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And programme for Club Diary to:
Keith Sayers, SERIAC News Editor.
Please note the contact details and deadlines on the left of this page.

Rita's Review

Thoughts from SERIAC Chairman Rita Hayes FACI

Things slowly improving

Here we are at the May issue of SERIAC News and things are thankfully improving at present. As I write this introduction, non-essential shops are opening. I'm sure the barbers and hairdressers will be busy! Pubs and restaurants are now able to open too, although only outside, and its great to meet up outdoors in groups of six. It's a shame that the weather is not at its best for this at present, so wrap up warm! I expect many of you, like us, have had your two injections by now or will have done so very soon.

The SERIAC Festival judging is going ahead at present by Peter and Mary Rouillard of Guernsey. Once we receive the results we will contact all entrants. Thanks to all who entered – the winners will be announced in the next edition for all to see. There will of course be the usual Showreel to purchase to view at home or in clubs once they are allowed to open again. Fingers crossed, if things continue to improve, then The Sussex Festival will go ahead as planned on 10th

October and in 2022 we will be able to hold the SERIAC Festival once again. Also a team will hopefully be found to hold the Kent Film Festival, as after so many years of success it would be such a shame to see its demise.

Finally, I have more sad news to report I'm afraid, the death of another Orpington member, Peggy Parmenter, who died on 11th February. Many of you will remember her for doing the catering for the North Versus South Competition each year and also her sterling work for Orpington Video & Film Makers. Our thoughts are with her husband Ron, Rachel her daughter, and the family at this very sad time.

If everybody keeps to the lockdown rules hopefully things will be even better by our next edition.

Take care and keep safe.



Mary and Peter Rouillard



Peggy Parmenter

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rita".

Keith's Column

Notes from the Editor, Keith Sayers FACI

BIAFF, Lockdown lifting and more



As you know BIAFF was conducted on line via Zoom this year, unfortunately it was after the deadline for this issue so I can't report on it yet but IAC Chairman Simon Sumner has a lot of experience in running these events now and is a very proficient presenter, I am sure he will make very decent job of it. He has certainly taken on a lot since becoming Chairman and deserves your support. He hosted an IAC open film night recently and there may be another coming up soon so try to attend, you might learn something as well as being entertained with top notch films. If you caught all or even some of BIAFF why not let Simon know what you thought? I'm sure he would appreciate the feedback.

As I write, the SERIAC Festival results are due to be available very soon and we will have a full list next time. All the film makers will receive informative and positive constructive criticism for their entry, the standard goes up every year and I wouldn't mind betting the judges had some serious head scratching to do in deciding the winners. It takes a special kind of person to perform this task and, in my opinion, Mary and Peter are two of the best.

We are all hoping with all our hearts that nothing upsets the apple cart and the lockdown can lift on June 21st as planned. Although I doubt it will be completely back to as it was in 2019, we may still have to wear masks and socially distance, even if we don't I expect some still will but, at least we can get out and make films again and meet up in our club rooms to watch films on the big screen. Zoom has kept us all in touch and was a saving grace but it is no substitute for socialising in groups.

This brings me to the subject of the Sussex Film Festival. The next page has it all for the moment so I won't repeat it save to say please get ready to enter your films and come and join us on the day, let's make it a special one as it could be the first festival back in a venue.

**IAC Chairman
Simon Sumner
presents BIAFF**

**SERIAC Film
Festival results due
in soon. See the
next issue**

**Join us for the
Sussex Film
Festival at
Wivelsfield in
October**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith" with a long horizontal stroke underneath.

The Sussex Film Festival 2021

On track to buck the Zoom trend



**Yes, I know we said that last year
but this year looks far more promising**

**With lockdown due to lift on midsummer's day we have every
reason to believe the Sussex can be held in
Wivelsfield Village Hall as usual**

**The entry form will be in the next issue due to fall on your
doormats in early July, so have your films ready.**

**You still have time to make one with a crew of six, might be even
more by the time you read this. Closing date 6th August
We look forward to receiving your entries**

SERIAC BIAFF results

Award winners from the SERIAC region



4 Stars

Britain's Birthplace of Photography

Rod Willerton

Eye of The Storm

Mandy Carr

Rosebrook

Steven Lancefield

3 Stars

Betty's Last Rites

South Downs Film Makers

Cluedunnit?

