

Gloucester Film Makers



SPRING 2014 Newsletter

As this newsletter was being prepared, the devastation caused by an exceptionally wet winter is being shown on television. We hope that you have all stayed safe and dry during this dreadful weather. We can only hope for a bright Spring and hopefully sunny Summer. It has been forecast that this summer will be the hottest on record, time alone will tell. Autumn and Winter club nights have seen a decrease in members, if you know anyone that might be interested in joining our club, please bring them along.

2nd September. Open Competition No 2 for the Underwood Trophy was won by Mike Szewczuk with *"Fairground Attraction"*. Also on this night, the Specialised Subject Competition *"Boats"* was won by Ken White with *"Victorian Masterpiece"*.

16th September. 'Out of the Hat' Competition. The bottle of wine was won by John Greene with *"The Seat"*. Also shown on that evening were the group filming projects that began on May 13th, the resulting films showed what can be achieved with a little imagination! The Impact Competition was re-scheduled and won that day by Arthur Barry with *"Roaming in Rome"* for the **Carwithen Trophy**.

7th October. Story Film Competition for the Wager Trophy was won by Mike Szewczuk with *"Disturbed"*. Also competed for was the Wildlife Competition with the **Langwood Trophy** – won by John Greene with *"Slimbridge Sights and Sounds"*.

21st October. Pathe Filmshow "Planes, Trains, Boats and Cars". A great evening of nostalgia, but despite numerous posters in the area the attendance was less than the previous year.

14th November. AGM and the One Minute Film Competition. All members of the Committee were asked to stand again and all agreed. Mike Morris would like to relinquish the role of Treasurer but in the absence of any volunteers has agreed to continue for another year. Following the meeting the One Minute Film was won by Ken White with *"It'll Only Take a Minute"*.

9th December. The **Social Evening** was held at *The Oakwood* at Twigworth. 15 members attended and enjoyed a lovely evening, good food, good service and great company.

16th January. Our first meeting of 2014. Members selected their **'Out of the Hat'** subjects which will be shown on September 15th. The 2013 Awards were presented to Competition Winners and the evening concluded with the showing of Club films from the days of Standard and Super 8 cine film. These were projected on Eumig cine projectors.

20th January. The Runners Up Competition for the Muriel Gray Trophy, won by John Greene with *"A Visit to Windsor"*.



3rd February. A practical evening for beginners. We were pleased to welcome 3 people interested in the process of making their own films. John Greene spoke first on the Do's and Don'ts of filming, we have all made mistakes and have plenty of footage of our shoes, or various pavements to prove it. Chris Wheatley then demonstrated how to transfer the footage on to the computer and the basics of editing. There was a lot of discussion during the tea break with our interested visitors and the evening concluded with more instruction on the mysteries of editing.

17th March is the **Archive Railway Show** and we would appreciate it if members could come along early

from 6-15pm to help set up the hall.



As well as providing entertainment, these shows give our funds a boost.

Roadshows. These shows continue to be a successful source of income for the Club; we have 5 shows booked for this year so far. John Greene has kept a record of all the clubs and societies that we have visited over the years and it amounts to an incredible 70 venues that have enjoyed seeing our films from archive footage to the present time. Our thanks to John for all the arrangements he makes for the shows and to Chris Wheatley, Mike Morris, John and Val Sawyer and Arthur and Helen Barry for giving up their time to do the projection on these occasions.



John Greene has filmed the restoration of the Massey Shaw fireboat in the Boatyard in Gloucester Docks at two or three week intervals until she sailed away from the docks in November 2013 under spray from fire hoses. It has been displayed at the Boat Show in London. The resulting DVD of the 22 month restoration will be used as part of an exhibition as the boat tours the country.

The Inter-Club Competition which we are hosting this year on Saturday 22nd March at 2-30pm is fast approaching. Frome Film and Videomakers have agreed to be our judges. Could members please arrive early to set up; there will be a lot to do and we are using the little room for refreshments; please come and support the Club and see first class films from other Clubs.

Chairman's Remarks

A big thank you to everyone for all the work you help with. The practical evenings were a great help and success. We look forward to seeing some exciting events in the future. Keep on filming.