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

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Awards Night

Saturday 13th May 2006 at 7.30 at Wyburns School.

What better way to end another successful season at Westcliff Film & Video Club than to present the deserved winners of the clubs various annual competitions with their awards. A night to congratulate the creative efforts of the film making members and to support the club in it's efforts to stay at the top of the amateur movie making tree. And another great season it has been.

Our club Patron, Jeremy Beadle has kindly agreed to make the presentations. Another long time supporter of our club, John Kennedy Melling will also be attending.

Unlike previous years, this year we are trying a different approach, a more laid back casual affair more akin to a normal club night but with presentations, prizes, guests and FREE FOOD FOR ALL. Yes that's right, this year everyone attending the evening will be able to choose from a couple of dishes to help the evening along. If you want a drink to wash it down then please bring some along. Hot beverages will be available on the evening.

You can choose between, Chilli, Chicken in white wine or Caramelised onion tart, all served with rice or new potatoes and a side salad plus drinks to accompany the meal. Could you please let Martin or Lesley Paterson know what your preference might be to help with numbers for catering.

The BIG raffle will be there also. So please come along, support the club, have a good time and you could even go home with some raffle prizes to round the evening off.

Westcliff triumph at Triangle semi-final full report by Don Mouatt.

On Friday, 7th April, Wanstead & Woodford Cine & Video Club hosted the semi-final of this years Triangle competition, the competitors being themselves, Ealing Video & Film Makers and, of course, Westcliff. The first two clubs were winners of their groups whilst Westcliff, along with two other clubs, had been given a bye in the first round. Altogether 20 clubs entered this year, each club submitting a documentary, an open and a set theme video, the latter being "Through the Window". Around 60 persons watched this semi-final group and, most encouragingly, this included a dozen Westcliffionians.

The competition started with the Documentary section, our entry being Terry & Debbie Mendoza's "Unlocking Young Minds". The video screening was not as good as it could have been. Because of trouble in a previous round in showing DVD's Ron Jones the competition organiser asked clubs to also bring a mini-DV with them. This was used for this particular video and for some reason or other a little of the bottom part of the picture showing the names of interviewees was blocked off. However, I don't think this affected the judges' opinion. At the end of the evening we learnt that our video had scored 7/9 points gaining two firsts and rather bizarrely a last. Wanstead also scored 7 points whilst Ealing achieved 4.

The second section of the competition was Open and "Till Then" which was a club project with Lester at the helm proved a hit with the judges who later gave it 8 points. The other two clubs scored 5 apiece.

In the Set Theme section which was "Through the Window" Lester Redding's "Art of Glass" was the unanimous first choice for all three judges, thereby scoring a maximum of 9 points. Ealing netted 5 points and Wanstead 4. I should add that by this time a word in the ear of the projectionist ensured that DVD was used to get the best quality.

To save the old brain box from the laborious and difficult task of counting up the marks mentioned above the final result was Westcliff 24 out of a possible 27 points, Wanstead 16 and Ealing 14. Congratulations and thanks to all our members who participated in the making of three very good videos.

IAC North Thames Triangle FINAL

The Triangle Final is now only a couple of weeks away and I can confirm we will be up against Harrow and Milton Keynes on the day. Please make the effort to come and support the club in it's attempt to win this prestigious trophy yet again. The competition starts at 2.30PM on Sunday 7th May at Wyburns School. Please arrive by about 2.00PM. It will be an entertaining afternoon regardless of the result and you will get to see nine great films.

Remember **YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!** A good attendance and support for the club entries is essential.