



# VIDEO ON-LINE

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

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## Where has the time gone?

Only four regular Monday night club meetings left until the end of another season. But there is still so much going on at WFVC. We have another guest speaker, Paul Mercer on the 16th April, the club's premier competition 'The Wright Trophy' on the 23rd April, a members film night and the results of the 'Hands On' evening. I hope some of you have put together some short films from the footage you shot on that night. It will be really interesting to see how the same subjects have been handled by different people. The last meeting, which was the George Daniels Trophy, had a short film entered that used footage from the Hands On night but I found it to be in bad taste. Well, as it was myself who was the subject of the film and I was ridiculed as part of the plot it could be said that I wasn't viewing it objectively.....I am not going to use this newsletter to vent or get my revenge, I am above that and took the video in the vain it was intended. But you know the saying, revenge is a dish best served cold (a plan is hatching in my wicked evil mind even as I type).

The Club AGM is only seven weeks away (21st May) so get your thinking caps on with anything you want to suggest or any issues relating to the running of the club and it's activities that you want to discuss. Get your proposals in (in writing please) well in advance. You could always put yourself or a colleague up for one of the club's committee positions.....think about it. A formal notification will be posted out in about three weeks time.

### IAC North Thames Region.....Triangle Competition (Semi Final)

The club will be competing in the semi final of the Triangle at Potters Bar Cine and Film Society (Wyllyotts Community Centre, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar) on Thursday 12th April at 7.30pm. A few members will be travelling up to support the film makers on the evening. I would like to wish everyone the best of luck for the evening and will report back to you all as soon as possible as to the result. Remember, regardless of the result we are hosting the final again this year at Wyburns School on the Sunday 13th May.

**As you know, we are applying for a lottery funded grant. As part of the proposal submitted we are committing the club to quite a few outside activities including giving film shows to groups who are not so able to get out and about. A few members of the club gave one such show recently as a sort of 'dry run'. Here is a report supplied to me by one of those members, Chris Taylor....**

#### **Report of Westcliff Film and Video Club's show to Rayleigh Physically Handicapped Society.**

Report by Chris Taylor

A team from the club presented a show for the members of Rayleigh Physically Handicapped Club on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Run by Neville Rumsey, Don Mouatt and Chris Taylor, it was the first of a series of shows the club is planning as part of its intention to become more socially aware and to support the community with its talents.

The Rayleigh Club asked for a show centred around the 'Southend Bygone Years on Film' collection which I have held and presented for many years. The, mainly ladies, of the group saw films of the thirties and forties of Southend with visitors having seaside fun. They also watched film of royalty in the town over the years and were fascinated by visits of the Queen Mother, the Duchess of Kent and the present Queen. Other queens in the show were *The Medway Queen* and the *Queen of the Channel*, the old steamers who used to come to the pier.

The available tapes are old transfers from the original films and we hope that new digital copies will soon be provided by The East Anglian Film Archive. Ken Pratt and myself plan to make a new programme which can be used for Club shows to worthy causes.

We balanced the programme with more modern films, they loved Nigel Woodham's 'Daisy's Day Out' and our Triangle entry 'The Last Resort'. They enjoyed the naughty bits, giggling at Daisy going into the ladies and the dog poo in *The Last resort*. One of the few gentlemen in the audience ordered copies of *Daisy* for his grandchildren, *The Last Resort* and some archive material. He was happy to pay a nominal charge which will be donated to club funds.

Dave Windle's wife Ann, who is a helper at the Society, reported that the conversation in the ambulances taking the ladies home was that the show was one of the best they had had.

#### **A Sound Idea!**

*As a project for next season we have come up with a plan. We are producing a CD that will have a variety of music tracks on it. The CD's will be available to any member who wants one. What we want you to do is, using any of the supplied music as the soundtrack make a video (or any AV). What or how you go about it and what you film or produce is entirely up to you. The CD's will be available in a few weeks time.*