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Brandon Gomez as posse member Ricky as seen in Vermiio.

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# CHARMAN'S CHAT FROM THE by Clive



This will be an unusual, and possibly shorter than usual, Chat because I have been forced to use a borrowed laptop as my usual computer has been ill since before Christmas.

cursor after latest MS update" into Google's search box, up will come a veritable string from references angry frustrated users from around the world suddenly faced with a very difficult problem not of their own making.

Not just from the last few days refer to previous MS updates.

On opening your cherished machine to do some work it goes through the usual identity introduction, mini Windows logo, twirly circle then.... nothing. Everything black on the screen, AND NO CURSOR.

Normally at this point I would do a System Restore and go back a few days but I've found no way of doing this without a cursor and something to select.

So, call in the experts, in my case Paul Price of Druid who supplied had built and specifically for video editing. Unfortunately Paul is ill in and assistant. hospital his James, tried the usual procedures to revive it but without success. So he took the computer away with him saying I should get it back in a couple of days.

Five days later James hadn't solved the problem which he said did not respond to his normal solutions and he was snowed under with work and couldn't say when he would be able to get back to it. As I was about to go away I collected the machine and brought it back home where it has been ever since.

Looking in my diary I see it has been exactly one month since the problem occured. Durina that time i've researched this problem as I described at the beginning, at home and while on holiday. There is no lack of If you type "Black screen with no gripes from users and any number of possible fixes, some of which have worked for some people apparently, though none and I've tried have worked for me.

It seems the problem is multifaceted caused by Microsoft forcing updates on users which conflict with some aspects of our systems. The nearest possible either, some date from 2015 and solution for the situation I have is from a guy who, after spending about 20 hours trying various fixes, realised that his computer was active though nothing was showing on the screen and deduced his NVIDEA Driver had been zapped. Updating it did the trick. That sounded familiar so I followed the procedure he listed and got no more than three steps in before the black screen came back and no cursor.

> I am seriously thinking of saying goodbye to Microsoft and going over to Apple but do I want to incur the expense involved?

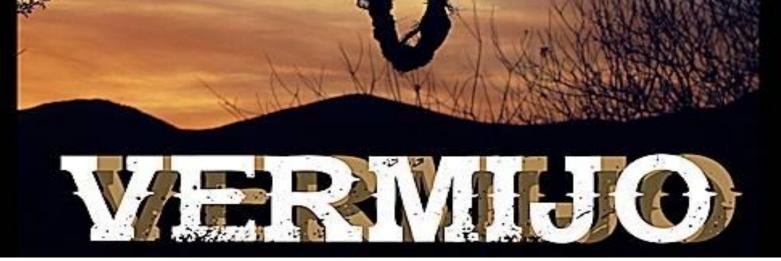
> Why am I using my Chat to moan about this, you may ask. Well this subject is in the forefront of my mind at the moment and I can think of little else. And also I have the fond hope that someone out there with more experience than I have will say......"Oh, that's easy to cure....."



Members will be aware by now that the main filming for our Albany entry is now complete. Now the fun starts in post production. Without giving anything away to other clubs, the locations and costumes hired were superb and will certainly ensure high production value. I would just like to take the opportunity to thank everyone involved for their hard work and support.

What some members may not be aware of is that another club production is currently being filmed. This time it is a documentary, initially for a new competition being held Movie Solent Makers (Southampton). Again, at this stage I do not want to give too much awav but documentary is being produced by myself, Ren Curtis and Mike Morris and is being made in collaboration with а local science education centre. The Solent entry for the Competition is restricted to 12 minutes so a longer version will also be produced to be entered in the 'affiliated club' category of the BIAFF.

Lastly, just to make you aware of a change in the programme. The Steadycam Workshop on 28th March 2018 will no longer take place. This will now be a workshop run by James Keller. The exact subject to confirmed but it will be on an element of film production that will be useful to all members.



