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## 50<sup>TH</sup> DINNER – A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

On April 6<sup>th</sup> many members arrived at the New Inn Hayes to celebrate half a century of Spring Park. The evening went well and we welcomed members of the SERIAC Council and others from the Kent amateur film world. The food and drink was well cooked and served and the official speeches by the Chairman and vice-Chairman were short and to the point. The finale of the evening was the premiere of a film called “The Spring Park Story” with some members relating how things were in the “old days” at the club plus some fascinating “behind the scenes” footage. A good “do” was the general impression. Thanks go to members the Committee (especially Brenda and Richard) for their hard work setting up this event.

### The Dinner



Photo by Keith S

### FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

#### 11<sup>th</sup> May – Movie-Go-Round

I know, it doesn't seem long since we were watching new films from members (actually it was early March). But our prolific film makers are sure to surprise us with more movies, so come along and see. As usual, a panel of experienced film makers will give their views on these new films.

#### 25<sup>th</sup> May – Films Made to Provided Footage

In recent years, Dorothy has provided footage for our film makers to edit. Such is the imagination of some of our members that some of the results of this exercise have become “club classics”. This year a club from the Midlands have provided footage of some “shifty” types wandering around Sutton Coldfield.....

**8<sup>th</sup> June – NO MEETING DUE TO USE OF CHURCH FOR GENERAL ELECTION POLLING STATION**

### PREVIOUS EVENTS AND MEETINGS

#### 8<sup>th</sup> April – SERIAC FILM FESTIVAL

A fair number of Spring Park Members made it to Tonbridge including two members who won awards. Roy won the Surrey Borders Cup for his touching documentary “The Railway Children”.



Photo by Richard

Graham R was commended for his unusual documentary “CS13” about iconic viewpoints in London.



Photo by Richard

## 27<sup>th</sup> April – Bexley Audio-Visual (AV) Show



Photo by Keith S

As it was very close to the date of his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, Chairman Graham provided cakes for the members. But he was surprised by a “this is your life” type moment. Members were invited to sing “Happy Birthday” whilst a birthday cake complete with lit candles was wheeled on a trolley to the front of the hall.



**Roger and Peter “The AV Boys”**

Photo by Keith S

By popular request, the Bexley AV Group returned with another set of fantastic AV shows from these ace local photographers. Roger and Peter did not disappoint; as the Chairman remarked, it was “everyone a winner”. They showed some very varied AVs made by their friend Dennis about the beauty of Scotland, some very good looking “Goth” ladies and one AV with very colourful frogs and snakes. Peter then showed us around Southwark Cathedral complete with a moving poem. There followed an illustration for the song “Somewhere Over The Rainbow”. We then were taken to the beautiful Emmetts Gardens near Sevenoaks. Next, we were in Italy for an AV documentary about Puccini with his music as a soundtrack. Roger then took over and he kicked off with a great cruise down the Thames. Staying near this river we looked at the huge variety of door knockers in Greenwich. Roger stayed in this historic town to show us the restoration of the Concert Hall at the Royal Naval College. Finally, Roger showed a main road in Welling which was virtually re-built at taxpayers’ expense with little obvious improvement.

### **HAVE YOU PAID YOUR SUBS!**

Many members have already paid their club subscriptions for 2017/18, but some have yet to pay. The amounts payable are unchanged: £15 per individual member and £5 for each member of the same household.

Members have in the past been asked to pay subscriptions and other similar payments (eg to special events like our Anniversary Dinner) by cheque rather than cash. The exception to this rule is payment of the regular entrance

fees at our meetings and entry to the annual show. With the closing of the club’s local branch of the HSBC bank in West Wickham, it makes it easier for our Treasurer if payments of subs are paid by members via BACS or direct transfer (eg using electronic banking). For those able and willing to make payments this way the appropriate codes of the club’s bank account can be obtained from members of the Committee. But cheques made out to Spring Park Film Makers are still acceptable. Membership Secretary Keith will be happy to accept them as usual.

### **FILMING OPPORTUNITY**

When Spring Park started to produce a newsreel in 2013, one of the local news items we covered was the crowning of the London May Queen on Hayes Common. The May Queens from various parts of Greater London also parade around the roads of Hayes. We would like a member to film this year’s event on the afternoon of the 13<sup>th</sup> of May this year on Hayes Common for the newsreel, and possibly a colourful film of their own. Please contact the Chairman if you want to volunteer to help with this.

### **THE IAC NATIONAL AGM WESTERN WEEKEND HOEDOWN**

This year the event is hosted by our own IAC Region (SERIAC) and promises to be a weekend packed with attractions and special group outings. It is based at The Coniston Hotel in Sittingbourne, Kent. The dates are 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October this year and you can get all the details from the SERIAC website or ask our very own Brenda who just happens to be the Secretary of SERIAC!

### **GET YOUR OWN COPY OF “THE SPRING PARK STORY”!**

A few of you got a free DVD of this film by being on the winning table for the Chairman’s Quiz at the Club Dinner. Copies of the film on DVD will be available at meetings and we hope you can donate £5 to club funds at the same time. For those unable to see the film at the dinner, it lasts approximately 30 minutes and “stars” Tony, Gerald and Mike amongst others telling the story to the background of rarely glimpsed footage of Spring Park members making films and at meetings in the olden days. This includes how the two Spring Park blockbusters “Flat Out” and “Unfounded Rumours” were made.

### **TEA ROTA**

11<sup>th</sup> May - Brenda

25<sup>th</sup> May - Richard

Please bring a 2 pint bottle of milk and some biscuits. Keith B, our Membership Secretary, will reimburse you.