

# WALDRON FILM PROJECT

## NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2008

### FILMING FINISHED

Despite the vagaries of the weather, duck weed, holidays, noise pollution, a car rally with a clue to solve in the middle of the village on the day we were closed to through traffic, and a passing bike race, filming of our short feature *Finding Esther* was finished at last on Monday 18th August.

As Director David said the magic words "It's a wrap" at 6.00 pm that evening, the heavens opened and the rain thundered down, sending the cast and crew running for their cars.

It had been touch and go until the last minute, with clouds scudding across the sun and a rising wind. But as remnants of the crew drank a celebratory drink at the Star, there was a festive feel to the evening.



*Extras wait to appear in the crowd scene filmed in the centre of Waldron on Sunday 27th July*

Some work had already been done in rough cutting, but there was much much still to do.

It wasn't until the end of August that the rough cut of all the scenes was complete.

Then the film had to take its turn behind several other projects in the edit suite at Visicom in Uckfield, the company we have worked with to make the film.

Now we play the waiting game with the finalised film being smoothed and graded, and the soundtrack being composed and put in place.

We have unfortunately missed our hoped-for date for the Premiere at the end of October, but we hope to be able to announce a new date soon.

### AND THEY'RE OFF!

Buy your tickets now for a fun night out at our Race Night on 27th September.

Tickets are £5 each from The Star Inn or direct from The Box Office, Brittenden, Brittenden Lane, Waldron TN21 0RG. If you order by post, please enclose a cheque made out to Waldron Community Play and an sae. All profits will go to the Film Project.

Doors open at 7.00 pm if you want to come early and bring a picnic, (tables will be supplied) and the first race will be at 8.00 pm.

There'll be five races, all named for their sponsors : The Star, Carol Trimbee, Melina Joy Optician,

Jolyon Creasey and Debbie Morley at Isenhurst.

And—you'll never get a bargain as good as this on the Tote - when you arrive we'll even give you 200 Waldron pounds to place your first bet!

Don't leave it to the last minute as space at the village centre location may be at a premium, so get your ticket orders in today.

At 9.15 on the same evening, we'll be drawing our fabulous Grand Raffle too. Prizes include two Eurotraveler tickets flying out of Gatwick, half a day Advanced Driving instruction and £100 of beauty treatments at the Horsted Spa—don't miss out.

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*Thanks to all of you!*



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## BEHIND THE SCENES : *building a set*



Above left : the space before any set building had been done. Above right lights and action! Cast members Barbara Laird and Karin Taylor in the 1953 period kitchen.



## GRATEFUL THANKS TO...

We were able to film *Finding Esther* mostly outside or using house interior s with the kind permission of the owners.

A 1927 kitchen, later to morph into a kitchen of 1953 vintage was more difficult! Our head set builder Richard Caswell took up the challenge. Working from sketches by designer Beth Hannant and aided by picture research, he created a set which could develop convincingly through from the early period to the later one.

Original space was made available in an empty farm outbuilding, Richard was assisted by Len Lucas and Chris Dumper, with props researched and found by Doreen Beattie and scene painting by all the above plus Pieter Gray, Helena Caswell, Caroline Amies and Julie Bond,

Without the generosity and kindness of several Waldron residents we couldn't have made our film *Finding Esther*.

Those who allowed us onto their property or land were : Alan and Rosemary Mays Smith, Sarah and Ian Knight, Graham and Judith Solomons, Paul Lefort, Emma and Bunny Anderson, Wendy and John Trepess, Alex Gingell, Andrew and Chantal Pugh and for the churchyard and church scenes, the Churchwardens and members of Waldron PCC.

For our use of the vintage ciné film about the Oakshott family in the 1920s and 1930s we can thank Jeanne Walker (nee Oakshott) and for her help with the history of the family there and loan of black and white photographs. Mrs D V Tuppen and Cedric Pearson helped with their memories.

Research into the cars seen in the ciné film was by Elizabeth and Graham Bennett. Barry Russell loaned old photographs and research was by Barry and Sue Russell and Valerie Chidson

## SUPER RAFFLE PRIZES

A number of generous sponsors have given us absolutely super raffle prizes. Buy your raffle tickets now to win the following :

- 2 British Airways Euro Traveller tickets from Gatwick (Conditions apply)
- A day's sailing in the Solent aboard a beautiful 43 ft yacht (Ian and Sarah Knight)
- £100 worth of beauty

treatments (East Sussex National Spa)

- £100 worth of kitchen equipment (Steamer Trading Cookshop)
- Half a day of Advanced Driving instruction (www.expertdriver.org)
- Lunch for two at The Star Inn Waldron (Paul Lefort)
- A bottle of Grand Cru Champagne (MartletWines)

Tickets are a bargain basement £1 each and can be obtained now from Valerie Chidson (Tel 01435 812036) at Hassalls, Whitehouse Lane, TN21 0QX or from Barry Russell, Talisker, Vines Cross Road, Horam TN21 0HF. Many of you will have received a book with your invitations to Race Night.

The draw will take place at Race Night on September 27th SEE PAGE 1 FOR DETAILS.



Director David Spearing and Conuity Manager Irene Flynn on set