



Sitcom star Brian Murphy and his actress/author wife Linda Regan kindly acted in the epic wartime drama 'Blitz and Bananas' made by one of our members

Whether you fancy being part of a vibrant movie-making scene or simply enjoy watching great films, you'll find the Orpington Video and Film Makers club is right up your street. Our membership ranges from non-film makers and novices to experienced major Award winners everyone is welcome. We can help newcomers to sharpen up their holiday and family movies, or tickle the hidden talents of the more ambitious into creating masterful dramas, comedies and documentaries. We enjoy our hobby enthusiastically, and are ready to welcome you on board. Try us!







We've been making great movies since 1958, and have an archive crammed with wonderful material that we dust off every now and again to project on the big screen for new members to enjoy, and long standing members to reminisce over.

The things we do ...

We make films of all types and genres

Comedies, documentaries, travelogues, dramas, animations - you name it, we make it. If it moves, we'll shoot it, turn it into something interesting. We create news reels of local events for our Annual Shows. Occasionally people ask us to make movies for their special occasions ... but we don't, as a club, shoot wedding videos. Sorry ... (However, we can show you how and give you some tips and tricks of the trade...)



Bear Grylls at the International Scout Camp held at Downe filmed by our News Team

We enjoy Competitions, Festivals, Social events



Two of our junior members won this Best Entry (Under 16) Trophy at the 2010 British Amateur International Film Festival

Our Oscars' night is just one of the many social events we hold throughout the year - barbecues, rambles, dinners and trips to places of interest - all feature in our busy programme. As part of our Golden Jubilee anniversary celebrations, more than 30 of us went to Guernsey for their Amateur Film Festival week. We also enjoy visiting and exchanging films with other moviemaking clubs. In short, we enjoy a full and varied programme. It is perhaps a measure of our success that we are one of the largest video clubs in the UK, with several of our members sitting on Regional and National committees.

We have our own Club and inter-club competitions and also enter our films into Regional, National and International Festivals with great success. We believe competitions help to sharpen the skills and encourage members, by challenging their creative abilities.



On our Oscars' night, everyone is a star!

We put on film Shows

In addition to the film shows we put on once or twice a year to audiences of around 200 people, (so that our families and friends can see what we get up to), we also entertain other clubs, groups and places such as nursing homes with presentations of our movies. If you think this would be of interest to a group you belong to, please contact our Secretary for further details (see the back page).



Our projectionists are always happy to provide an entertaining film-show to other local groups

We Coach and Teach



We have hands-on coaching sessions to help everyone - particularly newcomers - to improve their movie-making skills. We arrange talks by professionals and experts and do all we can to help our members get to grips with the whole process of movie making, from scripting through to shooting and editing. Whatever type of film you'd like to make - we're here to help. Whatever type of film you like to watch, we have it made.

We're members of the IAC



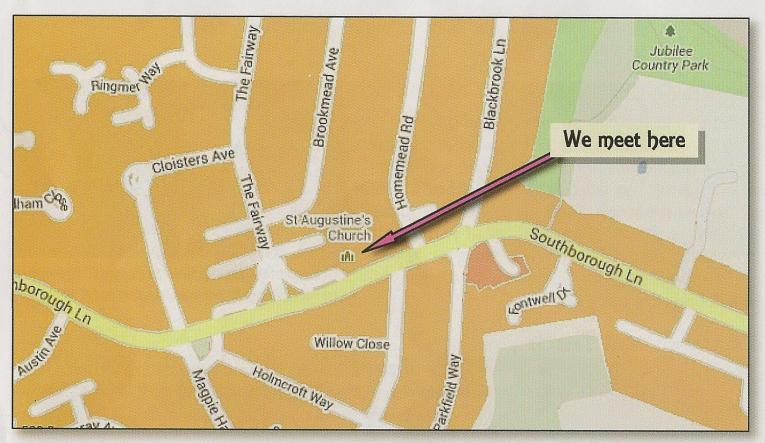
The Film & Video Institute

OVFM is affiliated to the IAC (The Film & Video Institute), which looks after the interests of all amateur movie makers. Many of our members are also individual members of the IAC and get their own copy of the glossy film-making magazine, plus numerous other benefits such as a licence to use published music in their movies.

Who can join?

You can! - provided you're over 14 (14-18 year olds will need parental permission). You don't even need to own a camcorder, although if you don't have one you'll probably be hankering to change that situation soon after joining. Making movies is engrossing, enjoyable, and has many aspects to exercise a whole variety of creative muscles. On the other hand, if you think actually making films isn't for you, you can simply enjoy watching the films and the film-making process in other ways - but we believe, eventually, the bug will bite! What does it cost? Your first two or three visits are free, so it costs nothing to find out what a great crowd we are and what a fascinating hobby it can be. After that, you'll be happy to learn that membership is surprisingly inexpensive (the subscription for a whole year is less than a night out - with special low rates for families). Who knows what hidden talents you have just waiting to be discovered - here is your chance to find out and set them free!

Where to find us



OVFM Club Meetings are held from 8 to 10 pm on alternate Tuesdays in the Barnard Room of St. Augustine's Church, Southborough Lane, Petts Wood BR2 8AT

You are very welcome to visit the Club a couple of times to see what we get up to - on the third occasion, we would like you to join. Ask our Secretary to send you a copy of our Annual Programme so that you can see the wide range of our activities. Alternatively, visit our website and click on the Calendar button. You'll find our website is filled with information about our past, present and future meetings, our activities, and some of the films we have made.

Who to talk to

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