

NORTH OXON AMATEUR VIDEO CLUB

Last month members voted overwhelmingly to change their meeting venue from the studio adjacent to the assembly hall at Chipping Norton School to the Highlands in Burford Road, which is more suited to our instructive and friendly monthly meetings.

Since the formation of the club nearly eight years ago, the general situation in the world of 'camcorders' has changed considerably. Almost overnight about five years ago the camcorder manufacturers halved the prices of 'Digital camcorders' and since then the prices have tumbled even further to about a half again! Consequently today more than half our members now possess a 'Digital' camcorder.

With so many people now also owning their own PC, this opens up even more possibilities where we are able (with the appropriate software) to plug into the PC and either capture individual frames from our camcorders and print them out to photographic quality or, alternatively we can capture our filmed sequences into the PC and again (with the appropriate software) carry out editing process adding background music and / or voice-over, together with the titles and credits; this can also then be copied back digitally into the camcorder.

Membership of the club has remained fairly static throughout the years and we are keen to help anybody who possesses a 'Camcorder', whether analogue (older type) or digital, who feel that they might benefit from the experience of others and where a warm welcome awaits you.

Meetings scheduled until the end of the year include:-

Tuesday, October 15th	Members' own video evening (any subject).
Saturday, October 26th	Organisations Day at Chipping Norton Town Hall. We will be showing sequences of members' videos (this includes scenes of 'The Great Fire' at Chippy!)
Tuesday, November 19th	Viewing the results of our 'September demonstration'
Tuesday, December 17th	Annual General Meeting and Christmas 'get together'.

Meetings start at The Highlands, Burford Road, Chipping Norton.

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