

Wellington Meeting – November 1993

Date 5th 6th 7th November.

The meeting was held at John and Margaret Bell's Time Cinema.

The evening began with food and refreshments and as usual, many old acquaintances were renewed and several new members including Peter Kearns from Oamaru, were welcomed for the first time. Also present were Mike and Mrs Trickett (Melbourne) and Laurie McIver (New South Wales). Father Christmas (alias John Turnbull) paid a surprise visit and distributed "goodies" to all members who attended which were greatly appreciated. After much talking and the usual informal get-together, John Bell entertained with a pleasant programme of selected films. The sales tables were well patronised and a wide variety of films and equipment was available. The evening finally came to a close at approximately 11pm.

Saturday began with morning tea being served followed by the six monthly meeting. When this had concluded, the auction got underway with auctioneer John Bell, assisted by Michael Woolf. There were bargains galore for all those participating. Lunch was then served, after which everyone assembled on John's front lawn for a club group photograph.

At 1pm it was time to board the bus for a visit to the NZ Film Archive's new premises. Frank Stark, Bill Asher and David Lascelles showed us over the facilities. Next stop was the N.F.U. where a tour had been arranged by some of the staff. Then it was back on the bus to return to the venue.

The Saturday evening meal was at the Hollywood Reels restaurant which certainly lived up to its name. We were all at home with the movie decor of the building combined with the meals, all having movie-orientated names. The evening concluded with a movie being screened at John Bell's – the last of us departing at about 12.30 (we think)!

On Sunday, all members were on board again at 9am for another round of coffee, tea and eats and ready to depart to different venues. John Woodall, Michael Woolf and Hugh Macdonald entertained members before it was time for lunch, after which most headed off to their hometowns which brought another great weekend to an end.