, which is currently showing to local audiences. Several new short films are also currently in production.

After more than 50 years, the Circle Eight Film Group still has only a relatively small membership of 26 people – a small group with a big reputation.

DOCUMENTARIES

70 YEARS IN THE BBC

from Savoy Hill to Television Centre

Running time : 1 hour 36 minutes



The Story of two generations of a Guildford family and their respective careers in the pioneering days of BBC Radio and the development of BBC Television News



TUG

WINNER OF 8 NATIONAL AWARDS

Running time : 18 minutes

This award-winning documentary follows the highs and lows of BAC Weybridge's Tug-of-War Team training for the National Championships. The tension builds, as the BAC team battle for supremacy against their rivals – the Sheen Farmers.

DON'T FORGET THE DIVER

Running time : 7 minutes

AWARD WINNER

In 1905, the east end of Winchester Cathedral was collapsing in an alarming manner, having been built on the site of a bog, when it was constructed 800 years previously.

William Walker - a deep sea diver - had to work singlehanded in total darkness under the foundations of the Cathedral for seven years to shore up the building.



THE END OF THE LINE

Running time : 9 minutes

AWARD WINNER

In 1851, London's cemeteries were full and the authorities looked for an alternative burial ground to serve the capital. The area of Woking was chosen and the vast new cemetery was opened in 1854, with a little help from the London and South Western Railway.



A MASTERPIECE OF WISHFUL THINKING

Running time : 13 minutes



One of Circle Eight's earliest documentaries, originally filmed on 8mm in 1964. This unique film traces the decline and closure of the Guildford, Cranleigh and Horsham railway, which finally closed in 1965 - its 99th year of operation..

The adjacent photo shows the morning train from Guildford arriving at Baynards Station.

THE SPIRITS OF BROOKLANDS

Running time : 11 minutes

AWARD WINNER



The name 'Brooklands' is synonymous with motor racing and its fame as the World's first motor racing circuit. What is not universally known, is that Brooklands was also the birthplace of British aviation - an historic site that has been designing and manufacturing world famous planes and airships for over 100 years.



ANIMATION

ABOVE AND BEYOND

Running time : 15 minutes
WINNER OF SIX NATIONAL AWARDS

This delightful animated story of a Teddy Bear that becomes a wartime bomber hero in charge of a damaged Lancaster bomber, has proved very popular with all ages, wherever it has been shown.



THE PHANTOM OF MILFORD ST GILES

Running time : 20 minutes AWARD WINNER

After a spell in a store cupboard, Teddy's adventures continue with the girls of the Air Transport Auxiliary and he soon takes off on another wartime adventure.

THE MESSENGER

Running time : 19 minutes AWARD WINNER

Teddy's airborne adventures continue when he finds himself sharing a disabled and deserted B17 Fortress with Heidi, an ex-Luftwaffe mascot doll. Ted becomes a messenger between American and German forces before his eventual return to the nursery.

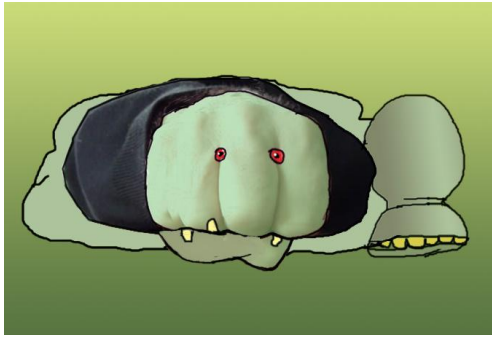


REMEMBERING TED

Running time : 7 minutes

An ex-bomber pilot recalls the days when his Teddy Bear mascot seemed to take on a life of its own.

However, the teddy bear pilot's crew look remarkably like his old toys in the attic.



THE GRIDDLY FATLOW

Running time : 5 minutes AWARD WINNER

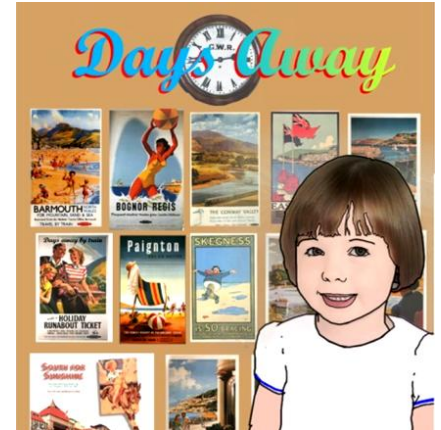
The vicar appeals to the local man-eating monster to mend his ways but it turns out that he himself appeals to the monster more as a likely breakfast. However, the monster's indigestion from previously having feasted on the Major for lunch saves the day.

DAYS AWAY

Running time : 5 minutes AWARD WINNER

Do you remember all those nostalgic trips to the seaside when you were a child?

This short animated musical will bring all those memories flooding back....of Paignton....Skegness.....and Torquay. The smell of the sea, the sand in your toes, donkey rides on the beach....and those pleas from the back of the car....."are we nearly there yet?"



