

Gloucester Film Makers



Spring 2013 Newsletter

What a 'Winter Washout'. The grey days just went on and on with very little sunshine to top up the vitamin D levels, but Spring is on the way and after all this rain it should be a lush, green and colourful time. We live in hope.

Competition News

October 1st - Story Film for the **Wager Trophy** was won by John Sawyer with 'Fifty Fifty'.

Wildlife Competition for the **Langwood Trophy** was won by Chris Wheatley with 'Wild Africa Trek'.

The Archive Film Show on October 15th was another nostalgia packed evening with more film from the Pathe Archives with a good selection of local footage amongst more general topics.



The highlights being a short film about "Jane" of wartime comic strip fame and a man who invented motorised roller skates!

November 5th - Film of the Year Awards for the **City of Gloucester Trophy** was won by Chris Wheatley with 'Wild Africa Trek'. **Best Sound for the Higgs Trophy** was won by John Greene with 'Here in England'.

The **AGM** on 19th November was not very well attended, but we did agree to lower the Club subscriptions due to our healthy bank balance.

December 3rd - A very successful evening out at The Twelve Bells,

Witcombe was well attended and enjoyed by everyone.

7th January - The first meeting of 2013 where '**Out of the Hat**' subjects were drawn, if you were unable to attend on that evening, please see Val or John Sawyer if you would like to join. In this competition, it proved interesting in 2012 and well worth repeating. Also at this meeting John Greene showed one of his films for all present to give a constructive critique. It was an interesting (and brave on John's part) exercise, showing the diversity of preference and tastes when marking.

January 21st meeting was cancelled due to the snowy conditions.

Forthcoming Events

The Runners Up Competition will now be held during at the March 4th Meeting.



March 18th is The Railway Show for the public, this is an excellent fund-raiser for the Club and we hope all members will come along to help out on this evening. Please take some Posters to advertise this event and tell all your friends and neighbours, the numbers have dropped over the past two years, let's get them back.



The Inter Club Competition is being held at Cheltenham this year on March 23rd at 2.30pm. We hope that as many as possible come

along to support the day. Next year it is our turn to host this competition.

Change Of date - Filming on Location will now be 15th and 16th June when there will be the **Gloucester Medieval Mystery Play Festival** on the streets of Gloucester 'on wagons'.



Rick Wakeman will be performing 'The Myths and Legends of King Arthur' at the Kingsholm Stadium and there should be many opportunities for filming at these events, perhaps we could all meet for a coffee somewhere during the day.

Check out our Club Website
www.gloucesterfilmmakers.org.uk

Many of our films have received large numbers of 'hits'.

Top of this list is 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'



by Ken White with a staggering **192,499** viewings,



John Sawyer's 'Abu Simbel' has had 80,560 viewings.

Ken White's 'Salzkammergut' in Austria has 18,417 hits.

Many others have an amazing 'hit list' many viewers have commented, mostly good but some disparaging remarks too. Well worth a look.

Chairman's Comment

We have a full programme for 2013. Keep making those excellent films.

Such a high standard.

Please support the activities of Gloucester Film Makers.