I was talking to Paul Vernon at peaceful, the 2017 Albany Competition with little need for law officers. Instead he came face to face and when he offered to come The lawmen soon got bored with one of the brothers and and show his Diamond Award and moved on to more exciting the action begins winning' Vermijo' I bit his hand communities off. I love a good Western and Tombstone and Benson. so like many of our members I was looking forward to the evening of the 1st November 2017 with great expectation and excitement and I was not disappointed.



The 60 minute film is set in a fictional small border town Vermijo in called southern Arizona Territory. In the 1850's it grew as a successful mining town. The area was rich in sand and the town mineral became popular as a base for prospectors. With the increase in population came the troublemakers who saw that easy money could be made from hard-working these prospectors. They offered to 'protect' the prospectors' interests and keep them safe from outlaws. Law was soon restored and the troublemakers were driven out of town and life began to settle down Vermiio. The rich deposits eventually dried up though and the prospectors left. The town of Vermijo settled back into a

like

some rogue elements unsettling the townsfolk. so when the Lockhart brothers offered their services to maintain peace again in the community the good townspeople of Vermijo accepted their proposal.

Jim, Ace and Carl Lockhart all started out with good intentions and settled into the community. Ace Lockhart married one of the local girls, Eve, and they lived close to town in a small cabin. However, it was not long before the brothers realised that these townsfolk were easy 'prey'. They soon started to 'protect' the town in their particular way. Suddenly it was a good idea not to cross any of the brothers, especially Ace who had a short fuse.

Luke Tyler had been on the trail for a few days and rode

sleepy community into Vermijo for a quick drink.

nearby The quality of the production clearly showed why Vermijo Then the Lockhart brothers received a 5 Star Diamond arrived in town. There were Award. To start with it was still filmed at Gammons Gulch, regular Benson, Arizona, Gammons



Gulch is a movie set and museum. The location features an Old West Town with a wide main street, side streets and alley ways. The film had all the elements of a classic western, include extremely realistic and violent fight scenes, shoot-outs with a great twist at the end.

After the break Paul answered questions from the audience. Continued on next page....



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explained He the production took 6 – 9 months. included which location arranging scouting, accommodation for cast and hiring horses crew. and wranglers, firearms specialist and weapons! Production was  $7\frac{1}{2}$  – 8 days, which must have been really tight bearing in mind the length of the movie. Post production was 3 - 4 months. None of this comes cheap! Even if you have not seen the film this gives you a good feel for the scale of this production. Paul did touch on the budget and if you have had the opportunity to see Vermijo you will know it was pretty significant and not the normal budget for the 'run of the mill' production. amateur thoroughly enjoyed the film and it was great a production of this standard at the club.

This was clearly a labour of love for Paul and well deserved the Diamond Award. Vermijo has also been officially selected to play at:

- Jerome Indie Film & Music Festival 2017
- The Wild Bunch Film Festival 2017
- Tucson Film & Music Festival 2017
- Great Lakes International Film Festival 2017
- UK Screen One International Film Festival 2017
- Stockholm Independent Film Festival 2017

If you want to see the film, it is now available on Amazon. There is also the 'official movie novelisation' called 'Vermijo is the Spur' available on Kindle and a sequel 'The Streets of Vermijo'.

Thank you Paul, it was a brilliant evening and well worth waiting for.

### By CLIVE HAND









# HOLIDAY-TRAVELOGUE COMPETITION

We only had a splattering of along the coast, where there members attending tonight . A were lot of members were absent due houses all lined up in rows of to illness or problems etc, but different colours. Alan was that didn't stop us from having a excited that in the hotel where great evening. Mike started the they stayed he sat in the chair evening by updating us about that Kaiser Willhelm used when Rodney and saying he would be he stayed there. really pleased if those who want to would give him a ring. We were also told it was up to the audience to do the judging and later we would be given slips of paper to choose 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.



bridges and avalanching down mountainside. It was full of colour but a little noisy at times. After the showing we were asked to comment on the film and give feed back to the maker.

