



VIDEO ON-LINE

News and Stories From Westcliff Film & Video Club by Nigel Woodham

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A New Season and what a great start. Everyone who attended our opening night hosted by Michael Slowe was so impressed by the great films on show. Michael showed a selection of films going back some years together with his most recent success 'On Silk'

The older films had been transferred from film to DV and they certainly retained their original quality. The accompanying soundtracks were crisp and clean....a pleasure to listen to and look at. Thanks go to Michael for such a good show.

We have had a 'Back to basics' evening and the results in from last seasons Club Projects. The team headed up by *Lester Reading* produced an excellent drama that will no doubt go on to win many awards. The other group overseen by yours truly, turned in ten DV tapes from about a dozen trips out filming. The finished film ended up at fifteen minutes long and contained footage shot on five different cameras and from different cameramen. Considering the variety of footage and the different shooting styles used the finished result was very good (even if I say so myself). I think everyone who participated gained something from the exercise and with that in mind we are looking forward to this seasons groups being arranged and the new projects started. I'll keep you posted.

Westcliff.....are *no mugs!*

To commemorate **WFVC** winning the IAC North Thames Triangle Competition (again) last season the club has produced a batch of commemorative Mugs. The mugs are available for sale at our Monday night club meetings and are also being offered as prizes in the halftime raffle. The Mugs are a limited edition item and once they are gone there will be no more.....so get yours now.

A couple of members travelled to Colchester Video Club recently to present an evening of Westcliff's films and it was suggested they took some mugs with them to drink tea from and generally brandish. It was decided that it might not be such a good idea as Westcliff knocked Colchester out of the Triangle in the final.....I would like to have been there to film it if it had happened.



Southend Digital Day 19th November 2005, Southend Library from 11am.

Now here's an undertaking! **WFVC** in association with the Focal Point Gallery at Southend on Sea Public Library are hosting a 'open to all' hands on training day. Experienced club members will be at the Library on 19th November 05 from 11.00am offering **free** help and advice to members of the public in an effort to assist them to get more from their camcorders and digital still cameras.

There will be three computer workstations set up, each with an experienced operator on hand to demonstrate different aspects of video making and image manipulation. One station will be demonstrating basic video editing using *Windows Moviemaker*. Another computer will be showing how you can adjust your digital still pictures in a program called *Adobe Photoshop Elements* then turn them into slideshows that can be viewed on the PC or TV. The third workstation will demonstrate how easily your home movies can be turned into finished DVD's complete with their own menus and graphics using *Ulead DVD Movie Factory*.

Alongside the computer room the club will be projecting films made by club members and training videos, all in the lecture theatre. After each show there will be a chance to ask question and get answers to any queries you may have. There will also be a helpdesk where any questions can be raised and an answer found.

The day will be open for anyone to attend. People can turn up at anytime during the day (no booking is required) and after a visit to the help desk can then attend a computer demonstration session or one of the film shows. Full details are available on the **WFVC** website at www.wfvc.org.uk. Do please tell your friends and come along.....it'll be an interesting and informative day for all.

Breaking News!

Ulead have supplied us with some software which some lucky person will be able to win on the day!