THE BOATMAN

Running time : 4 minutes AWARD WINNER

A little unloved wonky toy boat finds himself adrift and free. His scary adventures on his hit-and-miss trip down river - though seemingly doom-laden - turn out to have been worth it after all.

THE TOOTH FAIRY AT CHRISTMAS

Running time : 10 minutes AWARD WINNER

The Tooth Fairy needs the Sandman's assistance, when one of Alexia's baby teeth falls out on Christmas Eve. Father Christmas then arrives suffering with bad tooth ache, that threatens to ruin his Christmas deliveries to children everywhere.



THE VACUUM CLEANER

Running time : 4 minutes AWARD WINNER

What not to buy as a present for your wife?

A moral tale concerning unheeded advice from a friend.

DRAMA



THE GRAND HALL

Running time : 33 minutes AWARD WINNER

The story of the people who have lived, loved, lost and worked at a country house, in its many different guises, during the past 100 years. As an ancestral family home in 1886; as a First World War hospital in 1916; its sale to the highest bidder in 1926; its use as a Secret Service HQ in 1944; as a girl's school in 1956 and as a hotel in 1996.

THE TALE OF CHRISTOPHER SLAUGHTERFORD

Running time : 9 minutes AWARD WINNER

A real life story from 1709, when a local malt house apprentice was accused of murdering his fiancée in a wood near Guildford. An unusual trial followed.



THE LADY IN WHITE

Running time : 6 minutes AWARD WINNER

What is the secret of the lady dressed in white, who walks along the beach every day?

SHORT CUT

Running time : 8 minutes AWARD WINNER

Should a lady commuter need to avoid a dark alleyway to reach the car park, in case she is mugged?



COMEDY

A TURN FOR THE WORSE

Running time : 41 minutes AWARD WINNER



The scene is a country lane with no passing places, being used by several obstinate motorists, resulting in an impossible traffic jam. Circle Eight has produced many comedy films over the years but this one is still reckoned – by all those who've seen it – to be the best. Made on 8mm in 1976, it has successfully won several top awards in National and Regional Film Festivals.

CRUMBS!

Running time : 12 minutes AWARD WINNER

The Nation rises in revolt and a public disobedience campaign emerges, when the Government introduces new restrictions to curb obesity.



SUBURBAN LINE

Running time : 10 minutes AWARD WINNER



Two strangers meet on a train.... but their behaviour turns out to be even stranger still.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Running time : 10 minutes AWARD WINNER

Two shady characters turn up at a quiet country churchyard. The last time they had been there was after they had robbed the local bank 30 years ago. It had been their only failure in an otherwise successful criminal career. But they have never figured out what had gone wrong.....until now.



OFF THE WALL

Running time : 12 minutes AWARD WINNER



Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.

But who pushed him?
TV's 'Rhymewatch' investigates.

SUSPICIONS

Running time : 20 minutes AWARD WINNER

Henry, a happily married man in his late thirties, starts to behave in a very strange manner when he receives a card from an anonymous source. It is only then that everyone's suspicions are aroused.



THE MILLER OF REIGATE HILL

Running time : 13 minutes AWARD WINNER

Dick Simpkin owns the mill on Reigate Hill. But this smug and prosperous miller has a reputation for being a bit dishonest.

One day, his life of petty deceit is turned upside down by a couple of students.

JAWS TOO!

Running time : 11 minutes AWARD WINNER

A visit to the dentist for Victor Smith is much the same as it is for everyone else - full of fears, nerves, unfriendly receptionists and other patients sitting in the waiting room, ready to suffer the same fate.



WITH A PURPOSEFUL GATE

Running time : 31 minutes AWARD WINNER

A nervous government inspector is sent down from Whitehall to close down a long forgotten depot. However, the staff there need to resolve a few outstanding matters before it's too late.

SATURN RISING

Running time : 16 minutes AWARD WINNER

The story of a kitchen assistant who discovers that she possesses psychokinetic powers. She unashamedly uses them to gain promotion beyond her wildest dreams.



LOOKING UP LINDA

Running time : 19 minutes AWARD WINNER

Looking up an old flame can be tricky. You might find her! Worse still, she might remember you.

GONE TO EARTH

Running time : 15 minutes AWARD WINNER

Len the builder gets the shock of his life - leaving his mates with a dilemma. They can't find his winning betting slip. How about getting a medium and having a seance to talk to Len, on that great building site in the sky?



STORM FORCE

Running time : 23 minutes AWARD WINNER

QUESTION : What do you do if somebody steals something from you that you shouldn't have in the first place?

ANSWER : Send for private eye Peter Storm.

PROBLEM : Storm is incompetent and accident prone.
Now what do you do?



FORTHCOMING PRODUCTIONS



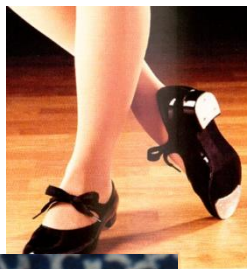
TUNNEL UNDER HINDHEAD

A new documentary about the construction of the A3's Hindhead Tunnel and the impact the tunnel has had on the village and the surrounding area. The new film also tells the history of this bleak hilltop village on the old coaching route to

Portsmouth and the highwaymen who used to threaten the lives of the travellers.

