

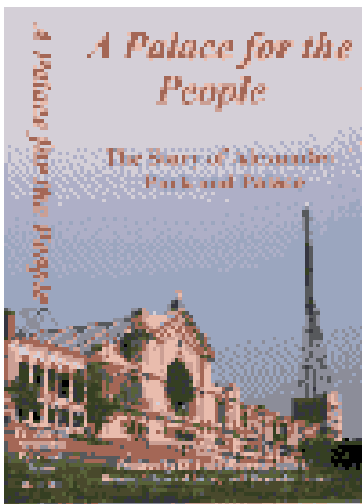


The Newsletter of Westcliff Film and Video Club: October 2003

News of Westcliff from Publicity Officer, Chris Taylor

Stuart Little coming next Monday: A mine of information

If ever anyone actually did what most of us who play with video dream about doing, it's Stuart Little and his colleague Peter Kidman. Many of us, I know, have ideas for making a living out of the hobby we love, and some of us have done it in some form or another. But not many, I am sure, have a client list which includes *British Gas, Mars Confectionery, Marks and Spencer, HP Foods and BP*. And this is all since their business was formed in 1996.



Their company KLH specialises in a range of movie making services for corporate clients, theatrical productions, training and local government. They have recently completed a feature length documentary about Alexandra Park and Palace in north London, the home of British Television. I am sure we will be hearing about that on Monday. In this they had the opportunity to work with Ken Morse the top rostrum cameraman in the country, whose name is on TV probably every day of the week. Another job that sounds exciting is they made a video for the Ford RS owners club. Fast stuff!

Their website is a mine of information even down to telling you what they charge to do a job. That's all very helpful to those of us who always wonder about that sort of thing. They are set up with separate studios using Premiere and some tasty camera kit so there's lots to hear about and loads of films to see. It's really a night not to miss! To find out more, please do visit their website if you can.

Its on www.klafilmvideo.co.uk and is well worth exploring, but to see the films and hear Stuart Little talking about the work of KLA don't forget to get down to Wyburns School next Monday 13th October for what promises to be a really great night.

Old Southend Movie Show coming up!

This is based on a press announcement about the club showing a programme of historic movies about Southend on October 29th to relive many of the changes in the resort we have seen over the last century and continue with the current work at Pier Hill.

As it's the oldest in town and has a marvellous location in the very heart of historic Southend the venue is the Alexandra Yacht Club. The Club was founded in 1873 and we have a short programme about its history. The movies, in the show come from Westcliff Film and Video Club's local collection, and from the East Anglian Film Archive, and show Southend as a resort right back to the beginning of the last



Westcliff Film and Video Club's '20th Century Newsreel'

Viscount crashes at

the Airport

The Duchess of

Kent open the

Carnival Bungalows

in Eastwood 1953

Politically incorrect

@minstrels' Carnival float

loved by all in great Carnival!

century. A new compilation about the pier includes views of the recent rebuilding at the entrance and at the seaward end. The show will include items about the carnival over the years from the twenties to the eighties, and has one or two 'very famous faces' who have visited Southend, including royalty, TV personalities and of course, a word or two from Westcliff Film and Video Club's late Patron, Alfred Hitchcock.

'These shows are always popular' says Chris Taylor 'we try to make them both nostalgic and fun, all for a couple of pounds which goes into Club funds to help with equipment and the like. If any members have any interesting modern (or ancient) footage of the town that they might like to offer for public showing please let me know on Monday as time is running short in finalising the programme.'

Tears and Fun

In the past we have had audience members in tears one minute, with memories of shared days with loved ones in Southend, and in hysterics the next, at some of the antics of the town's trippers'. We are not even against being a bit controversial once in a

while, especially if, as is often the case, we have someone from the Civic Centre in the audience!'

With many hours of material to choose from, the shows always contains fresh items, often donated by local people who captured an event on their movie cameras and then forgot about it for years! A new feature this time, will be an all-time newsreel of events like a Viscount crash at the airport, the demise of The Guinness Clock and the early days of the then Hammerson Development in the trendy sixties!

Contact me for tickets please. It's best to reserve seats in advance. Graham is projecting and we have even told him he might not get in! Remember members, I am looking out for new and interesting bits.

Calendar Boys?

And on the subject of interesting bits have you seen *Calendar Girls* yet. If not do go and see it because it's a wonderful movie on so many levels. For we 'club types' it takes the P... out of the club atmosphere and raffles etc. and reflects the issues of those of us who are a bit well....wrinkly....!!

But what is more it has a great message on how to raise a few bob for club funds to get that new equipment we want! The pictures for each of the months in our calendar will have to line up with film and tape sizes. Maureen says that I'm definitely mini-DV (running in LP mode at that!) and it would tarnish my reputation if I was so bold as to suggest any others. But who would be Mr Imax for December I wonder. Now there's a question!

Don't forget to come to see had hear Stuart Little of KLA on Monday.

See you then!

Chris Taylor