

## WEA PULHAMS BRANCH

### Report for Parish Council, March 2022

We had a very interesting Autumn '21 course on the development of film techniques, and the history of movie-making.

Fortunately, the Zoom format was suitable for this subject, as it involved watching and discussing many film clips. Our tutor Nigel Herwin provided lively and entertaining sessions over 10 weeks.

We were looking forward to getting together in January, but unfortunately our sociology course had to be abandoned because the tutor was unwell. At short notice it was not possible to find another tutor for Tuesday evenings, and so we hope to have an alternative course as soon as we can.

Current government thinking for Adult Education poses a threat to the future of the WEA as we know it. It seems that the entire budget is to be directed to training for employment, rather than a proportion of it supporting cultural studies.

This means that the opportunity to meet together with a tutor to learn and discuss topics related to the Arts and Sciences will not be encouraged.

However the WEA has had a presence in the Pulhams for decades, and we intend to continue, whether it be under the umbrella of the WEA, or by organising our own cultural studies group!

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