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## SCMM Success at the Midland Movie Makers Festival 2014



**Ian Reed, Andy Wills, Trevor Mall, Jill Lampert (seated), Gordon Hunt, Arthur and Ann Fletcher**

### "The Decision" - a Winner



**Cally Hunt and Fiona Dunn in  
"The Decision"**

Club film "**The Decision**" was the winner of the Tony Rose Theme Competition. The theme this year was "IF".



Jill Lampert's "**Space Invasion**" was the winner of the John Player Fiction Trophy.



"**The Decision**" was written and directed by Julian Austwick. Ann Fletcher took the role of Madame Fate, and many other Club members were involved as extras and crew. The Club also had assistance from a number of non-members who provided props or locations or took on acting roles in the film.

### Awesome

The judge described the acting as "awesome" throughout the film especially by the two leading young actresses Fiona Dunn and Cally Hunt.



**Nick Lampert and Sally Meen in "Space Invasion"**



**Julian Austwick (right) directing Fiona Dunn in "The Decision"**



Runner up was Club Film "**Moving Oleta**" which was written by Ann and Arthur Fletcher. They also took on the leading roles. It was directed by Gordon Hunt and filmed by Alan Moore, with assistance from Andy Wills. Editing was by Arthur Fletcher with some assistance from Gordon Hunt.

### "Wow! What great comments!"

Julian wasn't able to attend the MMM Festival, but when he read what the Judge had written about "**The Decision**" he said he was "Chuffed to bits with that! But it would not have been possible without lots of help from our wonderful club members and a great cast! From original script to a big rewrite, to auditioning actors, to great locations, to audio problems and creative ideas but with lots of fun along the way!"



**Ann Fletcher in "Moving Oleta"**



**Jay Fletcher and Ella Hakin in "Moving Oleta"**



**Andy Wills receiving his trophy from the judge - David Sinclair**

Andy Wills won the VideoQuip Trophy for the first time Winner with his film "**Ullswater Lake**".



**Ullswater Lake**

### The Audience Loved "Phantasia"



**Phantasia**

Ann and Arthur Fletcher had more success with their own film "**Phantasia**" which came third in the Camera Thorpe Video to Music competition which was judged by audience vote.

### Making Films Together is Fun

In recent years members of Sutton Coldfield Movie Makers have increasingly enjoyed working together to make Club fiction films. Often the film begins with a script written by one individual which is then discussed and amended in the light of the discussions. The writer will then invite Club members to assist in various ways. Someone will do the main camera work, someone will direct it (sometimes the writer), actors will be needed and may be drawn from the club membership, assistance with sound, lighting, props, finding locations, organising the filming schedule, make-up, costumes and so on. It is not necessary to commit to coming to every filming session, and those that have less time just dip in and out.

Members find that being involved in Club films is an excellent way of learning the art and craft of making films and is also enormously enjoyable. The resulting films are often of a remarkably high standard. "**The Decision**" and "**Moving Oleta**" are examples of this.

Of course many members also make their own individual films. There is never any compulsion to take part in Club films, and some members prefer only to work individually on their own films.





**Midland Movie Makers 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Festival in Newbold Verdon Library**