The next film was "Norway in a Nutshell" made by Alan Hepburn. It was a record of his coaching holiday to Balestrand in Norway.It is known as the art village as it has inspired many artists with its beautiful scenery. They travelled around beautiful scenery by coach and train. They went to museums, churches and had Ferry rides

beautiful some very

We had more discussions about this film, then went on to the third and final one made by Trevor Bennett called "Canals & Hurricane." Trevors film started with an animated Lion roaring and dancing about. It There were only three entries was a film about a trip down for the competition. Two of them memory lane for him as he was just over 5 minutes and the third conscripted into the army and 10 minutes long. It started with a sent to Egypt's Port Said, so he film about Lauterbrunnen in thought he would return to see Switzerland close to the Alps what had changed. I believe he made by Richard Plowman. A wasn't impressed, so decided to picturesque showing of the area move on to the Panama canal which included the Rivendall where he boarded a ship which Valley, which is where some of took him the length of it. He did the Lord Of The Rings was have a few problems getting on filmed. Richard put in a few and off various boats etc with his disability scooter, but it didn't phase him as he moved on to Venice where he toured along the canals in a water taxi as it was impossible to board a Gondola. Most of the buildings Private passed were palaces although there is a snippets of the film just to show grand Casino. He finished with a us. There were some lovely cruise to Barbados. When they waterfalls went it was around the time of the the hurricane, but they were by T



quite safe as the cruiser never went to close to the affected area and then a wonderful view if Wittering in the winter. This was a very entertaining and informative little film. More discussion and feed back. We then stopped for refreshments and to stretch our legs. Alan gave out the slips of paper for us to vote and collected them after we had written favourites. After the break we were given a list of films in the archives and we were asked to select eight films we would like to see on Alan's evening in February "Desert Island Films". The results of the competition were then given. In third place "Lauterbrunnen". second place came "Norway in a Nutshell" and the winner is (Drum Roll) Trevor's "Canals & a Hurricane". Well deserved Trevor. Congratulations. Alan collected all our suggestions and Mike thanked us all for coming and we all went home a little early.



# PORTSDOWN 50/50

Our visit to Portsdown on History of the Havant and after the dry witted and straight together with a supper fit for a Langstone Harbour. A railway approximately 60 minutes for in each club flew by with some followed the path of the railway very interesting films.

First film came from Portsdown Miroir d`eau. Located in front of the Place de la Bourse in Bordeaux is the world`s reflecting largest pool, designed by landscape artist Michel Corajoud. Made up from a field of granite slabs which are covered by a 2 Cruise around The Islands. some area covers accomplished by cool place to Interesting film.

Hill 62 and beyond – first film A good from Chichester. opening to this film with Google Earth Pro zooming in on the precise location, A World War 1 site in Ypres, with some good footage and narration and a visit to Sanctuary Wood, German the describing onslaught. Inside shots of the Museum of Artefacts . But nothing quite prepared you for the emotive visit to Hill 62 Emsworth trenches with those Heart wrenching. We then bright filmmaker's father. extremely well put together film A 1 minute film from which, without a doubt, touched everyone.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November is one Hayling Island Railway line faced which we always look forward followed by Portsdown where Collecting We have always been we were shown the tracks of Swimming made to feel most welcome the railway line exposed when surprising donation! and this visit was no exception, the tide goes out crossing The running time of line first opened to passengers 1897. The filmmaker from the coastal path with many shots of the coast as we travelled along. Beautiful clear photography showing a variety of nesting birds in flight, insects and flowers all set to music. Regrettably no commentary which would have helped the film more.

centimetre reflecting pool which From Chichester. We were to visitors can walk over. The cruise from Dover around the 37000 coast of England, square feet giving the illusion of Scotland and eventually back a lake. During the summer the to Dover. Leaving Dover we water can be turned into a mist, were treated to sights from an a Air Show mechanism beneath the slabs. Continuing round to anchor at visit. Bournemouth where we saw the Red Arrows display and on to Portland, Port of Cork and Holy Loch in Scotland. Many stops made on the way allowed visits on land, one in particular to the village of Tobermoray in the Orkney Islands to an Italian Chapel which was built during WW2 by Italian POW's during their stay where they created the barriers to Scapa Cove. Then homeward bound Dover. Nice film.

