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### **Lord Puttnam backs Bromyard film**

Oscar winner and BAFTA Fellow Lord Puttnam has very high praise for the latest Rural Media community film project, ***Still Life***, that was created over a 12 month period with the people of Bromyard.

In his foreword to the book that will accompany the ***Still Life*** DVD Lord Puttnam writes, "With its latest project, ***Still Life***, the Rural Media Company again demonstrate that they understand the ways in which film can help people to see the world afresh... the Company and most of all the people of Bromyard, should be very proud of what has been achieved. It should be an inspiration to communities everywhere as to what they can achieve with film. I hope you find ***Still Life*** as enjoyable and stimulating as I have. It is work that deserves a wide and appreciative audience."

"We were absolutely thrilled to hear Lord Puttnam's review of the project", says the projects Producer/Director Adrian Lambert, "Over the course of the past 12 months hundreds of people from Bromyard have taken part in arts activities and all the material from these workshops has been used to create the films, animations, photographs and the community film drama, ***Still Life***"

The DVD, which contains the film, making of documentaries, 40 page book, photos and animations by pupils of Brockhampton Primary will be launched at **The Conquest Theatre on Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, admission is free.** The Box Office for The Conquest is 01885 488575

***Still Life*** follows the previous Rural Media project **Crafta Webb** which award winning director Ken Loach supported. "It's fantastic to have the work we are making with Herefordshire communities recognised by such eminent film makers", said Adrian, "Our reputation for creating these unique projects is growing across the country and we'll be distributing the work of the people of Bromyard across the globe."

**Release ends**

## **Note to Editors**

- **The Rural Media Company** [www.ruralmedia.co.uk](http://www.ruralmedia.co.uk) is a Charity and company limited by guarantee and is supported by ScreenWM, Elmley Foundation and Herefordshire Council.
- **Still Life** was supported by Arts Council England, Lankelly Chase, Screen WM and the UK Film Council through the National Lottery and Herefordshire Council.
- **Lord Puttnam's** successes as a Producer include Bugsy Malone, Midnight Express, The Duellists, Chariots of Fire (which won the Academy Award for Best Picture), Local Hero, Memphis Belle, The Killing Fields and The Mission (which won the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival in 1986). In 1982 he received the BAFTA Michael Balcon Award for his outstanding contribution to the British Film Industry. In 2006, he was awarded the Orange BAFTA Fellowship of the Academy.

Since 1998 he has been Chancellor of the University of Sunderland, and Chair of Trustees of the National Teaching Awards. He served as the first Chair of the General Teaching Council (2000-2002), and on a variety of other public bodies. He was founding Chair of the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts, and for 10 years chaired the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television. He was appointed Deputy Chairman of Channel 4 in 2006. Lord Puttnam took up a new role as Chancellor of The Open University in April 2007 and was appointed President of UNICEF UK in July 2002. He was awarded a CBE in 1983, was knighted in 1995 and was created a life peer in 1997.