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9<sup>th</sup> February — “Documentary Competition”

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**B**rave souls battled the gales and zero temperatures tonight to attend the Documentary Competition. Three entries, but a very enjoyable evening was had by all attending.

The first film “Bolton’s New Shopping Centre” was an interesting view of the new Bolton Shopping Centre which opened in 2016 below what we all once loved – Bolton indoor market. However time moves on and not always for the better. Bolton’s town centre shops, now a skeleton of their former classic individuality, continue to suffer but we now have a development below and above the market which has given us a top floor multiplex cinema, with several restaurants and a children’s play area below.

This film had a punchy modern approach and gave us an exciting slant on our new shopping centre from views that we would probably not normally see. Excellent film from Martin Fox.

The second film “My Love for Locomotives” was a very interesting and explicit view of a model railway enthusiast and his lifelong interest. We were treated to a well filmed explanation of how the trains and their accessories were all made and fashioned from scratch.

The engineering expertise in designing, manufacturing, painting, planning and testing the engines and wagons showed a very intricate and fulfilling love of trains. I had to admit ignorance that model trains did not always come out of a Hornby box on Christmas morning. The dedication and artistry shone through in both the models their maker as well as a very understandingly filmed entry from Carl Brandwood.

Our last entry, “Pretty Muddy”, was great fun. We followed a group of lady fund raisers on their obstacle race through Heaton Park. The Gauntlet Games, ‘Muddy Buddies’ 5K run raised funds for cancer research. Dressed in tu-tus and everything Pink these muddy buddies ran, walked, climbed, dodged obstacles and wallowed in mud. I think Daz should have put up some sponsorship for this event!

A sterling effort on the part of all the ladies taking part & John Riley the camera man!. This was a great record of their fun day and the sponsored muddy circuit of the park. Well done!

Following the competition we watched an educational but entertaining animation by Carl about

4K. This showed us how the various formats had evolved ranging from Cine to 4K. We then had 2 more films from members, one of which was a very poignant film about a local lady historian who recently passed away and was being sadly missed. The film was a lovely look back at Hall Lee Bank Park in Westhoughton. Pam Clarke a lovely lady with a wealth of local knowledge was a stalwart of the Historical Society. Together with Pam, our filmmaker Ted Wisedale, gave us a nostalgic look back into the 50s when Parks had sandpits and see-saws and were lovingly tended by urban district gardeners.

Our final treat of the evening was a film which followed the restoration of Elvis Presley’s BMW 507 sports car. Expertly edited by Ian Crowther from clips on YouTube, this film showed the labour of love from derelict vehicle to shiny new cruiser. The dismantling and rebuilding was done with great precision and care. Every last detail was removed and rebuilt. The highlight of this film had to be of course - what Elvis was all about – his voice and music! (added by Ian). This was appropriate, exact and precise – what a great film and a super evening. *Pat Starkey*

23<sup>rd</sup> February — “Problem Solving”

**L**ast Thursday, members once again braved the Elements to attend our "Problem Solving evening".

We managed to cover - filming with smart phones & tablets and transferring the photos and videos from a phone or camera into a new folder. We then followed this by creating a new project in **MoviePlus X6** and importing the contents of the new folder into the new project. The evening finished with some basic editing on MoviePlus.

Because members had different versions of "Windows" and different operating systems we needed advice from someone familiar with "Apple" devices but unfortunately no "Apple" users arrived. However, the more experienced members helped the less experienced ones as best they could and we all learned something from the evening.

*Warren Hulme*