

A request for help from Liz Kempton – a researcher at the BBC

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Hi there,

I hope you may be able to help me. I am working on a series called The Reel History of Britain - a twenty part series for BBC2. The programme will focus on different aspects of British life in the twentieth century, told through the rare and unseen film archive of the British Film Institute and regional film archives. It is being presented by Melvyn Bragg.

Each episode will focus on a different aspect of social history and will be filmed at a different location, where we will take our original 1960s mobile cinema (see link <http://www.vintagemobilecinema.co.uk/>).

One of the episodes I am currently looking at is 'The Dawn of a New Era', focusing on filmmaking of the early 20th Century. We have footage from the Mitchell and Kenyon films which include shots of workers leaving factories and mills in the North West (between 1901-1910), many places in Lancashire are featured.

Following the extremely successful BBC series 'The Lost World of Mitchell & Kenyon' (2003) apparently many people saw the old films and came forward with memories of that time passed down from their ancestors. Do you know of people who may have memories of stories to tell?

The following link also takes you to the press release which gives you a few more details about the series:
http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2010/09_september/30/bragg.shtml.

Please do not hesitate to give me a call to chat this through. Any help would be much appreciated.

Kind regards,

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