

Newsletter No. 4

Hi Members,

Here is Newsletter No 4.

David Clifford,

Hon Sec

November 24th. 2008

Mike Perrem Travel Film Night.

Attendance 21 members.

Mike`s ever popular film night concentrated this year on South America. Stunning films were shown of Ecuador and the Galapagos islands. The films were outstanding and showed views of everyday life normally ignored by the TV film makers.

Ralph thanked Mike for providing us with an evening of unique films and hoped that he would be able to return next year.

December 8th.

Devon Cup. Subject Water.

Attendance 18 members.

Due to the resignation of Mr. M. Wilding the meeting was conducted by Ralph Hopper and David Clifford.

Result.

1st. John Noake Water is Life.

2nd Don Adams 50/50

3rd. Maggie Sullivan Water of Ireland.

Unplaced.

Gordon Taylor When the Tide Goes Out.

Graham Freestone Fountain Show.

Ivan Andrews Malta's Grand Harbour.

David Clifford Water.

Jim Gill showed a 10 year old film , (not in the competition) featuring storm damage in Torbay at Oddicombe and Babbacombe and including the grounded ship Santa Anna at Hopes Nose.

Jim Gill outlined how the indoor filming evening would run. An early start would be necessary in order to complete the filming.

The IAC Dolphin Competition Winner "The Trap" was screened. Jim commented on the number of errors in the filming of the mouse trap. Thanks to David Foote for downloading and converting the film to DVD.

December 22nd.

Holiday Film Night.

Due to the cold weather, illness and maybe the nearness of Christmas the usual large audience was reduced to probably the lowest ever for this evening, 12 members.

Ralph announced that a Club Forum was in process of being established which would enable members to keep in contact and promote discussions, ideas and solve problems. Paid up members will be invited to join via email.

Members were dismayed to hear that two members had been involved in accidents. Graham Freestone had sustained a fall in Exeter. Pip Beavan had been hospitalised also as a result of a fall. Members expressed their concern and expressed the hope that both would soon be restored to good health.

Maggie Sullivan reported that 26 members and families had paid so far for the New Year Social to be held on January 3rd. 2009. helpers were requested to attend by 7.00 pm, start to be at 7.30pm. Jim Gill will bring an amplifier if we cannot get the Council equipment to function.

Holiday Films Shown.

David Foote. Eastern Highlands of Scotland.

David Clifford. Firth of Forth Fishing Villages, Scotland.

John Blanchard Water , film previously withdrawn from the Devon Cup.

Jim Gill A 12 year old Video 8 film of a family outing to Bow Creek on the

River Dart.

Rex Lakeman. A professional film of the Lynton to Barnstable Railway Trust.

January 3rd. 2009

New Years Social Event.

28 Members and friends braved the cold for the second running of the Social Evening. The format was the same as last year and provided a most enjoyable event. Unfortunately illness reduced the numbers from last year. John and Maggie Sullivan were again in charge of the arrangements and excelled with the wide range of foods provided. Thanks were expressed to them by Ralph and also to the many members who assisted.

A quiz featuring sweets was run by David Clifford which was won by Mr & Mrs Don Adams. Mr & Mrs Jim Gill won the second prize by a tie breaker question from Mr & Mrs David Poole.

January 18th.

Attendance 13

Presentation of films made by young people was made by Rae Hoole , the Community Arts Director from Combeshead College Newton Abbot. Rae showed a wide selection of films made by children and young people from 5 years of age to 18.

Films included.

Family Animation day held at Combeshead College.

My House.

An explanation of the Family Animation Day.

Views from Newton Abbot. A series of snapshots taken at Newton Racecourse. Young people giving their thoughts on " What makes me Happy", " What makes me sad" and " Dreams". A very thought provoking film.

Excerpts from " The View From Here Festival" including Trail Bikes and a production from the Moretonhampstead group who last year presented" Lost Roots" at the festival held at the club. Their film was of a garden party held at Castle Drogo on the day that war was declared on 3rd. September 1939.

After a discussion with Rae it is hoped that we may be able to feature other film groups involved with schools and young people.

Jim Gill gave details of the indoor filming night to be held on February 2nd. Everyone has a job. In order to complete the project the evening must commence at 7.00pm sharp, please do not be late.

John Noake has kindly volunteered to provide a replacement evening which should have been presented by Mr.M. Wilding. The lecture will include TV production techniques. Practice shots will be demonstrated. Please bring your tripods and cameras for this event.

The evening concluded with a selection of films from the SoCo 2008 competition winners DVD.

David Clifford

Hon. Secretary.

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