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## **MORE SUCCESS FOR SPRING PARK AT THE SERIAC FESTIVAL**

A few Spring Park Films did well at last month's SERIAC Festival. Peter M won the award for Best Photography for his film "Bird Watching in Lesvos. Graham R's entry "Ceylan-6" won the award for the Best Film in no Special Category. Dorothy's film "Happy Guinea Pig" was Highly Commended and Roy's "Phonics" was Commended. Congratulations to you all!

### **PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> May – Movieground**

As usual, we had a plethora of new films from members. Our more recent members continue to bring in films to show as well as a few of the "old guard". Allen had taken some good footage and single shots of our recent visit to the Chislehurst Caves and made a decent short film record of the result. Peter L had attended the ceremony at the Tower of London to commemorate the end of the First World War. He had not yet completed the film but the part he did show was very moving and he was encouraged to finish the film, but keep it relatively short. Dorothy had produced and edited a welcome addition to the club's collection of short comedy films. This one was called "Mums the Word". Once again the theme was "out of the mouths of babes....", with another one liner to make us chuckle. Linda, one of our members from Suffolk, had recently been to the other end of the world and had sent in some films for us to look at from this holiday. The topic of the film we watched was "West Falklands" and included a lot of wild life from these parts with an informative commentary. Keith S showed us "Ingleton Falls", a fast flowing waterfall, skilfully cut to appropriate music and commentary. Keith also showed a short promo for the IAC weekend in Newcastle with brisk editing and a familiar voiceover...Dave presented "Logkrathong" which showed events during his recent travels in Thailand. The visuals were in stunning 4K and the colours were vibrant. It was said that the film needed tighter editing. In her film "Remember When", Dorothy had visited a nostalgic motor museum and set her images of the old

cars to period pop music, which made some old men very happy!

#### **16<sup>th</sup> May – Some of Gerald's Films**

Gerald, one of our longest serving members and premier film makers chose to show us some less well known examples of his films; they were no less fascinating and entertaining. He kicked off with an early "blockbuster" called "London Bridge", a visual and dramatic history of this Thames landmark. In the past, Gerald had worked as a professional film maker, often on a medical theme. He showed us two moving videos of a very disabled small boy which were used to explain the lad's extensive handicaps in his case for compensation. Then came nostalgic (to some club members) still photographs of the shooting of "Unfounded Rumours". Stills as well as cine films were part of the next offering - "Bygone Westerham". Kent was the venue for one of his commercial films about Tunbridge Wells, Finally, members were given a first look at Gerald's latest tour de force, "The Dewer Mystery", an atmospheric drama involving ghosts.

Gerald is showing this film and some other older films to the actors, friends and members at a special evening on our hall on Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow....

### 30<sup>th</sup> May – Camera and Equipment Evening



Chairman Graham presents the other Graham with his award for Best Film in no Specific Category from SERIAC 2019 for his film "Ceylan-6" – photo by Keith S.

It was time for one of our "technical" evenings. Although he was shy to admit his technical knowledge of photography, Graham R was able to deftly show his way around his camcorders and other kit (including his drone) to many members (like the "other" Graham) who knew a lot less. This was followed by some instructional videos revealing "tips and tricks" of film making.

### FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

#### 13<sup>th</sup> June – Cinema Evening

Tonight we will be watching in (4K!) the movie "Spitfire". Please bring your own popcorn...

#### 27<sup>th</sup> June – The Tom Hardwick Variety Show

We welcome back professional photographer and videographer Tom for another informative and entertaining evening. Don't miss this one!

### PAM SMITH



Chairman Graham writes: We have recently received the very sad news that Pam Smith has died. Many of you will remember Pam. Although she trained as a

nurse early in life, after her family had grown up, Pam studied art at college, including painting. As her sight declined, she started to make videos on her own as well as with Dorothy (who has helped to fill in some of the details about her life for me). They both joined Spring Park in late 2007 and soon after showed the club a film they made together called "Healing Through Creativity" in a community faith based setting. The pair went on to make short comedy films such as "Adam and Eve-olution" and "There's Always a Price to Pay". Pam made the light hearted film "Looking for Mischief" and the spell-binding snow film "The Crystal Forest". More recently, Pam needed more personal care and so moved away to be with her relatives but kept in touch with Spring Park. We all miss Pam who had a lovely personality and a winning smile. Pam's funeral will be held in East Anglia so, sadly, only a few club members will be able to attend.

### ANNUAL SUBS

The **new subscription rates** for 2019/20 are due: **£20** per individual member and **£10** for each additional member of your family. Dorothy, will accept cheques made out to "Spring Park Film Makers" or by direct bank transfer to the club's bank account (no cash please):

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### PROJECTOR NEWS

After a saga almost (but not quite) on the scale of Brexit, Chairman Graham collected the "new" Optima projector from the shop. This time Optima decided to replace a component in the projector. We hope that this has cured the problem.

### TEA ROTA

13<sup>th</sup> June – Gerald

27<sup>th</sup> June - Dorothy