

FILM AND MOVIE MEMORABILIA BAZAAR

By Dave Locke

The first fundraising weekend bazaar held at the end of February 2010 at the Cinema Museum in Kennington was a huge success. We had over 650 visitors through the doors during the two days, and raised a very healthy sum to kick start our fundraising efforts - which far exceeded our wildest expectations.



Opened on the Saturday morning by film director Michael Winner cutting the strip of 70mm film tied across the entrance. He then autographed copies of his book, the proceeds of which he generously donated to the museum. The main hall upstairs was heaving with visitors all day, the very successful talks in the screening room were all full up, and the Bring and Buy stall was brilliantly managed by Patrick and Nerys Moules. I managed the screening room throughout the weekend, illustrating the interviews and talks with film and DVD clips and slides. On Saturday we had film



archivist David Cleveland talking about and demonstrating the history of home movie gauges - including 28mm, 17.5mm and 9.5mm, and Actress Muriel Pavlow star of many British films of the 40's to the 60's (Reach for the Sky, Malta Story, etc) was interviewed on stage about her film and stage career. On the Sunday renowned film historian Kevin Brownlow gave an excellent talk about the discovery of a huge collection of



original Chaplin camera outtakes, which he illustrated with a fascinating piece from the filming of City Lights, and actress Fenella Fielding who was also interviewed on stage about her long career. Special guest Caroline Munro spent the whole weekend signing autographs and talking to visitors, and the large hall was

crammed full with successful dealer's tables. The refreshment area was very busy and the catering team did an excellent job keeping up with the supply of freshly made sandwiches, home made cakes and tea and coffee.

The feedback has been very positive with lots of people commenting on the friendly atmosphere during the whole weekend. It was so successful that we are now planning a second weekend fund-raising bazaar to take place in the autumn.

