

# BURNLEY FILM FESTIVAL 18 MAY 2024

Dear Fellow Film Maker,

Hello and here are the details of the **Burnley Film Festival 2024**

The Burnley Film Festival will take place at **Higham Village Hall, BB12 9EU** on **Saturday 18th May 2024**.

## Prizes and Awards

There will be three trophies awarded. The Burnley Trophy will be awarded to **BEST OVERALL ENTRY, BEST CLUB ENTRY and BEST INDIVIDUAL ENTRY**. For the first time at our festival and as the number of clubs are fewer than previous years, there will be a trophy awarded for the Best Film made by an individual film maker.

## Submitting A Film

**The deadline** for submitting a film to the festival is **30 March 2024**. We are accepting entries from IAC affiliated film clubs and from individual film makers. Both Clubs and Individuals may submit **ONE** film each. **The administration fee for entering a film is £5. I will cover the arrangements for payment for film entries along with tickets in my next email.**

Films should be **no longer than 15 minutes in duration**. Longer films will not be accepted. Films submitted should have been made no earlier than 2020 and not submitted to the Burnley Festival before. Films should have any **copyright issues** cleared before they are submitted. Films should have no more than 10% of their footage taken from an external source. (The content should be mostly your own footage and not copied from the internet.) For promotion purposes, **Burnley Film Makers** would like to make a promo trailer with short clips of all the films submitted and displayed on the event Facebook pages before the event.

Your film should be submitted in **High Definition format** and in **.mp4** format. **NOT 4K PLEASE**. Submissions can be made via the internet using **WeTransfer** (this allows a maximum file size of 2GB) or if you prefer, you can send me a USB with your film on it. Let me know if you want to submit this way and I will give you my home address. Please submit your film to the **Burnley Film Makers email address**.

[thesecretary.burnleyfilmmakers@gmail.com](mailto:thesecretary.burnleyfilmmakers@gmail.com) Once your film has been received I will send you a reply email saying your film has arrived OK. Along with your film please make sure you tell me who it's from, its title, duration and a brief synopsis about the film.

## Our Judge

For judging the festival entries, we have secured the services of **Martin Evans**, the IAC's magazine editor for **Film and Video Maker**. Martin will provide feedback on all the entries screened and he will be coming along on the day to the festival. The Judges decision will of course be final!

## Catering

We have booked the services of Diane Collier who has looked after us before at the Youth Theatre and there will be a buffet at the interval. **If you have any special dietary requirements** please let me know before the event. I will ask again before the event.

## **Tickets**

Admission to the Festival will be **by ticket only**. The cost of the tickets will be **£10 each**. This fee is unchanged from our last face to face festival held in 2019. Tickets need to be ordered and paid for in advance of the Festival and will not be available on the day. The ticket price includes entry to the Festival, drinks and the buffet. It will help the organising committee if we know exactly how many tickets you want to secure as soon as possible.

For Health and Safety purposes **The numbers at Higham Village Hall will be limited to a maximum of 60** people, so please let me know exactly how many tickets you want and I will reserve them for you.

## **What I need to know from you**

**Firstly** there can't be a festival without films so the committee need to know how many entries there'll be. **If you can please reply saying your club will be sending a film entry** that will be really helpful.

**Secondly I need some idea of the numbers coming on the day.** Higham Village Hall will seat 60 so I need to know how many film clubs and film makers will be attending on the day and how many tickets you will need reserving.

I think that's all for now. If you could let me have the information given on the **RETURN FORM by the end of December 2023** that would be great.

Many thanks and I look forward to hearing from you soon,

**Best wishes and thank you!**

**Mike Smith**  
**Communications Secretary**  
**Burnley Film Makers**