

NORTH OXON AMATEUR VIDEO CLUB, **Affiliated to: Chipping Norton Community Education Committee.**

Early in 1995 the Chipping Norton Community Education Committee arranged a ten week course in the form of a "Camcorder Workshop", conducted by Richard Simmons. Continuing from this, an amalgamation with the few remaining members of the "Witney Video Club" was arranged and the new "North Oxon Amateur Video Club" was formed. The aims of this club were to help each other to understand this comparatively new institution better and to produce some watchable videos from our camcorders. The underlying theme would be always to be there to help newcomers who found this medium difficult to understand.

The first meetings commenced in May. We met monthly at this stage although it has been suggested that we meet more frequently. Some of the more experienced members however are on hand to go out to other members to help them to set up their equipment in their own homes and explain difficulties that they may be encountering. Members have now become more acquainted with each other and the club is making good progress and the membership is increasing monthly.

We have covered a number of subjects during our first few months including: camera control, simple editing, audio mixing, title generation and members own video productions. The first General meeting was held in December to confirm the Committee who took over from the original "steering committee" who have made good progress getting the club off to a very great start. The November meeting was attended by Messrs Bandridge who demonstrated the Videonics range of equipment including their "Thumbs Up" edit controller which can memorise about 100 scenes and transfer them to a Video tape recorder. The club has been involved in two outside events. We videoed "Hooky 6" a road race organised by the Hook Norton Harriers in July and an Operetta at Abingdon in July. The results of these functions were pleasing and we learnt how to improve our techniques for further occasions.

The club meets on the third Tuesday each month in the Drama Room at the Chipping Norton School in Burford Road commencing at 7.30 pm. Tea or coffee and biscuits provide a break when we are able to chat with each other to discuss any difficulties we are experiencing and to get to know each other. We will be pleased to welcome anybody who is interested in Video whether they already own a camcorder or are just thinking of venturing into the subject and may wish to be pointed into the right direction when they decide to take the plunge into the maze of different formats and models that are available. We know from bitter experience how easy it is to say in retrospect "If only I had known about that". More details are available from Dennis on: 01993 830786 or Eric on: 01608 650609.

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