

Clive Meeting – May 2021

Date 7th 8th 9th May.

Having a meeting in Clive was another first for the Film Buffs and was eagerly awaited as the original one scheduled for May 2020 was cancelled due to Covid 19.

The meeting was held in two venues, St Francis church hall in Clive and Colin Trevalyan's museum just outside of the township of Clive.

On Friday night, a light meal was served at 6.45 pm and then the first part of the auction got underway. There were over 100 lots to get through as this would be the final auction of the late John McDonald's films. John Bell, assisted by Bruce Thompson and Gavin Cowern, had a very busy time and all items were sold. Chris Morton and Glynn Babington handled the paper work and once all had paid up, it was time to call it a night.

Saturday morning began with morning tea, then the meeting, followed by part two of the auction. Once the hall had been cleared, we headed to Colin's place for a delicious Paella lunch.

After lunch, we boarded the buff's bus for the drive into Napier where our first stop was the Aquarium. What a fascinating place this is and so well set out with a wide variety for all to see. From here it was a short drive to the Napier Boy's High School which houses the Holt Planetarium. We were treated to a wonderful presentation by Gary Sparks who really knew his stuff.

Saturday evening we arrived at Gengy's Mongolian Barbecue Restaurant in Hastings for a superb meal.

Sunday morning after a cuppa, Colin took us for a guided tour around his museum. There was such a lot to see, including many Leica cameras, old laboratory equipment and vintage cars. We returned to the main building for lunch, the draw for the signed placemat and the official farewells.

After lunch, a special treat for those who took up the offer, was a personal tour of the Hawke's Bay Arts and Events Centre which included the beautifully restored Hawke's Bay Opera House.

Sunday evening saw us back at the museum for a lovely BBQ meal followed by a short film show. A fitting end to a great weekend.