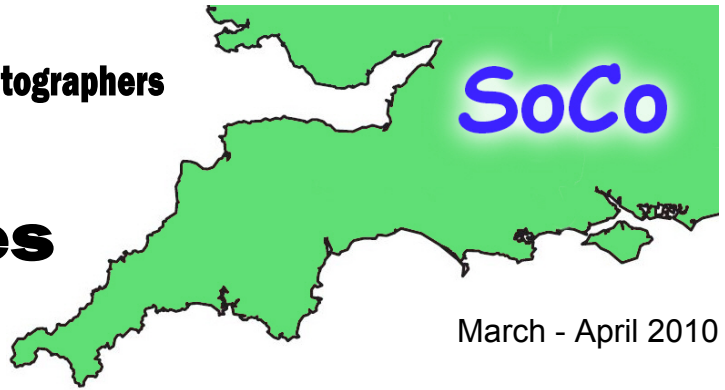




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News and Views From Around The Region

Landmark Decision For SoCo News

At the SoCo region committee meeting on Sunday 7th February the decision was made to end the printing of the SoCo News in favour of an electronic only version.

The decision follows the survey that took place to assess members views and is a brave attempt at moving with the times and saving money.

The region gets no funding from central office to cover publishing costs and the committee felt it could no longer justify the costs.

In past years the cost of producing the magazine then transporting it to a central distribution point has made massive demands on the limited funds that the region has. Going digital will make savings of over £600 per year.

The magazine will continue to be published and will be available electronically as a pdf file that can be emailed straight to your email account.

There are added environmental benefits to be gained from this decision.

To get your copy send an email to pip@pipcritten.com you will then get it automatically each time it is published.

Editor, Pip Critten, commented, "It will mean a much later cut off point enabling the content to be more up to date and relevant."

Chairman's Chat



What a Swell Party they had!

I am sure we would all like to Congratulate SAM, The Scottish Association of Movie Makers on their 60th Anniversary. I liked the idea of the special version of This Is Your Life.

From experience of an IAC AGM in Edinburgh many years ago I can just imagine what a splendid evening was had by all. Entertainment is the Scotts prerogative and believe me they never do anything by halves. Lovely to hear the news.

Weymouth Cine & Video Club had an exchange programme from the Reading Film and Video Makers recently. It proved an excellent evening, many of the films very different from the kind being made here in Weymouth.

We thought they were most professional, well filmed well edited and put together with expertise. Brighton captured the hearts of many, it was brilliant. Thank You.

Talking of exchange programmes, I have had a DVD from South Africa, the Johannesburg Video Club. Where

as over here we go out looking for Deer and Foxes and Rabbits they go out looking for Elephants, Lions and Tigers. Excellent selection of films and would you believe one on London, certainly a tourist's point of view. I haven't seen half of what they filmed of our capital city. If any Club would like to see a copy in exchange for a DVD I could send out there, please get in touch.

FOUND! The Ridgeway cup which had been missing for two years. We were all quick enough to blame one another, we even presented Ernie McKenna with an empty box of chocolates, just to make things look a bit better. Now comes the crunch, would you believe where it was found? Our Vice Chairman was rummaging in the Weymouth's Club Cupboard when he came upon a package and wondered what was in it. Yes you guessed it, the Ridgeway Cup had been there all the time. Apologies Frome, you hadn't gone on holiday with the proceeds after all!

By the time the next edition of SoCo News is issued the Penny Cup will have been held. I would like to say Thank You for all of your entries.

Watch for report and results next time.

All The Best, Anne

Ways to keep in touch

My SoCo

www.mysoco.org is one place to go to find out what is happening in the region and is the website dedicated to the SoCo region.

Our Webmaster, Eric Montague, is developing the site to be a mine of information for the south west videographer.

Over the coming months Eric will be developing the site and you will also be able to pick up SoCo news from there.

Yahoo Group

Julian Baldwin, who joined the committee at the AGM, has set up a group with yahoo so that members can keep in touch, pass on hints and tips or even request help.

We are so lucky to have such a large body of experience film makers who are willing to share their knowledge with others.

If you would like to subscribe to this group visit:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MySoCo/join>

OR send an email to

MySoCo-subscribe@yahoogroups.com