Harbour where, with some excellent Portsdown was a serene film of effects, some haunting music bird, boats and swimming of we were cast back into those both children and a dog teasing men. the swans. A lovely clear day, sunshine nice went on to learn of a particular photography and a gentle pace soldier who turned out to be the all set to the song Dock of the An Bay. Very relaxing film

Chichester left us all laughing

performance of for the new Pool with

Portsdown's Silk Railways was a fascinating film of O gauge model railway enthusiasts. All engines were powered bγ steam with great close ups showing the flames beneath and the engines puffing steam like billyho. Good photography, excellent music background, sadly no commentary but it was self explanatory, good fun and I really would like to have a go!

A Little Church in Norway from Chichester took us inside a traditional Stave church Balestrand which is now a popular site for British tourists. Filming inside the church showed how dark it was due to the very high windows. Along with the building came the story Margaret who was English clergyman's daughter and climbing pioneer. She got along very well with Norwegians and loved the Norwegian mountains. Margaret was diagnosed with tuberculosis; she died in 1894. Before she died, she told her husband that she had a dream of building an English church in Balestrand. The church was consecrated just three years after Margaret's death. In the Disney film "Frozen" the chapel was based on St Olafs Church by but with many windows.

A great visit to New Zealand followed by Portsdown with wonderful views from tops of the mountains, showing scenes that were used in "Lord of the Rings", very picturesque. visit to Rabbit Island where we

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were treated to barbeque on nearby beach, visit to an outward bound school and a Great shots of racing river. furious waves at the beach, sightings of seals and surfing at Waikiki beach. A very colourful A lovely holiday film.

Chichester's Hero in Bronze beautifully edited depicting the skills of Vincent Gray who was commissioned to create a bronze statue of Nelson and Sir George Murray. Details of how he would create Victorian Splendour was the by PAM BAKER the pose and action of the 2 final film of the night, a film

figures together with intricate creation of the figures in from the drawings through to celebration of Queen Victoria's how he creates the armature of Diamond Jubilee on the 7th the wax figures before casting June mould. photographs for likeness and memorial baths where hours of work to perfect the water was changed each day figures before finally painting until film with beautiful photography. on the colour. The result was a plumbing was fitted. A 151ft true likeness in a strong pose. bell tower where the bells were the process with very good causing the 47 bells to chime! with the addition of Vincent and waterfalls. who was clearly skilled and out. passionate, an exceptional film.

the which took us to Queens Park Loughborough to visit a 1899. Bandstand Using smothered in flowers, 1934 when Clive captures every stage of hit by open hand in turn close ups and expert filming A Victorian Museum, fountains A lovely day

# ED CINEMATOGRAPHY

evening of Advanced cinematography by Kevin proved to be an extremely interesting and instructional evening and certainly gave our members food for thought.

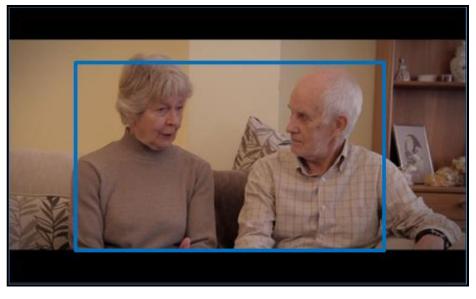
may have taken some members outside their comfort zone but there is always something to learn no matter what your level of experience is.

The presentation included a range of topics including:

- How I choose my shots
- Some film psychology
- movement
- How to use different shapes
- The power of the frame
- How do we watch a film?

