

Newsletter Number 3



The Barnaby and John Walters evening took place on October 27th.2008 with an audience of 19 members.

John is a writer, illustrator, naturalist and film maker based at Buckfastleigh.

He is the Author of 2 Books,-'Minibeasts' and 'The Wildlife of Dartmoor'.

Whilst his main interest is as a painter and Illustrator, 'in the field' he is also well known as a wildlife consultant for

Television, working extensively on Dartmoor.

He has found locations for 'Bill Oddie' and 'David Attenborough' amongst many others, and has worked on 'Springwatch'.



John's talk

was illustrated with beautifully detailed images, many being stills from his video work.

Secrets of the way how set-ups were prepared for filming were revealed

DVDs shown showed a Dipper threat display, massed flocks of starlings at Oakhampton camp, astonishing scenes of an Adder eating a Willow Warbler's young at a nest on Holne Moor, dancing Adders and a Cuckoo being fed by its miniature step-parent.

These are only small examples of the wonderful shown by John.



DVDs shown were:-

1.) 'The Fossil Shell'

This was Barnaby's first major production, inspired by fossils from Lyme Regis'

This film won the animation prize at the Exeter Film Festival which took the form of an Apple Mac. Computer.

2.) 'The Anachronites' a caveman adventure.

3.) 'The Premier of Electrobugs' featuring animated Computer parts.

This film will be entered in the next Exeter Film Festival.

3.) 'The Blobcoms'

These were all amazing animations for a young person to have made and a lesson for us all of what can be achieved by animation.

John and Barnaby received a wonderful appreciation for their talks. Ralph thanked them for providing such a brilliant evening, and for coming all the way from Buckfastleigh. Barnaby Walters website is www.waterpigs.co.uk

Projection by Don Adams.



A letter of thanks has been received from Dorothy Priestly Regarding the Geoff Priestley One Minute Film Evening

Ralph reminded members of the next meeting, 'The four minute' Competition, to be held on the 10th November, and the Mike Perrin Film evening of 24th November.

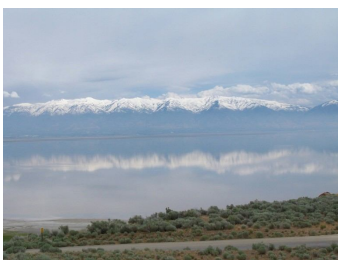
The next Competition will be the 'DEVON CUP' on December 4th.



The subject is 'WATER'

Footage is not restricted to Devon but can be from any location.

The four minute competition was held on the 10th November 2008 with 19 members attending.



Ralph announced that Michael Wilding had resigned from the committee and the club.

Ralph expressed his concerns that his resignation had occurred, and reminded members of the work Michael had done for the club, in particular the improvements to the projection arrangements, his joint arrangement with Don Adams for the 'TEIGN CUP' and his webmaster work.

After a short discussion Gordon Taylor agreed to resume as webmaster.

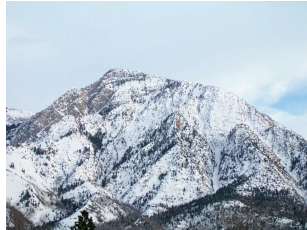
The position of 'Publicity Officer' and a place on the committee is therefore vacant. The membership of the committee is now seven.

If you would like to serve on the committee please speak to the Chairman or Hon. Sec. As it is possible in these circumstances to co-opt onto the committee.

Gordon, as I write this, has now uploaded a new website which now contains 3 films.

As this is a Media site we hope to host many films, therefore if you won a competition last year (and this year) please could you consider allowing the club to put your film on the website.

Contact the chairman or Hon. Sec. to make arrangements.



Nine films were entered for the 4 minute competition. They were all of a high standard. The result was :-

- 1st. 'HMS PORTLAND' by John Noake**
- 2nd. 'MONACO (2)' by John Blanchard**
- 3rd. 'Farmers Market' by Maggie Sullivan**

Projection by Don Adams.

After the break, 3 members films were shown

- 1.) Jim Gills 'First Film' a video transfer to DV of a film made in 1968, plus an explanation of how it was thought that the 4 minute Competition came about.**
- 2.) Ivan Andrews. 'The Senegal Experience'.**
- 3.) Barry Hunter (Past member) Football final in Goa.**

Ralph thanked all who had supported the evening and reminded the members of the next meeting on November 24th. To 'Mike Perrim' travel films evening.

I understand one of the films is a visit to Ecuador.

**David Clifford.
Hon.Sec.**