OUT OF THE BLUE

The true story of a wartime romance

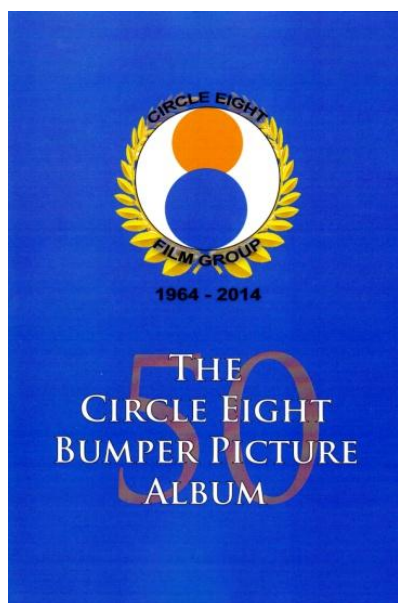
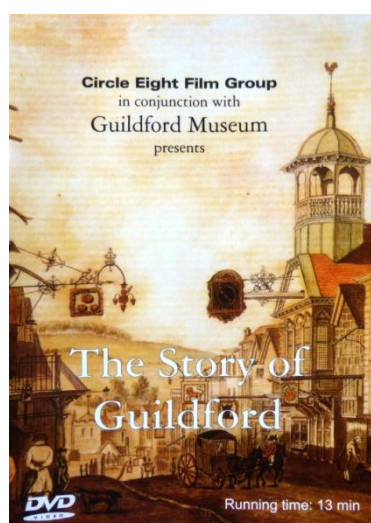
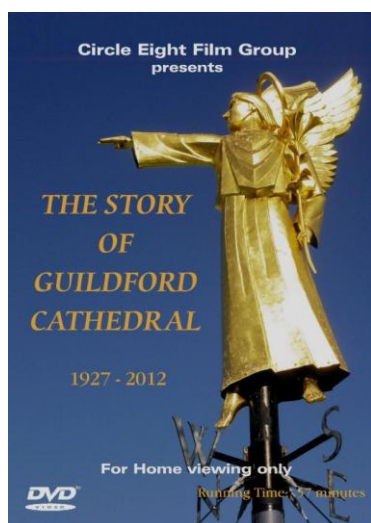
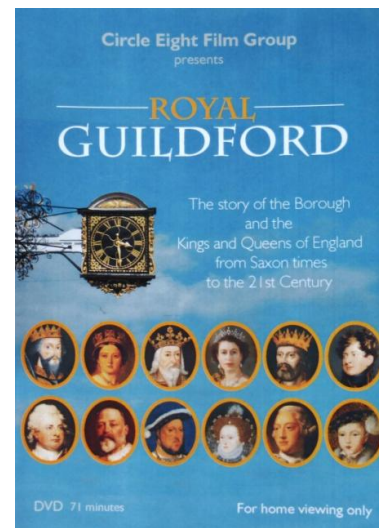
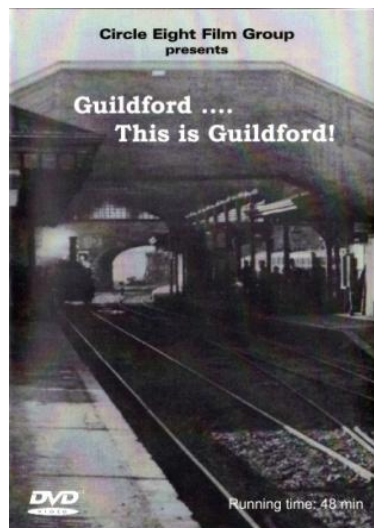
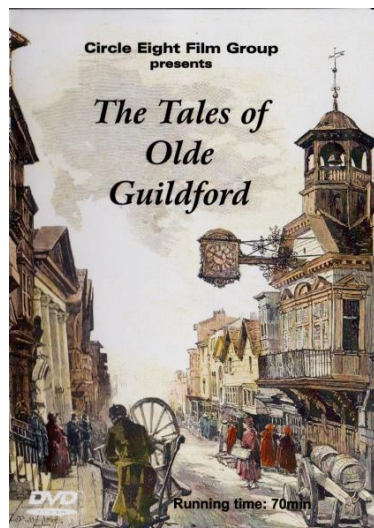


THE DREAM

Will they discover the truth about their father?

CIRCLE EIGHT FILMS AVAILABLE ON DVD

The DVDs listed below can be obtained at a cost of £7 each from either the **Guildford Tourist Information Centre, 155, High St, Guildford** or **The Guildford Museum, Quarry St, Guildford** or directly from Circle Eight at any of our shows.



Circle Eight has recently published its 44 page **BUMPER PICTURE ALBUM**

containing photos from our archives and a whole range of memories from half a century of movie making in and around Guildford and West Surrey. It can be purchased at any of our shows or viewed on our website at.....

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