The second part of the evening was a practical demonstration looking directing at and analysing a scene.

explained Kevin that as filmmakers we have total



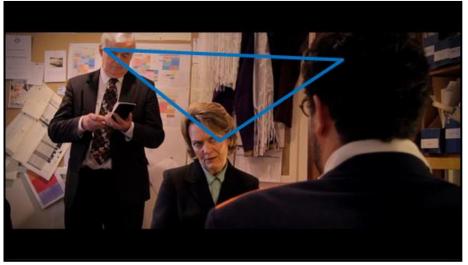
control over our audience. We squares influence what can how to use the tools at our emotional path. disposal. He posed question, how do we choose the camera height, shot choice and our actor blocking and suggested we try to let our characters emotions and relationships pick them for us.

creating shapes with actors. An example from 'Three Little Words' highlighted how

and rectangles the represent harmony and • Actors blocking and axis of audience sees and feels at any balance. It leads the audience given time providing we know unconsciously down a certain

> Next he used a scene from Albany winner 'Curtain Call' to illustrate why triangles mostly represent conflict. He explained that they also push audience's eye to certain points of interest. Those points then Kevin went on to discuss create invisible shapes due to the the audience's eye movement.

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The next question posed by also give them the power of the • More colourful or Kevin was where is the most frame. powerful part of the frame? He explained that because people read from left to right, the audience will generally scan an image from left to right. If you place a character at the left of the frame, that character will be seen first and will seem to be more important.

Giving a person more of the frame than the other people will

Because "tall" usually equates with "powerful" a character that After the break the practical will seem stronger than a the input covered by Kevin. character that is low in the Hopefully, our members went frame.

how an audience watches a techniques into their own film covering the following project. I know I did! points:

- The audience first sees any actor's eyes in the frame.
- Then the next set of eyes.
- Then the whitest object near in the centre of frame (light advances, darkness recedes)
- Then the whitest object off centre.
- This can all be trumped by motion. A moving object in the background automatically catches your eye and upstages all of the above.
- warm coloured objects will trump cool coloured objects.

is visually higher in the frame session confirm and reinforced

home thinking about how they Next came an explanation of can incorporate some of these

**By Clive Hand** 



## RRY QUIZM



The annual Christmas quiz is **TEAM C** always great fun and this year Rupert Marks was no exception. Our quiz Hugo Purchase was again Hepburn who had prepared 8 Ann Bennett rounds to challenge the old Michael Rice grey matter.

We had 4 teams to battle it out Greg Birkenshaw for the 'no expense spared' Mike Morris prizes. The teams selected by drawing numbers Tina Keller out of the hat.

The teams were:

### **TEAM A**

John Harvey Paula Puleston James Keller Stan Harvey—Merritt Clive Hand

### **TEAM B**

Judy Harvey Pam Baker Ray Puleston **Anderina Morris** 

Alan Mathias Hale

### **TEAM D**

were Robbie Grieve Trevor Bennett

> The first round was a 'table lead. quiz' where we had to match famous people to animals. obvious There were some answers but also a few where most teams had to guess! Even so, it was a high scoring round,

Next 'general was а knowledge' round. This was more challenging with mixed results.

The 'true or false' round was

tricky with teams trying to use logic and a big helping of guess work. Nevertheless, this was a fairly high scoring round.

The last round before the break was 'history'. This time there was mixed results.

So, as we stopped for minced pies and mulled wine to recharge our brains, Team A and Team C tied for the lead with 30 points and a slender

After the break another 'table quiz'. This was 'film titles without the vowels'. This was a high scoring round with all teams scoring full marks.

Our knowledge of geography was tested in the next round. This was probably the most difficult and lowest scoring round.

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## CHRISTMAS DINNE

set off in good cheer following Prosecco the instructions from my satnav. included a cabbage and potato choices of courses. A necessity bypass Sadie silenced. which satnav lady was Rice. misheard his satnay and couldn't eat all mine. found himself heading towards Worthing. But again corrected himself and eventually arrived just as the starters were being served.

We had separated ourselves in requests had an advantage over to two big round tables of ten those who hadn't sent me persons each and as continuation of our tradition, I distributed some table guizzes. These were - 'Who's knees are these?' - 'Whose a lovely child?' and 'Who do you wish you were?, which were new and required input of photographs from members, and a sheet of the old standby -'Dingbats'.

