

Film and television is the theme of this month's Online section – there are sites that give you film trailers, reviews, movie mistakes and games, plus almost anything you wanted to know about TV

Online

Site of the month

Andrew Wiseman's television room

There's no shortage of Web sites about television programmes but 625: Andrew Wiseman's Television Room is the best one we've seen about television itself.

If it has something to do with television, then 625 has it covered somewhere, from up-to-date station news to test card background music.

Some of the information does wander ever so slightly into anorak territory (comments on Channel 5's updated ident logo, for example) but there's still plenty of information of the 'ooh, fancy' variety.

The 625 site also gets all nostalgic with its pages on public information films, mentioning both Charley the Cat and the adventures of Joe and Petunia. Andrew Wiseman's site also includes links to other television-related pages, from classic Teletext pages to home pages for unforgettable children's programmes, including our all-time favourite, Bod.

● www.users.dircon.co.uk/~bandc/a.wiseman/625/



TrailerVille

Given the vagaries of British weather, there's only one sure-fire way to tell that summer has arrived – Hollywood blockbusters.

Every summer sees a bevy of multi-million dollar epics reach our shores, usually several weeks after America has long tired of them. If you want to see what we're missing (and even what the States is waiting for), check out the TrailerVille site. There's no original content, just links to all the latest film trailers culled from the Internet.

TrailerVille is bang up to date and tracks all trailers for a particular film right up until it's release. Trailers are presented in .AVI, .MOV and RealPlayer formats (there are also links for the appropriate players) but beware, with files coming in at up to 9Mb, downloads can be an expensive business.

● www.trailer ville.com



Film.com

If you can't even decide what socks to put on in the morning let alone which film to see, try film.com to see what others have to say.

This three-year-old site was created by veteran US film and TV critic Lucy Mohl. Although it carries advertising, the site is independent from any studio or film company and so the reviews and features tend to be open and frank. Not only that, but in many cases several people have been commissioned to review the same film, giving the site a very balanced feel.

Film.com is updated daily and it plays host to a discussion forum where you chew the fat with (or simply hurl abuse at) movie buffs the world over.

● www.film.com



Big list of movie mistakes

If a film is so bad it's good then there's probably a glaring mistake in it and Jon Sandys' Big List of Movie Mistakes is a site that revels in such fare.

Not the most aesthetically pleasing of sites by any means, but it makes for some very revealing reading. In fact, once you've started it's difficult to stop – so make sure you log on during off-peak rates.

Glaring errors from hundreds of big-name movies are highlighted, from the helmet-bashing Imperial Stormtrooper in *Star Wars*, to the 'runaway' bus being towed on a chain in *Speed*. You'll be digging out your old videos and sitting through them in frame-by-frame for weeks to come.

● ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/E_Sandys/l.htm



Movies.com



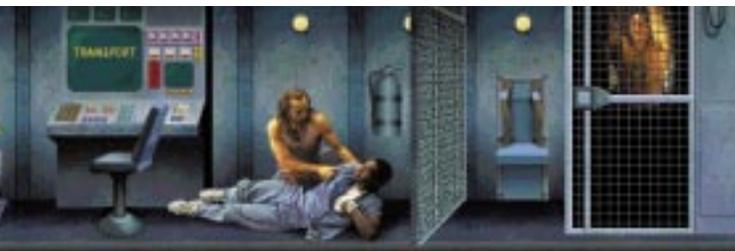
Passive viewing isn't for everyone, of course, and if you crave action, you could do worse than point your browser at movies.com.

Maintained by Buena Vista, this site doesn't cover many films and the focus is on current and forthcoming

releases, rather than necessarily interesting ones. On the plus side what's there is very well presented and littered with interesting facts and pictures.

The big bonus, though, is that you get to fill Nicholas Cage's testosterone-stained vest in an on-line game based around his latest flick, *Con Air*.

● www.movies.com



Hollywood online

There are countless film-related sites on the Web but tracking them all down can be pretty difficult. Fortunately, Hollywood Online, with the most obvious Web address of all, is a great source for up-to-date movie information.



The site is slickly put together and makes great use of animated graphics. Stuffed with guides, games and trailers, Hollywood Online also links to other Hollywood-related sites, including one dedicated to film soundtracks.

● www.hollywood.com



KeanuLand

Movies.com's Con Air game shows how on-line promotion should be done but other movie hunks are available. Sadly, they're all much duller than Nicholas Cage – as illustrated by KeanuLand.

In essence, you are Keanu Reeves but if this site is anything to go by, what a life he must lead...

● www.aok.com/keanuland/