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## MIKE SHAW

Last month we heard the very sad news that Mike Shaw had died. Mike joined Spring Park in 2002 after he retired from a career in advertising. Mike immediately became a big asset to the club. He became our projectionist and also promoted the use of video editing, particularly Pinnacle Studio (he “beta tested” their software). In 2004, the then chairman, Eddie Edwards, suggested that Mike should succeed him in the chair. Although he was chairman for only 3 years, the club made great strides under his leadership, including club clothing with a badge he designed himself. He was producer and editor of the club comedy film, “Flat Out” which won the national “North v South” club film competition in 2005 and also the “Mermaid Award”. Mike also worked with the Bromley History Society and produced ‘Bromley’s Best Kept Secret’ a film about Bromley Colleges. Mike introduced the awards evening too (with more awards). Mike was a prolific film maker and specialised in comedy films and special effects. He loved new gadgets and novel software (in the photo above Mike is giving a talk recently about the versatility of smart phones). Mike joined Richard and Brenda Troughton to make longer films about local history as Footprint Productions, including “Enid” about Enid Blyton’s early life in Beckenham and with a grant, digitized old films in Bromley’s Library archive. Later, he joined the Orpington Video and Film Makers, and in recent years was a member of both this club and Spring Park. Mike had been an active member and chairman of SERIAC and was the projectionist for some years at the Kent Film Festival. He was made a Fellow of the IAC (FACI) for his contribution to amateur film making and won countless awards for his films. Most of all Mike was a generous, kind, energetic and humorous man and those that knew him will miss him. Our thoughts are with his wife Annie and his family.

## FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

### 9<sup>th</sup> January – Filming St Petersburg

Allen shows us films of his trip to St Petersburg in Russia.

### 23<sup>rd</sup> January – You Provide the Soundtrack

Roy has provided (still available if you ask him to send it to you!) members who asked with a short film. All you have to do is provide the soundtrack of music and/or voice-over. Members will vote for the best version and Roy has promised a prize! *If you have a film for Movieground please bring it along to show on this evening (see next item on changes to the programme).*

### 6<sup>th</sup> February – Spring Park judges BIAFF

Spring Park members will give their marks for 2019 BIAFF winning films and compare them with those of the final judges.

## AN EVENING FOR MIKE SHAW

The Committee is planning an evening as a tribute to Mike Shaw. This will be a joint event with Orpington Film and Video Makers to be held in our usual meeting room on 19<sup>th</sup> of March replacing Movieground in our programme. Mike's films were always entertaining so we look forward to many cinematic memories.

## PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### 5<sup>th</sup> December – The 2019 Clive Cobley Challenge



The winner was Allen with “You Are My Sunshine”

### 12<sup>th</sup> December – Club Christmas Lunch at “The Railway” West Wickham



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