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## "Operation Black Hat"

### "Operation Black Hat" wins the North vs South Competition

We are proud to announce that Sutton Coldfield Movie Makers' new thriller "Operation Black Hat" has won the **John Wright Trophy**. This is the prize awarded annually to the winner of the North vs South Competition. This competition is a national inter-club competition for films on a theme. The 2012/2013 theme was "No Way Back". There were two heats held in November 2012: a Southern Heat and a Northern Heat. The top five films from each heat went through to the final.

For the past eight years the 1st prize has been awarded to the North. It gives us great pleasure that on Sunday 27th January 2013 Sutton Coldfield Movie Makers succeeded in winning back the trophy for the South.

The next theme is "**Revolution**". Having had a taste of the joy of making a club film and now having had the taste of success, Sutton Coldfield Movie Makers will be working on a new production on the theme of "Revolution" for the 2013/2014 competition.

"Operation Black Hat" was awarded 3 Stars at BIAFF which is the biggest international competition for amateur films in Britain. It was shown at Chesterfield on Saturday 20th April 2013.



The photo shows most of the team involved in the production at the 'wrap party'...

The "**Operation Black Hat**" project included 10 members of the club and Fiona Dunn who is a member of Trinity Players. Several SCMM members have said that it's the best (most enjoyable) thing they've done since they joined the club. Here is some of the feedback we've received:



"Being involved in the **No Way Back** project was a wonderful experience. The best thing was being part of a team who worked so well

cooperatively. I loved watching everyone's talents emerging and being used. It was amazing that so many people showed so much commitment. When it was all done, watching the film together as a team was pure joy." Jill.

"We worked good as a team. Learnt a lot from other people. When someone was asked to hold the mike, hold the lights, or do a bit of acting they were straight on it, that is team work. Got to know people better. I learned to let people have their say as I am a bit bossy. Enjoyed every min. Can't wait for the next one." Dave.



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...and here are Gordon Hunt and Ian Reed with the John Wright Trophy.

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"A superb achievement, I did not expect to do as well as we did, the best yet. We worked well as a team which is probably the most important thing. "  
Alan M.



"Although I was new to the club, I never felt new, if you know what I mean. It was easy to express ideas, make comments and discuss every level of the project. The whole process was fun, yet everyone was very passionate about getting things right. Personally I can't wait to get started on the next one!" Julian.

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