Tim Stannard AACI

The Grand Tour

Rod Willerton

The Lady of Shallot

Circle Eight Film Group

Parody in Motion

Howard Johnson

A Special Relationship

Haywards Heath Movie Makers

Trigger Town

John Anscorb

Worthing Light Festival

South Downs Film Makers

Worthing Portrait Artist 2019

South Downs Film Makers

2 Stars

The Anniversary

David Fenn

Dreaming

Mandy Carr

Spitfire: Flying an Icon

Mandy Car

Tastes Like Chicken?!

Bernie Watts

**Congratulations to you all. It's good
to see SERIAC so strongly
represented**

Peggy Parmenter

A tribute by Jane Oliver. Orpington VFM



Sadly, Peggy Parmenter passed away on 11th February 2021. Peggy had slowed down a lot over recent years, not surprising when you consider her age. During the last year or so she had increasing health problems that left her pretty much immobile. Her husband Ron, whom she dearly loved, cared for at home but as her health deteriorated, she had more hospital visits than she would have cared for. Just a few days before she passed away she was once more hospitalised, where she later died. Peggy and Ron had been married for over 63 years and he will miss her terribly. Our thoughts go out to him and the family at this sad time.

Peggy was one of those 'get up and go' girls. She had no time to sit around and had to be on the go, constantly doing something. She would insist that she could manage, even when things were becoming impossible for her to continue with. She was 'in charge'. In charge of serving others, a wonderful gift to have; whether teas or coffees, savouries, cakes or puddings whenever there was a social event or a day of filming she would organise the food, delighting others with her homemade fare.

For shows, where OVFM catered for visitors, she went the extra mile to make special treats, filling her freezer up to the gunnels. One such occasion that she catered for was the North v South competition that OVFM used to host. She would have likeminded volunteers lined up to help out both with the home made cooking and the service on the day.

Peggy enjoyed talking to people, socialising and having fun and you'd know that she was about, due to her distinctive voice and little chuckle. She possessed a natural talent for acting. She learned her lines so that her words would flow naturally and seamlessly as though in conversation, entering fully into the spirit of the character she was playing..... And if there was a reason to 'dress up' Peggy would oblige.

OVFM were very fortunate to have such a versatile member amongst their ranks. It is good that we are left with so many good memories of Peggy as we see her starring in many of the older films within our archives.

Peggy, we will miss you, may you rest in peace.

Jane Oliver

Around the clubs

A look at what's happening in the SERIAC region

A Special Relationship - the inside story



Haywards Heath MovieMakers

Following the success of our club film as winner of last year's Albany and the Sussex Film Festivals, I thought it would be of interest to document some of the background that affected the production.

For some years now we have been using stories that have come to us from a writing group. The Lancashire Authors Association (LAA) was established in the 1900's and is one of the oldest writing groups still flourishing in England. Last year's film was no exception, but it was not as straightforward as previous productions. At the start of our relationship with the LAA, they set up an annual "film challenge" competition where, given our future Albany theme, they invite entries from their members for consideration by us to decide whether any are suitable to be made into a film. Having selected a likely story there is a considerable amount of work for us to turn it into a script suitable for filming, but we have been lucky so far.

One of the LAA members, Christine McCherry was responsible for the story we used for a previous Albany winner "Jim's Dream". She submitted a story for last year's Albany (theme – Too Close to Call), but we were unable to film this due to numerous let-downs by cast



members. However, with some deft script tweaking by Ron & Joy Prosser, the bones of the original story now fitted this year's theme (A Change of Direction).

I e-mailed the good news of our wins to the LAA secretary and sent a DVD for her to pass on to Christine, who then sent us a message of congratulation via our website, I replied to her

expressing the hope that she didn't mind us altering her story to fit the new theme. Her reply came back revealing a fascinating back story that was uncannily near to our treatment of the original story. Her email went as follows –

Hi David, I didn't mind at all. You all did a great job and made my story look better than I thought it was. An incredible co-incidence occurred after you accepted my story. I had based it on my own experience as my father was an American Airman who met my mother towards the end of WW2. They had a brief affair before he was sent home to the U.S. Mum never saw him

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A Special Relationship - the inside story

again. I tried for years to find him but with so few facts to go on I gave up in the end. Then, out of the blue my son was researching our family history and got a D.N.A. match to someone in Pennsylvania. He found a sister, a brother and brother-in-law together with loads of other relatives I never knew I had. I was told my father passed away in 1981 aged just 61. "We all met up in London in September last year. I felt an immediate connection to my sister. She is 10 years younger than me and a nurse practitioner in Pittsburgh. To accept me the way she did is evidence of her generosity and kindness. It must have been an awful shock at first; G.I. Trace contacted her on our behalf.

