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## Midlands Movie Makers Midsummer Madness Film in a Day

### Midsummer Madness

On June 28<sup>th</sup> 2015, for the 6<sup>th</sup> year running, Sutton Coldfield Movie Makers took part in MMM's wonderful Midsummer Madness event.

### Two Teams

This year for the first time, we had so many members interested in taking part that we drew lots to split into two teams with six people in each team.

### Choice of titles

At 9.00am representatives from the clubs which belong to MMM ring a special number and are given a choice of two titles. The rest of the day is a rush! Each team thinks of a story and acts/films it and turns it into a finished DVD to hand in by 7pm that night.

This year the choice of titles was "What!" and "Getting Old". Both the Sutton Coldfield Movie Makers teams chose "What!".

### Where

Club member Andy Wilks and his wife Yingyue kindly hosted us. They put up a double gazebo in their garden - just as well, as it was a rainy day - and we had the use of their summer house as well.

Editing was done on laptops on their dining table. Each team had one official editor: Ian for the Marquee Team and Jill for the Summer House Team. After doing a rough cut, Jill handed the editing over to other team members to polish up.

### The day went well

Apart from the fact that we had to contend with a bit of rain, it was a great day. Having to do things quickly gives an adrenalin rush. It's great fun working together with other film



Andy Wills, Ian Reed and Dave Kinnaird



making enthusiasts to create something from nothing so quickly.

Both teams were proud to have a finished film to hand in by 7pm. One year one of the other clubs had spent the day filming, but didn't manage to get their film edited in time for the competition. A great disappointment for them.

Both our teams were very pleased with and proud of their little films.

### Film Making Clubs

Sutton Coldfield Movie Makers is one of six clubs that belong to Midland Movie Makers.

This year two other clubs had also split into two teams, so in the end there was a total of 9 entries for the competition. The competition is judged by the audience. Each team has two votes, and are not allowed to vote for their own film.

### The final results were:

**1<sup>st</sup>** 1st WAVE Team A - "Getting Old"

**2<sup>nd</sup>** DERBY Chellaston - "What!" (Made by a team of 3 people!)

**3<sup>rd</sup>** SUTTON COLDFIELD MOVIE MAKERS (Summer House Team) - "What!"

### Alan Moore and Ann Fletcher



Arthur Fletcher and Doug Hemmings



Above: Alan Moore, Doug Hemmings and Gordon Hunt put the finishing touches to the Summer House Team's "What!"

Left: Jill Lampert and Ian Reed editing.



**Gordon Hunt accepting the Gordon Roberts Trophy from John Gibbs. Sutton Coldfield Movie Makers won this trophy for the MMM Inter-Club League. Our entries were: "Operation Black Hat", "Revlooshun", "The Decision", "Moving Oleta" and "Wishes" - ALL were Club films in which many members of Sutton Coldfield Movie Makers were involved. On the left of the picture is Terry Greengrass, Competitions Officer for MMM. The trophy was presented the same night as the Midsummer Madness competition.**

**If you didn't manage to come this year, do make a note of the date in your diary for next year:**

**26<sup>th</sup> June 2016**