

Old Bute on Film

Mount Stuart, Isle of Bute

Thursday 19th June 2008, 7pm

A specially curated programme of film from the era of silent cinema, reflecting the island of Bute on film.

The programme features the 'premiere' of two recently discovered films from the Edwardian era.

The Wedding of the Fourth Marquess of Bute will be introduced by Andrew McLean, Bute family archivist. The film has been digitally restored by Scottish Screen Archives at the National Library of Scotland, with support from the Heritage Lottery Fund. This will be the film's first public presentation since it was originally screened in the Marble Hall at Mount Stuart in July 1905.

Janet McBain, curator of the moving image archive will introduce a newly preserved fragment of travelogue – a tram ride round Rothesay Bay in 1909. Discovered in a private collection in Germany this short sequence of film has never been shown in Scotland before.

Bute life in the 1920's will be reflected through some of the topical films made by James Gillespie, manager of the Picture Palace in Rothesay who filmed local events for showing in his cinema, inviting patrons to 'spot themselves on the silver screen'.

A joint presentation by the Mount Stuart Trust and the National Library of Scotland.

Tickets: £10 per adult, £5 per child

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