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The voice of Spring Park Film Makers

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ORPINGTON VICTORY AT TRIANGLE

After 4 consecutive wins at the Triangle by Spring Park – it was time for OVFM – Kent’s sleeping giant – to emerge from the shadows to win most interesting programme of films and best film of the evening. Orpington was up against our films and those from Epsom. Congratulations to them. We host the competition next year and therefore will not compete. So watch out in 2013, when Spring Park will once again be unleashed!

TIME FOR YOUR SUBS PLEASE!

Please give your subscriptions for the 2011/12 year (cheques welcome) to our Treasurer, David Hunt, as soon as you can. Subs remain this year at £15 for a single member with £5 for extra members of a household.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

19th May - Mr Trompetelier – More about Cinema

Tony’s pal, Mr Trompetelier, returns with another selection of his films and facts about the cinema today.

26th May – Movie-Go-Round

Hit or Miss has had a facelift! No more life or death decisions from the judges; just advice and views on your films. See next page for details.

2nd June – Outside Filming

No meeting in the hall tonight. We will meet at a place to be announced and shoot films.

9th June – Showreel from Rochdale Movie Makers

11th June – **SERIACTIVE Day at the Oast Theatre Tonbridge.**

Reg Lancaster – President of the IAC (Film & Video Institute) will be looking back at his 40 years of film making. See Brenda or the SERIAC website for further information

16th June – 10 minute Variety

Various members have 10 minutes to tell members about some new equipment, technique or film. Please tell Brenda if you want to take part. During this evening we will hold an Special General Meeting. See next page for details.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7th April – The Alexandra Palace Television Society

In a spirited talk, Simon Vaughn told us that his Society had 300 members. They are dedicated to preserving the reminiscences of the early days of British TV broadcasting at Alexandra Palace. The centrepiece for Simon’s presentation was the showing of fascinating excerpts from BBC TV programmes made in the late 1930s and just after the war.

14th April – One Minute Members’ Films

Last year Brenda made a 1 minute film that was a prototype for more short films that she hoped other members would make. She also felt that short films made to the theme “Did You Know?” would add to the variety of our show. The films shown were:

- The Croydon Canal – Linda
- Shirley Windmill – Richard & Brenda
- Billion Dollar Train – Graham
- AGM Crazy – Lawrie
- Brooklands – Ticket to Ride – Roy
- The Gift of Dyslexia – Keith
- A Day Trip to Shrewsbury – David Hughes
- Rhine Ride – Dorothy
- The Napier Ralton – Roy
- The Matryoshka Doll – Alex
- Checkmate – Keith
- Purple Emperor* - Tony
- The Monarch – Alex
- St Bennet’s Abbey – Dorothy
- Quintain – Richard & Brenda
- Brooklands Church - Richard & Brenda
- Woodbridge Tide Mill – Pam Martin

* 2 minutes long

A total of 18 well crafted films (17 new ones) was the remarkable tally for one evening!

21st April – Planning Spring Park's next club film for North v South

We concentrated on a draft screenplay that Graham had written for a South London gangster melodrama. Club members, upright citizens to a man or woman, easily slipped into the criminal patois and tried to bring the plot to life with a read-through. After tea we enacted the major scene of the film with occasional unintended laughter. It was at this point that Graham and others discovered a flaw in the plot-line. He has promised to re-look at the plot before casting gets underway.

28th April – Showreel – Northumbria Camcorder Club

We saw a good range of films from the North East of England. Roy gave all those present forms allowing us to mark each film out of 5, for camerawork, sound, editing and entertainment value. Though Roy avoided the perils of the Single Transferable Vote, as we go to press the winning film has yet to be announced.

NEWS FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

A special Executive Committee meeting was held on 26th April 2011 to discuss a range of urgent issues.

1. Replacement of "Hit or Miss"

Following the discussion at the recent AGM, the new Committee considered changes to the "Hit or Miss" format. Members expressed a wish that the panel of "experts" should no longer judge whether members' films were suitable for a public show by voting them a "hit" or a "miss".

The Committee have renamed these evenings "Movie-go-round" named after the old radio magazine programme about cinema films.

The Committee decided to keep the panel of 3 experienced film makers (from within the membership). The panel would comment on the quality of each film submitted according to 4 specific criteria: editing; camerawork; sound; entertainment value. The intention of the panel's comments will be to suggest possible improvements to these various aspects of film-making.

2. Finance

The Committee noted that the cost of hiring our room at the church has been going up whilst the numbers attending meetings has dropped to about 20. The Committee strongly recommend that the attendance fee be raised to cover the basic costs of the evening (ie rent plus refreshments). This

implies an increase in attendance fees for members from £1 to £1.50. The Committee will be asking members agree that the Committee be delegated to change the weekly attendance fee from time to time. Under this delegation, the Committee will ensure that the basic costs of club evenings are broadly covered by the entrance fee. This approach will be based on the advice of the Treasurer. Members will be given at least one calendar month's notice of any change in this fee via Moviepage. Some members may think that this may penalise those members who participate the most. But many members find it difficult to attend meetings. Also, the cost of speakers and equipment used at meetings and insurance will continue to come mainly from members' annual subscriptions whether or not they attend. Please see below the rule changes that members will be asked to agree at the Special General Meeting on the 16th of June 2011. If this rule is agreed, the Committee are likely to agree an increase in the Attendance Fee from £1 to £1.50 starting in September 2011.

Notice of a Special General Meeting of Spring Park Film Makers On 16th June 2011

The Executive Committee of Spring Park Film Makers proposes that the Club Rule 9 be changed to read as follows:

9. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Existing members will pay a subscription each year, payable from April 1st. The amount of the annual subscription shall be determined from time to time at a General Meeting of the Club. On the date of joining, new members will pay a subscription, specified by the Treasurer, broadly in proportion to the number of months remaining to the next due payable date. In addition, an attendance fee will be paid by those members attending any meeting of the Club held in rented premises. The amount of this fee shall be adjusted by the Executive Committee from time to time, on advice from the Treasurer, to broadly cover the cost of the charge for the room used and the refreshments provided at such meetings.

TEA ROTA

Please come early to set up

19th May – Pam Smith & Dorothy

26th May – Pam Martin & Phyl

2nd June – No meeting in the hall

9th June – James & Lawrie

16th June – Gill Edwardes & Helen

23rd June – Brenda & Richard

30th June – Linda & Tony