The outcome of all this is my daughter and I were supposed to go to Pittsburgh this September when my sister and her husband would take us to my Dad's grave in Clearfield. Then the Pandemic came. Now we are trying to get there in April 2021. It's a long shot I know but I'm 74 and I don't have the time to hang around. All I want is to put some flowers on Dad's grave and complete the circle of my life.

I am happy for you to share my story. I feel absolute joy that I found my Father though sad he has passed away.

Best Wishes

Christine

Thanks to David Fenn, Editor of "The Linking Shot" for HHMM

Shooting on an iPhone? Need better quality dialogue?



Philip Morley, Vice Chairman of SBMM comes up with this simple tip.
Philip says:-

'I have now tested with 2 LAV's input by using a simple stereo splitter into the lightning connector, the result is excellent. Much better than using the iPhone's microphones. There is no apparent auto audio level hunting problems. One word of warning, Take the plug out before playing back to avoid damaging the microphones.'

The cost of this Apple lightning adapter is about £10.
It is ESSENTIAL to use a genuine Apple one as initially a fake was purchased and the system did not work.



Thanks to Brian O'Connell Philip Morley and Border Post magazine of SBMM.

Club Diary

Contact details for clubs in the region

Due to the Coronavirus club meetings have been disrupted. Some are using video conferencing but can still be contacted using the details shown

Ashford Camcorder Club

Contact: Mrs. Heather Slater - 01233 627093
heather48@talktalk.net
www.ashfordcamcorderclubkent.co.uk



Contact: Norman Bull 020 8337 8118
Epsomcvs@hotmail.co.uk
www.epsommoviemakers.co.uk

Meet at:- St.Mary's Church Hall, London Road KT17 2AZ



Canterbury Film Makers Club

Contact: Robin Helmer Tel:01233 750236
_Hastingleigh_Ashford_TN25 5HU
Cfm@canterburyfilmmakers.club
www.canterburyfilmmakers.club
Meet 2nd Friday of each month 10 am til 12 noon
All Saints Church Military Rd, Canterbury CT1 1PA



Contact: Val McManus (Sec)
Valmcmanusuk@yahoo.com
www.eastsussexmoviemakers.org

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/East-Sussex-Moviemakers/625638464235183?ref=hl>
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month at -
St Luke's Parish Centre, Stone Cross. 7.30 pm



Chichester Film & Video Makers

Contact: Rupert Marks: 01243 528599
rupertjmarks@gmail.com www.cfvm.org.uk



Haywards Heath Movie Makers

Contact: Liz Willerton 01444 441479
liz.willerton@icloud.com
www.haywardsheathmoviemakers.org.uk
Meetings at The Upper Room, Methodist Church,
Perrymount Road, Haywards Heath.



Circle Eight Film Group

Contact: Terence Patrick 01483 222534

www.circle-eight.org.uk enquiries@circle-eight.org.uk
Mar 10th Tunnel Under Hindhead for Tillingbourne WI
Mar 26th Visit Richmond Theatre to see "Round the Horne"

Maidstone
Image and
Video Group



Contact: Frank Bassett
01622 745123

info@maidstonecamcorderclub.co.uk
www.maidstonecamcorder.co.uk
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7.45pm
East Farleigh WI Hall ME15 0HQ

Medway Film Makers Making the most of Making Movies

Contact: Beryl Hughes 01634 360401 for more info.
www.medwayfilmmakers.com
wigmore.films@btinternet.com
Meet alternate Thursdays at various venues

Miller Centre Moviemakers

Contact: David Sparrow.
55 Markfield Road, Caterham, Surrey CR3 6RQ
Tel: 01883 342940 david.sparrow01@btinternet.com
<http://millercentretheatre.org>
Meet: Fridays 7.30pm
30 Godstone Road, Caterham, Surrey CR3 6RA

Club Diary

Contact details for clubs in the region



Orpington Video & Film Makers

Contact: Jane Oliver

info@ovfm.org.uk

www.ovfm.org.uk

Meet 8 – 10pm on alternate Tuesdays at the Barnard Room, St. Augustine's Church, Southborough Lane, Petts Wood BR2 8AT



Sutton Film Makers

Contact: Sean Phelan 07775 690210

secretary@suttonfilm.co.uk www.suttonfilm.co.uk

Meet at the Parochial Halls, Cheam Village, Sutton.

