

School for Randle

UK : 1949 : dir. John E Blakeley : Mancunian : 89 min
 prod: John E Blakeley : scr: Harry Jackson : dir.ph.:

Frank Randle; Dan Young; Terry Randal; John Singer; Alec Pieon; Maudie Edwards;
 Hilda Bayley; Ian Fleming; Jimmy Clitheroe; Elsa Tee

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The British Film Catalogue 1895-1985 listing:

"Comedy. Schoolgirl does not know the janitor is her father. Story by Anthony Toner. Extracts released as shorts: "TEACHER'S PEST" (1960); "THE THREE WHO-FLUNGS" (1960); "BELLA'S BIRTHDAY" (1960).

Cast:

Flatfoot MasonFrank Randle
 ClarenceDan Young
 Betty AndrewsTerry Randal
 Ted ParkerJohn Singer
 BlackheadAlec Pieon
 Bella DonnaMaudie Edwards
 Mrs AndrewsHilda Bayley
 Mr AndrewsIan Fleming
 JimmyJimmy Clitheroe
 Miss WestonElsa Tee

[no listing in "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "Speelfilm Encyclopedie", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "The Sunday Times Guide to Movies on Television", "The Time Out Film Guide", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993", "Video Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

No further information currently available, but it sounds perfectly ghastly. In the 1940s Manchester was the hub of a small regional film industry producing (chiefly) farces for Northern audiences, featuring a repertory of Northern comics who never really took off in the South. London had its Tommy Trinder, Arthur Askey and George Formby, but the Northern working men's club circuits produced local stars of their own, their names forgotten now. Flatfoot Mason would presumably be one of these. Jimmy Clitheroe was certainly another. A dwarf who had his own radio show playing a prankish schoolboy, he later had a brief outing on television in the sitcom "The Clitheroe Kid", with Mollie Sugden his long-suffering mother. It's a fair bet this would be another schoolyard comedy with schoolchildren nowhere in sight.

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