

Michael Newport

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Born: UK; September 23rd 1952

In Lindsay Anderson's "if...." he played Brunning, one of the younger boys charged by head "whip" Rowntree with shepherding the new boy Jute (Sean Bury) and coaching him in the protocols of school slang (on which he will be exactly tested). Brunning grows exasperated with Jute, since he's the one who will be punished if the new boy isn't word perfect.

The Moving Picture Boy entry:

"This delightfully unaffected, freckly, often bespectacled boy got his big break as Frank Sinatra's kidnapped son in "**THE NAKED RUNNER**", but had had rather more fun, a year or two before, as a stalwart little Cornishman in "**THE DEVIL-SHIP PIRATES**". He also appeared with the Royal Shakespeare Company at Stratford-upon-Avon, for instance in the Paul Scofield "*Macbeth*".

In 1968 he was a bold Jim Hawkins in a BBC TV serialisation of "**Treasure Island**", and in 1969 made one last cinema appearance in "**MISCHIEF**". Thereafter he quit acting, and much of his work was connected with photography. Around 1980 he invented a form of illuminated chess, called "Spectrum Satellite".



1965 – not everyone's idea of a Jim Hawkins...
Source: *The Moving Picture Boy*

FILMOGRAPHY

<i>Year</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Role</i>
63	11	THE DEVIL-SHIP PIRATES	
65	13	LIFE AT THE TOP	
66	14	THE NAKED RUNNER	
68	16	DECLINE AND FALL... OF A BIRD-WATCHER!	
68		if....	as Brunning with <i>Rupert Webster, Sean Bury, Richard Davis, Martin Beaumont, Charles Sturridge, Brian Pettifer</i>
68		Treasure Island	UK TV serial – as Jim Hawkins
69	17	MISCHIEF	C.F.F.