

The voice of Spring Park Film Makers

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WINTER BREAK AGREED

At a recent Special General meeting, members discussed various issues concerning reduced numbers of club meetings, The Chairman said that since the demise of fortnightly “workshops” a few years ago, a small number of committee members had done a lot of work planning and running nearly 50 full events per year. It was time therefore for the membership to consider a reduction in the frequency of meetings or a longer winter break or both. In the event a ballot of members present decided to continue with weekly meetings, but to extend the present 2 week Christmas break to include all of January.

COLOUR SUPPLEMENT THIS WEEK FEATURES PHOTOS OF OUR SHOOT AT THE GRASSHOPPER IN MAY

PAT DEFECTS TO THE WEST COUNTRY!



Pat Hilderly – Club Secretary until March this year has departed this parish to live in the glorious county of Somerset. She leaves the club with our good wishes. Pat was multi talented – she made films, acted (and sang) in films, wrote poems and helped run Spring Park. She was a member for 11 years and we will miss her sense of fun and duty. Fortunately she promises to pop in and see us

occasionally when she visits her son who lives locally. Best wishes Pat and good luck – we miss you already!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

July 8th – Technical Evening

Mark Trumpetella “Digital Cinema”. Mark works within the industry and writes for *Cinema Technology*.

July 15th – Visit to Shirley Windmill.

NO MEETING IN THE HALL

July 22nd Hit or Miss

Everybody’s favourite meeting – every time we have a full programme of fascinating new films by members and hear from the esteemed jurors. Don’t miss it (geddit?).

July 29th – Evening for Jean

A celebration of the work of the late Jean Collings – one of Spring Park’s most talented and prolific film makers. Tonight we will see only a brief selection of the 80 or so films Jean made alone and with husband John. We will also see films starring Jean and directed by her.

August 5th – Films from Bulgaria and Australia

August 10th (**Tuesday** afternoon – the club visits Addington Palace).

August 12th – An evening of recently made members' films – This will include 3 films shot in our hall during one of our May evening meetings and the two shot recently during one Thursday evening in June.

THROUGH A LENS DARKLY - PREVIOUS MEETINGS

June 3rd – Pointless Taxi Productions

Michael Waring – an energetic ex-policeman - explained how his organisation (with help from Bexleyheath Council) helped youngsters – including disadvantaged children - to make films. He showed us a few of these films and we judged them to be well made, acted and produced. Finally Michael gave us useful advice on how to attract younger people into our club.

June 10th – Club Films – Dubbing Music to Films

Graham had challenged club members to take away a short film he had put together and add their own choice of music. The film showed parks and buildings in Bromley town centre. Seven members had a go at this, predominantly with classical music but with some popular music and even brass bands. The audience voted afterwards (you could not choose your own film). The three ladies who took part captured the first 3 places. In third place was Brenda, second Pam Smith and the winner was Dorothy who won the fabulous first prize (2 mini-DV tapes) – ooooooh!

June 17th – Outside Filming

This week there were 2 crews with different takes on the challenge set them. The films had to be shot using a church, a hat, a mobile phone and a book. Dorothy's film included a person begging on the street. This prompted some kind (unknown) soul to cross the street and put coins in the hat. Sadly this sequence was not filmed but David Hunt is keen to try this again to improve club funds! Graham's lot filmed a lot of the bench outside our church. A spokesman for his crew said it was an attempt at a short film noir (dream on Graham!). The results will be shown on August 12th.

June 24th – Showreel from Portsmouth Film Makers

We enjoyed a variety of films from Portsmouth Film Makers. An amusing but unusual look at the sugar industry in Cuba with much value for railway buffs came in "Not So Sweet". This was followed by a rather long film made on location in Portsmouth itself about steam powered vehicles called "Dockyard Steam". Next on, "A Walloping Good Day" turned out not to be an episode of "Whacko!" but a film of an air display in 1984 using converted cine film. "Replay" also used some converted cine to show how parts of the Portsmouth area (especially cinemas) had changed over time. "Rio de Janeiro" showed what it said on the tin. Most memorably we saw the truly gargantuan floats and tiered spectators for the carnival there. "D-Day Celebrations" was a straightforward news report of a local event. "Windemere" was a short but relaxing film of that part of the Lake District. "Spring", on the other hand, was a very well filmed sequence of wild animal footage from Canada. An interesting evening, thanks to the Portsmouth Club.

KENT FILM FESTIVAL 2010

STILL TIME TO ENTER - JUST!!!

Our own county film festival will be held on Saturday the 25th of September 2010 at Christ Church University College in Canterbury. This is an event well worth going to, with a big screen, tiered seats and excellent films. If you buy your tickets in advance (Brenda has some to sell) it only costs £5 per person. And please enter your films – because without entries there will be no festival. The closing date is 27th of July. If you are a member of the IAC then you can use the form enclosed in the May/June issue of SERIAC news. If you are not an IAC member (hey, why not?) or want to submit more than one film, then copies of the form will be available on the Secretary's table on club evenings.

TEA ROTA

Please come early to set up

8th July – Marjorie and Dudley
22nd July – Gill Edwardes and Helen Cain
29th July – Alan Hodgson and Gil Hastie
5th August – Roy and Clive
12th August – Brenda and Richard
19th August – Pam Smith and Dorothy
26th August – Phyl Denton and Dorothy Batten