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FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

7th March – Annual General Meeting

Once again, we meet to agree on the composition of the Executive Committee and the views of members on the future of the club. One decision that needs to be decided involves the finances of Spring Park Film Makers. The Committee will ask the members to agree to an increase in the entrance fee from £2 to £3 later in the year and £5 per member increase in the Annual Subscription. After the formal meeting is over, members can enjoy complimentary drinks and snacks.

21st March – Keith Burrows' World Tour



Photo by Keith S

Keith will talk about his world cruise that he experienced during 2018 and will show us clips of the videos he took during the voyage.

28th March – The 2019 Triangle Competition

At about this time of year, Spring Park and three of our neighbouring clubs compete for two separate trophies. Four clubs take it in turns to host this event and to provide a panel of judges. The three visiting clubs each show a 30 minute programme of their recent films. The judges then decide on the most entertaining programme and, separately, the best individual film shown that evening. This year the hosts are Shooters Hill and our opponents will be Orpington

Video and Film Makers and Epsom Movie Makers. It will be held in Shrewsbury House, Bushmore Crescent, Shooters Hill, London SE18 3 EG.

The competition starts at 8 pm sharp, so please try and get there well before that. Come along and watch the films and socialise with our friends in these local clubs. It is always a pleasant evening.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7th February – Jason Ford



Photo by Keith S

Jason is an actor, writer and director and he told us about his experiences in professional film making and acting. He started as an actor and originally played minor roles in TV dramas. But he was keen to make his own films. He made a film called "New Town Original" based in Basildon and he showed us the trailer for this one. He then made the film more "commercial", adding "This is Essex" to the title. He showed excerpts from the "horror-thriller" he made called "Community" and a short film set in a psychiatric hospital.

21st February – Films from Leicester

It has been some time since we last spent an evening looking at films from another club. It is always good to see the work of other non-professional film makers and possibly get some new ideas. On this occasion, we broke new ground. Spring Park has been formally asked to judge the films for Leicester's club competition. Judges from our club have agreed to do the formal judging after this meeting. However, we took this opportunity to show these films on the big screen at a club meeting and discuss their merits informally. The first film was "Mississippi" which was a holiday based production filmed aboard a paddle boat on this mighty American river. It was a film nicely shot to music (sung by Ray Charles no less!).

The second film was "The Magical Moor"; again a travelogue. This one was closer to home with a look at Dartmoor with a well written voice over. Our members noted some slight camera shake and wind noise but many really appreciated the film as a whole.

The third film was "Eyebrook", about a man-made reservoir in Leicestershire. The film showed archive footage of the testing of the bomb used by the "dambusters" of World War 2; it went on to show the wild birds that have since made their home on these waters. Again wind noise was distracting during the interviews but members liked the voice-over and the titling. "Working History" looked at Quarry Bank Mill, a National Trust museum in Cheshire that traces the history of the British textile industry. The film was enjoyed by our members and was most informative. The final movie looked at a 1940s celebration day in the East Midlands. Many participants were dressed in 1940s clothes and many were interviewed, often with intrusive background noise. Nevertheless everybody who took part seemed to be enjoying themselves. In the second part of the evening we watched a couple of films from Haywards Heath Movie Makers, including a drama about a French vagrant!

British International Amateur Film Festival (BIAFF)

This is the biggest amateur film festival in this country and Spring Park members have in the past entered films and sometimes achieved great success. This year it is being held in Birmingham from the 25th to the 28th of April. For further details go to www.biaff.org.uk

South East Region of the IAC (SERIAC) Film Festival

Hot on the heels of BIAFF comes SERIAC, the film festival for our region. This festival is held in the Oast Theatre in nearby Tonbridge on Saturday the 11th of May and doors open at 1.30pm and the entry price is just a fiver and that includes buffet, tea and coffee. More details can be found at www.seriac.org.uk

Kent Film Festival (KFF)

As if this wasn't enough excitement, there is the Kent Film Festival which is held at Christchurch Canterbury University on Saturday the 28th of September. Another date for your diary! And don't forget to enter your films, which you can do from April onwards. Graham E is the Competition Officer so you can give him your films and entry form. The KFF Committee is looking to strengthen its ranks, so if you would like to help please talk to Graham E.

TEA ROTA

21st March – John Owen
4th April – David Hunt

Tea makers are kindly asked to bring 2 pints of milk and a packet of biscuits. Thanks!