

Gloucester Film Makers



Nov/Dec 2010 Newsletter

Winter is almost upon us but the Autumn leaves during October were spectacular, dry, sunny days and very little breeze, how could anyone resist taking the camera out to capture all those wonderful colours. I hope the winter will be kind to us and wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Healthy, Happy New Year.



Member Charles Yates had an accident and we wish him a speedy recovery; we pleased to see Frank Hakim back at the meetings after his recent illness.

There have been 3 competitions since the last Newsletter.

September 6th - Open Competition No 2. for the Underwood Trophy. Won by John Greene with 'Carnival Time'

October 4th - Story Film Competition for the Wager Trophy. Won by Mike Sweczuck with 'Encounter in the Cemetery'

October 4th - Specified Subject competition for the Berry Trophy. Won by John Greene with 'Wheels'

November 1st - Film of the Year Award was won by John Sawyer with 'Where the Buffalo Roam'. Mike Sweczuck won the award for Best use of Sound with 'Encounter in the Graveyard'

The two judges were from Tewkesbury Film Club, Brian Reeve and Matt Butwell, who is

the grandson of the donor of the Butwell Trophy for our Holiday Film Competition.



Gloucester History Festival. held on the 28th August. The Venues for Gloucester Film Makers was the Cathedral

Cloisters, with further exhibits in St Michael's Tower and the Guildhall. The event was organised by Vernon Harwood of the BBC (pictured below)



Manned from 10am - 4 pm by Mike Morris, Arthur Barry, John Greene, Chris Wheatley,

Ken White and Charles Yates.



Many thanks to all who helped on the day, The Gloucester 2007 DVD was very popular and at least 35 copies were sold on this occasion



Public Archive Show. Held on October 18th. The evening was well attended,



Ticket sales reached £278 and the Raffle £68. The Raffle Ticket Tumbler made by John Sawyer proved very successful, thank you John. Once again our thanks to Mike Morris for putting the Archive Show together. A difficult and time consuming job expertly done. John Thornhill, who

donated the 1920's archive film has written to Gloucester Citizen and the Cheltenham Echo saying how much he enjoyed the finished product edited by Mike Morris of Gloucester Film Makers.

Roadshows this year have made £600 towards Club Funds. The committee have talked about the possibility of buying a smaller lightweight screen for these shows, many of the venues are small rooms and the large screen is heavy and too big for these occasions.

Forthcoming Events

November 29th - Visit from another Club. This year Cheltenham are the visitors with a selection of their films to show us.

December 13th - Social Evening.

January 10th 2011 Ken White will be showing us how to **SPOT THE ERRORS** in our film making. Followed by discussion on planning our 50th anniversary year.

Refreshments - Volunteers needed at club meetings to make the tea and coffee, Helen and Arthur will set everything up but would appreciate it if club members would take turns to make the refreshments.

A Trivention - An invitation from Ken White to show films with the Wyre Forest Club at Cheltenham in October.

SOCO Film of the Year Competition. This year our entry was 'New Shoes for Monty' by Ken White which did not win. Our entry next year will be 'Where the Buffalo Roam' by John Sawyer.

You Tube Two Winning Club Films have had a surprising amount of 'hits'. 'Abu Simbel' by John Sawyer has had 56,828 and 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' has had an amazing 74,084, and some of the comments on this are well worth reading.

Chairman's Remarks

High Definition seems to be a popular talking point with old and new members. We hope to get more knowledgeable with it during 2011. If you have any useful tips please let us know.