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The Newsletter of Westcliff Film and Video Club

Westcliff Stories from Publicity Officer, Chris Taylor

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Westcliff Win the Triangle Semi Final

News has reached us from the depths of Greenford that we have won the semi-final of the Triangle competition and are through to the final. Harrow Cine & Video Society will host this on Sunday 15th May. Geoff will be announcing details of how to go and cheer us on at the meeting on Monday week May 9th.

The films were:

The Group film *'Missing Alice'*

Dave Windle's *'Oradour sur Glane'*

And *Deadend-on-Sea: The Last Resort* by Chris Taylor and Ken Pratt

The club scored 25 out of a possible 27 points so the result was never in doubt. Thanks to Neville and Martin for representing the Club on a difficult day. Being a Friday especially, journeying from this side of London to the other was very problematical because of traffic and the fact that the funeral of the late John Parkhurst was held at 4pm.

Farewell to John

About a dozen members, led by Chairman Ken Pratt gathered at Southend's Crematorium to join John's family and friends in mourning the loss of a dear husband, father, grandfather and friend. June Parkhurst sends her thanks to the club for the flowers and many offers of support at this difficult time and for the friendship and pleasure that the Club provided to John over many years.



Kim's Show reaches its target

Also on Friday evening (April 29th) the Club supported Kim Devlin's show called 'A Sight for Sore Eyes' in which she attempted to raise £1000 for the charity Vision Aid Overseas and in doing so have the opportunity to go to Ethiopia and fit re-furbished glasses to the poor people. In a country of 60 million they do not have a single optician of their own!

On behalf of the club, I made Kim a video in which Kim explained the challenge she was to be confronted with in Africa. It enabled the audience to see 'The VAO Smile'- the gleaming face of these poor people given the gift of sight by the work of Vision Aid Overseas. Thanks to our Chairman Ken Pratt for projecting the DVD using his own equipment, and to Geoff Woolfson who stepped in at the last minute with the loan of a DVD player after yours truly had left the remote for mine under the 'telly' at home! We shot a video of the fun and games of the evening which I am sure you will have to suffer, at least in part at some time or another!

More to the point, Westcliff in its own little way helped the evening to raise about £1500 for Kim's venture. Thanks to those Westcliff members who supported the show.