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Open Night September 7th. 2009

The first meeting of the 2009 to 2010 session attracted 25, including 11 prospective members. Demonstrations of cameras, editing systems, computers & Casablanca machines were given by Committee members. After the tea interval films of past competition winners and club productions were screened.

Soco Film Night September 21st 2009

We were very fortunate to be able to obtain copies of the SoCo 2009 IAC Video Competition Awards Show which had taken place on September 12th organised by the Froze Film & Video Makers thanks to their secretary Phil Marshman.

Due to time restraints we were only able to view eight of the films. The remaining films will be screened at a later date.

The films were of a very high standard and gives us a target standard to aim for.

Attendance 21 including several new members who were welcomed by Chairman Ralph Hopper.

Our best wishes and hopes of a rapid recovery were expressed to Maggie Sullivan who had had a bad fall, fractured her wrist and also sustained leg injuries.

Teign Cup Competition 2009 October 3rd. 2009

The Teign Cup attracted an audience of 45, the highest for many years.

We were pleased to welcome visitors from Exeter, Tiverton, Frome and Bournemouth.

The programme started right on time at 2.00pm in order to accommodate the screening of 15 films, this was successfully completed by 5.10pm, just in time for tea.

The club was well represented by John

Blanchard's winning entry for "Film That Tune", "Bury Me" and "The Windfall" the clubs indoor filming night video, produced and directed by Jim Gill.

"The Windfall" has won a certificate at a competition in Austria and both will be entered in competitions at the coming SoCo Weekender.

This year we had a complete change of judges. Sadly Keith Cann a regular judge and a former Committee member has recently died.

Keith's very professional detailed analysis and helpful comments on the entries will be sorely missed, the club has lost a very valued and dedicated friend.

Our thoughts and condolences are with Irene. Mark Jeffs our other regular judge was working in Russia.

Mark is a producer and director for Russian Hour TV.

We were pleased to welcome back to the club as a judge a past member ,Andrew Brooking from Teignmouth who joined the club as a teenager and became the youngest ever member of the Committee.

After College and University he is now a Creative Producer with AETN UK with his work regularly appearing on the History channel.

The other judge was Pip Critten from Plymouth , SoCo Secretary and Editor of the SoCo Magazine.

Pip is well known to members who attend the SoCo Weekender at Bournemouth.

The results are as follows,

1. Bournemouth Video Club, **" The Land of the Long White Cloud."**
2. Reading Film & Video Club **." In the National Interest."**
3. Frome Film & Video Makers **" The Swan, The Kayak & The Signet."**

The Cup and Trophies were presented by our Chairman Ralph Hopper who also presented the Panasonic £50.00 prize to the Bournemouth Club.

Thanks to everyone involved in making this one of the best competitions for many years.

Geoff Priestley One Minute Film Night October 5th. 2009

Dorothy Priestley was unable to attend but was represented by her daughter and son in law. I didn't count the large number of entries but they were really significant, thank you for the great support. Being only one minute long we had the luxury of being able to show them all twice!

During the interval we were all able to celebrate with Rex Lakeman, his daughter and her husband, it being Rex's 93rd. Birthday on 7th. October. Rex managed to blow out the candles on the cake almost in one go!

Before the break a film by Eric Hill entitled "A Taste of the Lake District " was screened. After tea the two films omitted from the SoCo evening were shown. "Gloucester 2007 " won the Best Club Entry and it was obvious why. This 30 minute film was a beautiful example of how to record events in your city and keep the audience entertained. The overall winner of the So Co Competition was then screened , this was " On the Level" an 8 minute film of the Kennet and Avon canal from its terminus at Bath , through the Limpley Stoke Valley to Bradford -on Avon, which just so happens to be my hometown. The opening of this canal to Reading has certainly brought vast numbers of visitors to the area with two new marinas being constructed. The views of the canal from Avoncliff to the Dundas aqueduct brought back many memories of my youth, I was also delighted to see the canal side cottage once the home of my grandparents.
Attendance 24.

Talk "Wildlife & Animation Films" by Barnaby & John Walters.

19 members were treated to a most wonderful evening of photographs, videos and music. John delighted us with brilliant wildlife material including dancing adders, willow warblers, wood warblers, a cuckoo and rare wasps. These entrancing films were supported by superb still pictures which were also taken by the same camera used for the video, quite amazing. We are very fortunate to be able to see John's superb work.

Unfortunately Barnaby had left a connecting lead for his laptop at home and

**could not show his latest animations via the projector, this however did not stop this remarkable teenager from astonishing us all with his remarkable musical skills. Barnaby delighted us with his playing of a self built Appalachian country music guitar and then followed that with some beautiful tunes played on his Italian Piano Accordion. Not content with this he then played his animation on the computer screen and accompanied it with a sound track played on his Accordion.
A real night to remember.**

David Clifford

Hon. Sec.

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