

# STORYBOARD



September 2008

## FROM THE CHAIR

Here we are again at the start of yet another season. Lots to look forward to in the coming months. Tonight (5 September) our new programme card will be available, and we must thank Tony Valvona for printing it. We'll also be showing the clips chosen by Tim for the 10 to 4 Competition. If you plan to enter then have a word with Tim who will explain how you can get a copy of them. This particular competition was the brainchild of John Were back in 2002 and for which he donated a special trophy, the Broadwater Cup. I'm sad to report that John and Betty have decided not to renew their membership. John writes, "Regretfully, there are a number of reasons that we now consider the time has come to terminate our membership. We would be grateful if you would pass on our thanks to the Committee, especially Chairman Ken who has done such an outstanding job over a number of years to enhance our enjoyment. Finally we wish all members of SCVS a very happy future."

John and Betty joined the Society 14 years ago. John quickly proved himself to be one of our most successful moviemakers. He's a five-time winner of the Documentary award; has won the Sound Cup five times; been a winner of the Editing award on four occasions and is a four-time winner of the Unclassified award. In 1998 his film, 'Bourne To Win' won our Film of the Year award. We are certainly going to miss his regular input into our Society competitions. I'm sure all members wish John and Betty

well for the future and hope they keep in touch. We will certainly miss their company.

It's our turn to host the Gateway Trophy again this year. Don't miss it on 17 October.

We are introducing a new competition this season for the Best One-Minute Film to be held on 9 January. The winner will be presented with a new trophy named after the late Alan Davies. To make a one-minute film sets quite a challenge, so let's hope we get a number of members rising to it! For the first time our 4-Minute competition will not have a set theme in the hope that it will get more entries. A 4-Minute film about anything or anyone should certainly spark more interest.

The Surrey Film-Video Festival 2009 could be in doubt. It is in need of more volunteers to help out front of house on the day for about six hours. The organisers say that if more volunteers cannot be found then they will have no alternative to cancelling the show. The final decision on its survival is being made in mid-September. It will be tragic if this highly popular Festival has to fall by the wayside. It has a great reputation for quality and very good organisation. SCVS members have enjoyed successes in past Festivals. If the Festival is saved then it will take place on Sunday 18 January at the Electric Theatre in Guildford.

Finally let's hope we all enjoy a good season for 2008/2009.

*Ken Ferguson*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Friday</b>	<b>5 Sep</b>	Season Preview / Screening of 10 to 4 Clips
Tuesday	9 Sep	Management Committee Meeting
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12 Sep</b>	Members' Movies
<b>Friday</b>	<b>19 Sep</b>	Video Workshop - Tim on Computer Basics
Thursday	25 Sep	SCVS Show to Huddersfield
<b>Friday</b>	<b>26 Sep</b>	Studio Groups Comedy Discussion
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3 Oct</b>	Guest Speaker / Competition at Surrey Borders
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10 Oct</b>	Video Workshop - Soundtracks

The next issue of STORYBOARD will be out on Friday 3 October. Please send in your articles, comments and photos by the end of September.

## YOUR COMMITTEE

Would all members please remember that both Ken Ferguson and Colin Hignett will be resigning their positions of Chairman and Secretary at the end of this season. Although Jeremy has kindly put his name forward for the Secretary position, with Tim offering to take over management of the Website, we will desperately need a new Chairman.

Please would you all consider this carefully in the coming months and if you have any thoughts about possibly taking the position yourself, or suggestions as to who might be suitable, please let any member of the Committee know as soon as possible.

Although the Chairman's position carries considerable responsibility all the remaining members of the Committee will give their full support to the new Chairman as required to ensuring the position is not too onerous.

## 19 SEPTEMBER - VIDEO WORKSHOP

As you're probably aware, I shall be covering some Computer Basics for Video Editing on Friday 19 September. This is in response to requests from a number of members during the past year. I'm afraid this will be PC/Windows only, but I hope David or Graham might be around to field any Mac questions.

In order to widen the appeal, I'd welcome suggestions for areas perhaps outside the "basics" to be covered or specific questions to be answered – either via telephone or e-mail

Also, if anyone has any computer editing anecdotes they'd like to share these would be most welcome on what could otherwise be a fairly dry evening.

*Tim Stannard*

## QUOTES

Criticism is easy, art is difficult. - *Phillipe Destouches*

Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be.- *Thomas a Kempis*

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# TEA ROTA



12 Sep	Geoff Conway & Colin Hignett
19 Sep	Tony & Norma Valvona
26 Sep	Bert Lee & Helen Mills
3 Oct	Roger Crunden & Graham Large
10 Oct	Jill Carr & Jeremy Holder

## SUMMER BARBEQUE

Saturday 2 August and the weather looked doubtful, but come the evening we were able to sit outside and enjoy our last barbeque to be held at Helen's house. As usual Helen's catering was superb and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



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## MORE AWARDS

More good news for SCVS members who entered their films in external competitions this year. In the 2008 Guernsey Lily International Film Festival Graham Large received Highly Commended awards for both 'Aubrey's Seat' and 'Keeping the Flame Alive' and Tim Stannard received a Commended award on behalf of the Elstree Studio Group for 'Eye in the Sky'.

In the 2008 Cotswold International Film and Video Festival Graham was awarded a Platinum Diploma for 'Keeping the Flame Alive' and a Gold Diploma for 'Aubrey's Seat'. Tim received a Silver Diploma award for 'Eye in the Sky'.

*Jeremy Holder*

## MEMBERS NEWS

Happy Birthday to our secretary Colin on his approaching 75th birthday on 25 September.

## JOKE

A married couple, both 60 years old, were celebrating their 35th anniversary. During their party, a fairy appeared to congratulate them and grant them each one wish.

The wife wanted to travel around the world. The fairy waved her wand and poof - the wife had tickets in her hand for a world cruise. Next, the fairy asked the husband what he wanted. He said; "I wish I had a wife 30 years younger than me."

So the fairy picked up her wand and poof - the husband was 90.

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