Some on line events available by invitation



Contact: Philip Robinson,

Herne Bay Little Theatre, Bullers Avenue,

Herne Bay, Kent CT6 8UH 01227 366004

playmakers.membership@fsmail.net

www.playmakersfilm.co.uk

Meet at Herne Bay Little Theatre in Bullers Avenue, Herne Bay, Kent. No fixed dates for meetings



Spring Park Film Makers

Contact: Brenda Troughton FACI

020 8462 2822

springparkfilmmakers@hotmail.com

www.springparkfilms.co.uk

Meet every other Thursday 7.45 pm to 10 pm in the Griffiths - Jones Hall, Emmanuel Church, West Wickham BR4 9JS



Contact: Brian Aspden,

29 Nore Crescent, Emsworth, Hampshire, PO10 7NB

info@portsdownvm.co.uk www.portsdownvm.co.uk

Meet 1st Tuesday each month (plus 3rd Tuesday September to April except December & January) at The Emsworth Centre, 35-37 South Street, Emsworth PO10 7EG



Contact: Rita Wheeler

secretary@surreyborder.org.uk

www.surreyborder.org.uk

Find us on at:-

<https://www.facebook.com/SurreyBorderMovieMakers/timeline>

Meet on the 1st Friday of each month 7.30pm

St Joan's Centre, St Joan of Arc Catholic Church

Tilford Road, Farnham, Surrey. GU9 8DJ

Some on line events available by invitation

South Downs Film Makers

Contact: Roy Powell tel: 01903 266606

roy@p2roy.co.uk

www.Southdownsfilmmakers.org.uk

Meet at: The Village Hall, Ferring Street, Ferring,

West Sussex. BN12 5JP

Jun 17th Holiday Film Comp. (On line meeting only)



Contact: Craig Robinson,

8 Chaplin Close, Wainscott,

Rochester Kent ME3 8BY

enquiry@thevideoplayers.org

www.thevideoplayers.org

Meet: Every second Thursday, 19:30 to 22:00 - in the Medway Campus of Mid Kent College Chatham. ME7 1FN check website for dates

Shooters Hill Camcorder Club

Contact: Rita Hayes 0208 473 6818

rita.pip.hayes@ntlworld.com

Meet every Friday except 1st Friday of the month

Shrewsbury House, Bushmoor Crescent, Shooters Hill,

London SE18, 8:00pm to 10:15pm

Please send your programme details and any news to the Editor by June 5th. Details on page 2

Photographic Club Diary

Contact details for photographic clubs in the region

Littlehampton & Dist Camera Club

Contact: The Secretary litcc@hotmail.co.uk
<http://littlehamptoncameraclub.co.uk>
Meet Wednesdays at The Methodist Church Hall
Claigmar Road, Rustington. BN16 2NL

Ludshott Photographic Club

Contact: info@ludshottpc.org.uk Web: <https://ludshottpc.org.uk/>
Meet 1st & 3rd Monday of each month September to June. 7.45pm
Headley Village Hall, 2 Arford Road, Headley, Bordon, Hampshire
GU35 8LJ (Note, new venue & email address)

Woking Photographic Society



Contact: 07954 196142 admin@wokingps.org.uk
www.wokingps.org.uk
Meet: Tuesdays, September to June, at 7.45 for 8.00 pm at
Parkview Centre for the Community, Sheerwater Recreation
Ground, Blackmore Crescent, Sheerwater,
Woking GU21 5NZ
Some on line events available by invitation



Meet at 10am on 1st Friday of the month
Woosehill Community Centre,
Wokingham RG41 3DA
www.midthamesavgroup.org.uk
Contact: Jean Hoyle mtavsec@virginmedia.com

Events

Please note the following events are correct at the time of going to press but may be subject to change or cancellation due to Covid-19 safety regulations. Please check before travelling.



SUSSEX FILM FESTIVAL

Sunday 10th October 2021 (Doors open 2.30 for 3.00 pm)

Wivelsfield Village Hall, Eastern Road, Wivelsfield Green. RH17 7QH
www.seriatic.org.uk/sussexfilmfestival.html

Competition Officer, Jonathan Wilde St Crispin, Old Road, Magham Down. Hailsham BN27 1PR
telephone: 01323 449025 email: sussexff@gmail.com



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Heath
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ALBANY COMPETITION 2021

There will be no competition this year.
It is planned to resume in 2022



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