So following on from the starters I had Chorizo Bubble and Squeak, which was a pate of bubble and squeak topped with a poached egg - we moved on main course. ľm the traditionalist so I and others of the same ilk had turkey with all the trimmings. When it arrived it prompted a discussion about correctness of serving turkey with a large Yorkshire pudding. The traditionalists insisted that they should only be served with beef, but the debate then progressed to reminiscing about having, as children, yorkshire pudding with gravy as a starter and then as a pudding Mike with golden syrup. Ah happy thanked days.

This year the venue was at 'The Clive had for his main course made and especially the small Robin Hood' at Shripney. So I Smoked Salmon, Gruyere & cards that she gave us at the Tart which Unfortunately my satnav is cake topped with a poached for those of us who made our about three years out of date egg. A bit déjà vu-ish because choices what seemed such a so, when I turned on to the new he'd had the same starter as long time ago. my me. There was also Rib of Beef looked though as According to the screen I was Desperate Dan would have driving across open farmland. enjoyed it, Roasted Duck Breast However all was resolved at the and Festive Burger. No one end of the bypass and her complained, so we were all dulcet tones were revived. I satisfied with the fare - but the wasn't the only one either. Mike portions were so generous that I

**Before** the puddings were served we had a quick check on the answers to the table quiz questions. Some discord was voiced that it was unfair - those However, I'm jumping ahead, who had submitted replies to my a photographs. Duh!

> After the first three rounds we had a tie between the two tables with one drawn round and one round to each table. So the final round of 'Dingbats' would decide the destination of the table prize. (A left over Christmas Quiz prize from last week.)

> Puddings were good too. I opted not for the Christmas Pudding but a very tasty cheese

> And so to the deciding Table Quiz round. Whilst giving out the answers I was subject to from both regarding the correctness of a couple of my definitive answers. But in the interests of fair play I allowed their answers to be accepted. It didn't affect the result and our table won. I hasten to add that I gave no assistance to neither one table nor the other during the course of the evening.

> our Chairman then the Paula for arrangements that she

also beginning which listed

> The pleasant and successful evening was concluded with a round of applause for Mike who had also been involved with the arrangements and for me for the table quizzes.

> If anyone would like to do these next year I would be most grateful as I am running out of ideas and it would let me to take part rather than sitting back and merely smiling knowingly.

### By Alan Hepburn

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In the next round we had questions about 'movies and TV'. What should have been straightforward produced mixed results from the teams.

The final round was called connections' For each question we were given three words and we had to come up with another word that connected all three.

Before the final results were announced there was а passionate plea from Team B thev saying were at а disadvantage as they only had four in their team. After due consideration, the quiz master supported their appeal awarded them an additional 10 points. In any event, this was still not enough to take the title.

The winners of the 2017 CFVM Christmas Quiz were Team A, with Team C just one point behind. In third place was Team B with Team D coming fourth.

The evening was great fun and a big thank you must go to Alan for all his hard word organising the quiz this year.

### had By Clive Hand

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24th March 2018

## **FROME 5 MINUTE FESTIVAL**

Closing date: 3rd February 2018

Catholic Hall, Park Road, Frome, Somerset BA11 1EU Visit the Frome Video website for full details: WEBSITE

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Late closing date 31st January2018
Festival will be 12th—15th April 2018
Visit the IAC website for full details: <a href="www.theiac.org.uk">www.theiac.org.uk</a>

22nd April 2018
2018
V COMPETITION

Theme: Elephant in the Room
The Newell Centre, Chichester
Hosted by Chichester Film & Video Makers

12th May 2018

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Closing date: 28th February 2018
Oast Theatre, London Road, Tonbridge TN10 3AN
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7th October 2018

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Closing date: TBC

Wivelsfield Village Hall, Eastern Road, Wivelsfield Green RH17 7QG Visit the SERIAC website for full details: <a href="https://www.seriac.org.uk">www.seriac.org.uk</a>









