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FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

2nd May – Movieground

It has been over three months since we sat and looked at all your new films, so here is the Spring edition of this popular event. Bring along the latest version of your films on disc or USB stick. We are still having some technical problems with our new 4K projector, so please bring either SD or HD versions this time which we can watch on our old HD projector. We hope to have a team of three “experienced” members to give their constructive comments on each film.

11th May (Saturday) SERIAC Film Festival

Please come along to this regional film festival which is virtually on your doorstep. OK, it is actually held in Tonbridge, but it's not that far away! You will see some of the best new films from Kent, Surrey, Sussex and South East London. Some of these are expected to be films made by our members. The event finishes in the early evening when the awards are announced. £5 gets you in for a half day of films and refreshments at no extra cost. The festival starts at 2pm (doors open at 1.30pm) at the Oast Theatre, London Road, Tonbridge, Kent TN10 3AN. I hope to see you there!

16th May – Some of Gerald's Films

Yes, that's right, one of our longest serving members and premier film makers will entertain and inform us with a few of his productions.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4th April – Cine Evening

It had been many years since cine films were projected on the screen at a Spring Park meeting, but this evening, hosted by the Chairman, brought real film back to life! Cine films on Standard 8 and Super 8 from members were shown. Roy showed us a film from Australia (some of it from the air) and a school trip by British children in a Hong Kong school visiting the Chinese mainland about 40 years ago. Dorothy showed us some holiday footage taken in the Netherlands in the 1980s. The Chairman let members see footage taken more than 50 years ago (on single 8) shot by the late Derek Toft of the building of part of the Croydon flyover. After the break the cine film theme was continued but based on digital video imagery. Allen had woven together items based on very early films as well as a very short extract from film of his own wedding. Peter M had made a film of his 2018 family Christmas on video made to look like cine film. He also showed a video conversion of a 1960 cine film made by his father based loosely on the Keystone Kops.

18th April – Club Visit to Chislehurst Caves



Photo provided by Keith S

About fourteen of us turned up on a warm spring day for a special guided tour of Chislehurst Caves. This unusual venue is of course free of daylight and the tour involves the use of oil lamps to reveal the caves. We enjoyed a fascinating lecture tour as our guide explained the use of the caves and their history from Roman times to a rock venue in the sixties and seventies. The most fascinating and vital use was as a gigantic underground bomb shelter in the second world war, with excellent illuminated tableaux of the various parts of the caves at that time. We later retired for lunch at a nearby pub garden. Thanks go to Brenda for organising such an enjoyable outing. She has prepared another outing for club members at the Hop Shop Lavender Farm on Thursday the 11th of July. Watch out for more details in Moviepage and our website.

CLIVE COBLEY COMPETITION

There is still plenty of time to make or finalise your entry for this two-minute film competition. Just make one or more two-minute films to the topic “Sunshine” ready for our meeting on the 5th of December.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Yes folks, it is now a new financial year so please get ready to pay your annual club subscriptions for 2019-20. The **new rates** are **£20** per individual member and **£10** for each additional member of your family.

Our Treasurer, Dorothy, will accept your payment by cheques made out to “Spring Park Film Makers” or by direct bank transfer to the club’s bank account:

Barclays – Sort Code 20-18-93
Account Number 73842894.

No cash please!

FILM SHOW AT “THE WARREN”

Brenda, Graham E and Richard recently showed the Spring Park Film, “A Window on West Wickham” to The West Wickham Rotary Club. After the members had eaten their dinner in a room at “The Warren” in Hayes, they settled down to watch this film, which was thoroughly appreciated by the audience.

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2nd May – Pam
16th May – Keith S
30th May – Roy
13th June – Gerald
27th June - Dorothy