

Chairman's Chat

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Wow! What a start to the season. I'm not even sure we can say we've started yet.

Spare a thought for Programme Secretary, Mike, after all his hard work over the summer it's suddenly been blown out of the window. Following the news that Southport have, not unexpectedly, cancelled their visit to us on the 6th of October Mike is now working on version eight of the programme.

(Or he could be having a lie down in a darkened room!) He's certainly earning his keep this season and we're only into week three!

With a fair wind and some petrol/diesel we can only hope that we're getting over yet another problem period.

So far, we've only managed one well attended evening and that was week one. Since then, things have gone decidedly downhill.

Still there are things to look forward to.

Mike has lined up several very interesting evenings and we need to make sure these are well supported.

For some of them need you to get your thinking caps on. December 15th is Ron's "5 Min Film Competition", this is not to be confused with the AKM music and 5min competition and others to be held February 16th, the rules for Ron's competition were published during the summer but if you're not sure of them contact Ron.

In the new year, on February 9th, we have "Poetry in Motion" making a film from your own footage to a poem. Both these evenings will need a bit of forethought, so it's time to get your thinking caps on now.

Also, the "Annual Competition" will be upon you before you know where you are, so you should all be busy over the next few months.

The committee would like to hear your thoughts on the club holding a 90th Celebratory function. Would you like this to be for members only, members plus invited guests etc. What time of day would you prefer and where could we hold such a function?

As a result of the difficult start to the season Secretary, Mike, has not yet been able to put together a Stewards list for the season. Once things have settled down, I'm sure this will be sorted out. I would like to stress that it's important that once the Stewards list is sorted, we need the Stewards for the night to be at the clubroom by 6.45, that's the time Carl and I usually arrive. This will give ample time for the chairs to be set out, kitchen prepared and the hazard check list completed. If we all pull together life will be much easier for us all.

So let's all hope for a much smoother ride from now on, see you all in October.

Keith

From The Archives

The following is an extract from the November 1971 issue of Burnley Cine Club's "Focus" magazine.

"Thoughts & Deeds of a Cinematographer".....by G. Bernard Hill

"One of the joys of being a member of any club is mixing with people of like interest. But when over 50 folk turned up at Barden (in those days we met in the old school on Barden lane, no longer there now) recently one might expect that an epic was being shown. Not so. It was just that common interest which drew us together—an interest in one another's more homely offerings - an interest in family films. On the face of it not a wildly exciting subject, you may think; yet it drew the largest audience for a long time (public shows apart). So why? Simply, I think, because this is why we all enjoy cine. The capturing of that transitory moment of time, the translating into film of some emotion or experience shared with our families – these are surely what amateur filming thrives on. And if, because we make story films, or documentary films or what have you films; if, because of this, we make better family films, which give enjoyment not only to ourselves but to others, then surely we have gained. And surely we have justified our modest subscription to BCC?"

Those comments are from 50 years ago (if I've done the maths correctly!) yet they still seem relevant today. We all cut our filming teeth on "family films" and, I think, they are the ones that are the most precious to us. They capture people that may no longer be with us, and events that are milestones in our lives. And, as Bernard wrote, because we produce documentaries and story films, our personal films are the better for it.

Also, in 1971 I was the club Secretary and was expected to produce an article for the "Focus" magazine.

I note that in the same issue I wrote— "So far, this year's attendances at meetings have been very high, a near record being set on "Family Film Night", when 51 people were present, our room must now be handling near its full capacity and whilst I dislike the idea, one wonders whether the time is approaching when we may have to restrict the attendance!" How I wish that was a problem now.

Witness "This lady tried to pass off this dud note"

Judge "Counterfeit?"

Witness "Yes sir, she had two."

Sign at Edinburgh Station: This way to the toilets 2p

Don't talk about yourself-we'll do that when you leave.

Keith

Online Members Competition – 2



Last year we organized quite a successful on-line competition for members during lockdown.

The Committee, therefore, decided to promote a similar on line event for the 2021-22 season. Details below. Please put in an entry.

This time, we put no restrictions on the footage – **past re-edited or newly taken** – but the entry must not last more than 5 mins in total and cover three different attractions.

The theme changes slightly to

“Three U.K. locations and/or events to visit and Why”

1. Entries should be of not more than 5 minutes in length.
2. Subject – should be extracts from three of your films, whenever produced. The voiceover should include an explanation as to why you have selected them.
3. Entries should be submitted via the internet using ‘WeTransfer’ to **ron.harrison20@btinternet.com**.
4. We hope all members will put in an entry. There is no entry fee!
5. Modest prizes will be awarded dependent on the number of entries received. Special recognition will also be given to members who have not regularly submitted a competition entry at the club.
6. The closing date will be Wednesday, December 1st and entries will be shown at the club meeting on Wednesday, December 15th.
7. The decision of the judge(s) will be final!

BURNLEY FILM MAKERS PROGRAMME 2021-22

(UPDATED)

DATE	CONTENT	SPEAKER
2021		
15 September	Welcome back to our members and to those joining us this year. Summer Film screenings.	All Members
22 September	Planning for 30 th April 2022 event	All Members
29 September	CLUB CLOSED THROUGH PETROL SHORTAGE	
6 October	Adding audio to old cine films. Practical session using YouTube's Audio Library.	MIKE SMITH
13 October	An evening looking at Sam Hanna's films, his technique and his life in film making.	MIKE SMITH
20 October	TWO SPLICE MEDIA Ltd.	SIMON SHARPE
27 October	Filming Interviews with members. (1)	All Members
3 November	Filming Interviews with members. (2)	All Members
10 November	Newsreel Intro filming. Green screen night.	All Members
17 November	3D Virtual Reality with VR PIXEL Ltd	TOMAS GARL
24 November	CENTRE-LINE FILMS Ltd.	JIM COOKE
1 December	NEWSREEL 2021 SCREENING	ALL MEMBERS & GUESTS
8 December	TWO MEMBERS NIGHT	KEITH WIDDUP & DAVID HALL
15 December	Ron's 5 min film competition.	ALL MEMBERS
22,29 December	CLUB CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS.	
2022		
5 January	Basic Adobe Photoshop and After-Effects.	MIKE SMITH
12 January	North West Film Archive films of Burnley in the 1960s and 70s.	NWFA
19 January	HUCKLEBERRY FILMS Ltd.	CAROLINE ECCLES
26 January	Editing the Newsreel and films with Final Cut.	CARL STREDDER
2 February	Live streaming	STEVEN BROWN
9 February	Poetry and Motion: Practical – making a film from your own footage to a poem. Practical.	MIKE SMITH
16 February	Club Competitions, AKM+ YouTube, 5 Minute film and Animation etc	All Members

23 February	Guest Speaker.	RICHARD SCARSBROOK
2 March	Two Members Night 2.	MARK GRICE & DAVID CROSSLEY
9 March	Non – Winners Evening.	All members
16 March	Guest Speaker.	PAULINE HARRISON
23 March	Annual Awards Winners show and Supper	Members and Guests
30 March	Secretary's Night.	MIKE BREEZE
6 April	Visiting Film Club 2.	TBC
13 April	Club Filming – short scripted comedy sketches. Practical.	All Members
20 April	Club Closed for Easter.	
27 April	Preparation for 90 th Anniversary event on Saturday 30 th April.	All Members
30 April (Sat.)	BFM Public Event 10:30 – 4. Venue TBA.	Members, Guests and Public
4 May	Annual General Meeting.	AGM
11 May	Chairman's Night.	

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