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SEASON'S GREETINGS

Another year has come and gone – and what a year it has been! Our big movie “Unfounded Rumours”, made in 2010, won plaudits galore including best film at SERIAC and the Kent Film Festivals. We also renewed the club’s projection and sound equipment, bringing High Definition to our big screen. Can’t wait for 2012 when our club celebrates its 45th Birthday. We meet again on the 2nd of February after our winter break. Meanwhile Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

1st December – Movie Go Round

Show your latest films on the big screen and see what the panel think of them...

8th December – Clive Coble Competition

Members are asked to make a film no longer than 2 minutes. The film must be made to the topic – “Every Picture Tells a Story”.

15th December – Desert Island Films

Keith Burrows talks to Graham about his lifetime of film making and shows some films he would like to take to that desert island.

22nd December – Christmas Meal

NOT IN THE HALL!!!!

Festive gathering at the **Railway Hotel** – West Wickham at 6pm – only for those who have booked a table via Secretary Brenda! If not you can still join us for a drink.

**NO MEETING IN THE HALL
UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN ON**

2ND FEBRUARY 2012

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3rd November – 16 mm

We watched a film showing the development of commercial 16mm hand held sound movie cameras in both the USA and France. This was 50 years ago. What we camcorder users now take for granted in terms of high quality sound and vision was then cutting edge for professional cameramen!

10th November – Evening for Rosemary

Bill showed us a selection of wonderful films that Rosemary Howlett made with him over many years. This included the first footage taken by Rosemary in one of their films. Graham pointed out that the dynamic duo had their films selected in virtually every annual show over a period of 25 years. Between them they had made more films than any other member. Many of the films seen this evening were made on location in Rosemary’s beloved France and also in Holland, often in the summer. We could almost smell the lavender fields and taste the wine! Sprinkled amongst all these classics were the comedies that these two

made and acted in. They still made us laugh! Many thanks to Bill, who selected most of the films for our enjoyment. As Graham said, our hobby allows us to say goodbye to members in a very special way – through their films.

17th November – Films about the Foreign Office and the Suez Canal

Alan Hodgson brought along a DVD about the Foreign Office. Much of the film took us inside the recently restored interior of the Foreign Office building. The building is palatial and the gold and coloured decorations and art work took our breath away. After the tea break, Alan let us see shots he had taken whilst on a cruise on the Suez Canal. The film was all the more poignant for Alan as he served as a RAF conscript in the 1950s alongside this canal. He was able to show us where his camp was all those years ago.

24th November – Camera Techniques

We watched and discussed a number of short instructional films from the USA. The information ranged from the very basic to the very helpful. Cunning tricks to avoid wind noise and getting the correct type of natural light were particularly useful.

27th November – North v South Competition – Southern Heat Farnborough Village Hall



Part of the Spring Park "Posse" at NvS

It was time for our entry "Taking a Hit" to stand up to the opposition at the Southern Heats of the 2011 North V South Competition. We were up against 13 other films from the Midlands, the South and West of England. When we heard that we had come second in the

audience vote, our hopes were raised. Sadly they were dashed when we heard that the judges from Luton had not put us in their top 5 (so we are not in the final – same venue 29th January). The top film for both the audience and judges was "Who Do you Love" from Leicester Movie Makers. Ironically this, like our film, was about a bungled murder! Eleven Spring Parkers and friends attended this event (three of them winning raffle prizes – Lawrie got the scotch!). Our club film has been entered for the SERIAC film competition (March 10th 2012) and probably for Kent next year.

Methodism in our Madness

Spring Park is making a film for the Beckenham Methodist Church as part of the church's 125th Anniversary in 2012. Brenda and Richard have been busy collecting various photographs and shooting special video clips to help tell the history of this church. During October several members were kind enough to shoot a wide variety of activities that take place in the church's premises eg scouts, guides, yoga, men's fellowship etc. The final edited film will be put on to DVD so that members of the church can enjoy it. Spring Park will show the film next year to our members as well as invited members of the Beckenham Methodist Church.

High Definition (HD) News

Following the successful showing of Peter Macpherson's recent films in HD, Lawrie has also produced one or two HD films. These movies were put on to Bluray discs or cards with USB adaptors. Those with "old-fashioned" HD camcorders that use mini-DV tapes can, if they wish, put their edited film on to tape in HD. But don't forget to bring your camcorder and relevant leads (RBG or HDMI) to plug into the new projector! And as long as you make your standard definition films on DVD using 16 by 9 ratio, our projector will upscale them to something approaching HD.

TEA ROTA

Please come early to set up

24th November – Pam Smith & Dorothy

1st December – Pam Martin & Phyl

8th December – Lawrie & James

15th December – Gill Edwardes & Helen