



VIDEO ON-LINE

News and stories from Westcliff Film and Video Club by Nigel Woodham

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Well that's it! the end of another season at Westcliff Film and Video Club. They seem to come and go at a far quicker rate, it must be an age thing. I think this year has been a great success and shows promise for the future. As discussed at the recent AGM, you were there weren't you? The club's numbers are down but the quality of the films shown has definitely gone up. For those who couldn't attend the AGM the old committee stalwarts raised their head over the parapet for another year (the fools) and two new members stepped up for committee duties. Don Mouatt agreed to be competition secretary and I, like a fool, put my hand up to Publicity Officer. I reasoned what could be simpler, knock out a few newsletters over the course of a year and that's it, job done. My predecessor, Chris Taylor being no fool had picked a nice cushy job over the last year, so that looked like the position for me. Oh! Dear, Chris then kindly delivered to me a rather large Jiffy bag full of stuff. Stuff he had produced to inform and advertise the club and its activities over the last year. Surly all this stuff couldn't be for just one season at the club.....but it was.

So here I sit 'knocking out' my first news letter. I would like to thank Chris for all the help he is going to give me over the coming year. I'll endeavor to keep up the standard you are used to. So if I can ask all members to keep making award winning films, controversial investigative journalistic pieces that get up the authorities noses then my job as Publicity Officer will be much easier. Thanks, Nigel.

AWARDS NIGHT

Or should it be renamed? The Lester Redding and Chris Taylor Night. Only joking, but those names did seem to crop up a lot. If it happens again I recon we should give their awards on block. We could all be home in about ten minutes. Congratulations to all the award winners, actually to all the film makers who made films for showing at the club over the last twelve months.

Our thanks to John Kennedy – Melling for presenting the awards this year and also our guest speaker, author, Lawrence Henderson who recounted his experiences when one of his novels was made into a screen play.

The buffet was up to its usual standard, much of it was still well preserved, being frozen solid. I found it easier to force a cocktail stick into my Samosa and lick it like an ice lolly. The slices of cucumber still entombed in a solid block of ice were a particularly nice touch. Maybe we should just get Martin to make us some of his cakes next year, although I did hear Lesley volunteer to prepare a three course meal for under a pound a head, I am looking forward to it.

Great news about the Triangle competition, with us winning this year we become the hosts for next year, a bit like the Eurovision Song Contest but with more talent on show. The set theme for next year is 'Through the Window' so get your thinking caps on. All the pictures of the Awards Night are on our web site, although Chris Taylor looks a bit strange in some of them.



Club Outing To Epsom

There are still a few places left on the coach to Epsom on the 4th June. It's looking like it's going to be a fun day all round. So if you want to go, get in touch with Lesley Paterson and book your seat quick. Who knows, you could have a little flutter and get your money back. I'll be looking for the raffle table on the day.