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Microfiche service

The number of subscribers to the microfiche service has declined over the past year to the point where it is no longer economic to continue to provide it. The service will therefore be discontinued at the end of the current period.

However we are considering the possibility of producing an annual microfiche cumulation covering all the years as they are added to our database, eventually back to 1979, if there is a demand for it.

All the former microfiche subscribers (and six of the present 20 subscribers) already have a subscription to the CD-ROM, and we hope that the others will seriously consider switching to that medium. They will find that it is much more convenient and pleasant to use than the microfiches.

Indexing

An indispensable part of our operation is the work of our indexers. Shortage of time does not allow me to keep in touch with each one as I would like. Personal contact helps so much in our sort of work, and in this connection I am aware that it is several years since we held an indexers' workshop. If there is sufficient demand for one I would be very happy to oblige. Suggestions please for time and place!

Some indexers may not yet know that we can accept indexing on floppy disk, in Wordperfect, Word or ASCII. If anyone would like to change to this method please let me know, and I can send them examples of layouts we have adopted.

Another time-saving factor worth pointing out relates to the country, director, year information added to film titles. Indexers should stop adding these details to the title except, 1> where they think the film may be unknown to us, and 2> where there is more than one film with the same title.

Finally as well as thanking the indexers for their work, I must make a plea to some (they will know who I mean!) not to get too far behind with their contribution. If their delay is just temporary we may be able to help. If it is permanent we have to know so that we can try to find a replacement indexer. Either way we need to know in the interest of providing as good a service as we possibly can.

Michael Marsden
Editor.