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BIAFF RESULTS ARE IN

Three members of Spring Park Film Makers entered films at the British International Amateur Film Festival (BIAFF) this year. Two of those films were awarded 4 stars, two 3 stars and one 2 stars. Our congratulations go to these Spring Park Members. Details are presented on page 2.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

12th April – Tom's Variety Show

The ever popular professional videographer, Tom Hardwick is ready to amaze and entertain us with films and new kit for us video makers. Definitely a date for your diary!

26th April – Your Holiday Films

It is a long time since we last invited members to bring in their holiday films. So, whether you shot film of your vacation last month or even years ago, please join in and show us where you went. We look forward to seeing your travelogues.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1st March – Music for your films

Due to adverse weather, this meeting was cancelled. Hopefully we can return to this topic at a future meeting.

15th March – “Never mind the quality – feel the width” an evening of the Chairman's films

Graham E joined Spring Park almost exactly 20 years ago and has made quite a few films since then. 35 of his films have been shown at the Annual Shows and numerous others were shown at Club evenings. Graham showed a selection of these films at this meeting, including:

“Animal, vegetable or mineral” – with Graham as Humphrey Bogart;

“Concrete achievement” – the history of urban development in Croydon;

“Jazz on a winter's day” – a look at the Hayes Christmas Fair, complete with jazz band;

“Jewel on the Mersey” – a quick look at the city of Liverpool;

“Magic bus” – the story of the London Routemaster;



“Magnum farce” – a spoof of the “Dirty Harry” movies with Graham playing a diminutive Clint Eastwood (a still from this film is shown above);

“No planes” – a film of London Heathrow whilst all planes were grounded due to volcanic ash set to a poem by Graham;

“Pickhurst Manor” – about the destruction of a local manor house in the 1930s;

“Queenie” – biography of Graham’s grandmother;

“Taking a hit” – a club drama film about criminals scripted and produced by the Chairman;

“The war of the words” – spoof of the musical version of the War of the Worlds using the giant Atomium in Brussels (in the voice-over Graham paraphrased H.G.Wells in a Richard Burton accent).

29th March – 2018 Annual General Meeting

Sixteen members turned up for this event with apologies from four more. The minutes from the 2017 AGM were agreed and signed off by the Chairman. Annual Reports for the past year by the Secretary and Treasurer were received. Jack kindly agreed to be club auditor for 2018. The existing Committee was re-elected unopposed for 2018/19.

The Chairman spoke briefly, thanking his Committee members for their excellent work during the past year as well as countless members who also helped to run the club during another successful year. Graham went on to open a discussion on how to recruit and retain new members. He was able to ascertain that a number of new films were in the process of production by individual members.

2018 BIAFF RESULTS (SPRING PARK MEMBERS)

“Happy valley” Graham R

4 STARS

“Green space” Graham R

4 STARS

“Standing room only” Graham R

3 STARS

“Brilliant lives” Roy - 3 STARS

“As if in a dream” - Dorothy

2 STARS

EDITING TO MUSIC

A while ago, in the depths of winter, copies of two recordings of music were made available to members of both Spring Park and Orpington clubs. The idea was that as many members of both clubs would make a film to one (or even both!) pieces of music then show them at a joint meeting. We are now only weeks away from this event on the 10th of May, so please have a go at this challenge. The two pieces of music are: (a) “In a dancing mood” by Dave Brubeck; (b) “Sukiyaki” by Kenny Ball. If any members have not yet got a copy of one or both of these pieces of music, please contact Graham E and he will send the music to you via WeTransfer or via a CD (collect at the next club meeting). At the AGM the Committee agreed that, to encourage inclusion, members of both Spring Park and Orpington attending could bring any short film edited to music for showing during the evening.

SUBS PLEASE!

Now that April is here, it is time for members to pay their annual subscriptions. The amounts remain the same: £15 for an individual and £5 for each additional member of your family. Our Treasurer, Dorothy awaits payment either by direct bank transfer to the club’s new bank account - (Barclays – Sort Code 20-18-93 Account Number 73842894), or by a cheque made out to “Spring Park Film Makers” – no cash payments please.

TEA ROTA

12th April - Roger

26th April - to be confirmed

Tea makers are asked to bring along two pints of milk and biscuits. The Treasurer is prepared to recompense tea makers for these expenses.