

Good news!

27/4/2017

A certain Richard Yandell contacted the club on 17/04/2017 to say that he was in possession of a cup which he suspected belonged to the BFVS. He was kind enough to deliver it to me today, and yes it is the Burris cup!

Richard said that he used to live opposite Ron Elson. After Ron moved into a home Richard bought Ron's house, which he then let to tenants until recently, when he started to look through the garage into which he had piled a lot of miscellaneous stuff left by Ron. And Lo! in an old wooden kaki bound box he found the cup.

Conclusion – Tim Smart - 16/5/15 –

It now seems that it was in fact engraved with something like "THE BRISTOL AMATEUR CINEMATOGRAPHY CHALLENGE CUP", and was lost in or around 2001, when it was replaced by the current prize for short competitions (previously for holiday video competitions), the Jack Baker trophy. John Gorst does not have it. It may have been passed onto Ron Elson (now deceased) and lost among his estate.

The best guess at what it looked like is the miniature that Julian Baldwin holds –



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Email from Bob Bennett 14/5/15 –

Good day all,

Regards hunting down the whereabouts of The Burris Cup, I think the following may lead to an uncertain conclusion of the matter.

I had a long phone call from John Gorst last night, he was the then committee member who made The Jack Baker Trophy and he has no knowledge of what has happened to the Burris Cup. Looking back in old programmes he found that the competition secretary at the time of the switch from The Burris to The Jack Baker as the first prize for the best travel/holiday film was Ron Elson. Indeed Ron was the comp sec for many years starting back in the 1980's. All John did was make the Jack Baker T, which was awarded for the first time in 2002/3. So that avenue of enquiry ends.

Speaking to Mike George yesterday he pointed out something tucked away in a 'history' item on our website which may show why a cup with the words 'Burris Cup' on it cannot be tracked down. Mike says.....

'Page 15 of the Tome suggests to me that this cup is probably not engraved with the words *Burris Cup*'....*and the piece from our website starts with*

## WINNERS OF THE BRISTOL AMATEUR CINEMATOGRAPHY CHALLENGE CUP

more popularly known as the *Burris Cup* and presented to the society by founder member E.H.Burris in 1936.

Since 1964 this cup is now restricted to holiday films.

- 1936 Hubert Chitty
- 1937 Hubert Chitty
- 1938 Frank M.Owner
- 1947 C.H.Stephens
- 1948 C.Bodenham.....etc.....

So, it looks like there is no 'Burris Cup' as such, it is/was in fact The Bristol Amateur etc.... and that's what's engraved on it. So, was that one of the cups the club recently disposed of? If not, I think it's fair to say that after all this time, with a lack of any record as to who the last recipient of 'The Burris Cup' was and the then competition secretary being deceased, the curtain falls on the hunt for The Burris Cup.

Hope this has been of use.

Bob

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Email from Mike George 12/5/15 –

Yes - it was 2002 - see the minutes entry below:

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

Tuesday June 11th 2002 at 4 the Close Weston-in-Gordano, Nr Bristol

04/06/2002: Jack Baker Trophy: Winner 'History Lesson' - Joe Higgins. Runner up 'The Art is the Craft' - Stuart McKay. Agreed to certificates for Winner and Runner Up. Cash prize of £10 for winner. Violet Baker presented the trophy. Agreed to in future appoint vote counters in advance to relieve Chairman speak to Guests and new members etc.

If Violet Baker presented the trophy then Jack must have died in Spring 2002.

Mike.

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Email from Bob Bennet 6/5/15 –

I've had a look at the 'news' pages on our site which start in 2003 and Jack is not mentioned on them as far as I can see. He appeared briefly in Mr Davidson's Autumn and Anne Teakes, both from 2001, so I would guess you're talking around 2002 for the year of his death.

As to John Gorst, I am sure that John would not have The Burris Cup tucked away anywhere as he was meticulous in passing back anything to do with the club when he quit in 2005.

Bob

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Email from Graham Egarr 6/5/15 –

Has anyone asked John Gorst - who made the replacement Jack Baker trophy?

Mike, Bob can you remember when Jack died as that might help narrow down the year

06/05/15 –

Email to Graham Egarr programme secretary –

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Email from Tim Smart 6/5/15 -

Hi Graham,

the Tome reports that the Burriss cup was last awarded in 1977 to K.G. Spacie. However There is a mention in the [2001 programme](#) ( from [http://www.bristolvideo.org.uk/prog\\_archive.html](http://www.bristolvideo.org.uk/prog_archive.html)[http://www.bristolvideo.org.uk/prog\\_archive.html%20%20](http://www.bristolvideo.org.uk/prog_archive.html%20%20)) for “June 5 THE BURRIS CUP COMPETITION Your holiday in 20 minutes (max).“ so it seems it was still being awarded or intended to be awarded, up until 2001.

I have just had a look at those minutes you gave me several weeks ago. They start in Jan 2002 with a statement about the introduction of the Jack Baker Trophy for holiday films. The earliest laminated card held with the Jack Baker Trophy says that it was won in 2002 by Joe Higgins.

All this seems to point to the fact that the Burriss cup disappeared from the scene in or around 2001.

So – do you have any earlier records? It is likely that the winner of the the Burriss Cup in 2001 was its last possessor. It would be interesting to know who that was...

Either way I'll return your folder at the meeting next week.

Cheers

Sherlock Smart

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14/12/14

In summary –

The Jack Baker Trophy for holiday films began in 2002. It was won by Joe Higgins. The Burriss cup was last awarded in 1977 to K.G. Spacie. So it must have been lost between those two dates.

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Tim,

Just to confirm this is now correct...

**So the latest record is 1977 K.G.Spacie. Who he ?**

You ask who he is ...

Go to page 13 of the Tome to read about him.

[www.bristolvideo.org.uk/tome.doc](http://www.bristolvideo.org.uk/tome.doc)

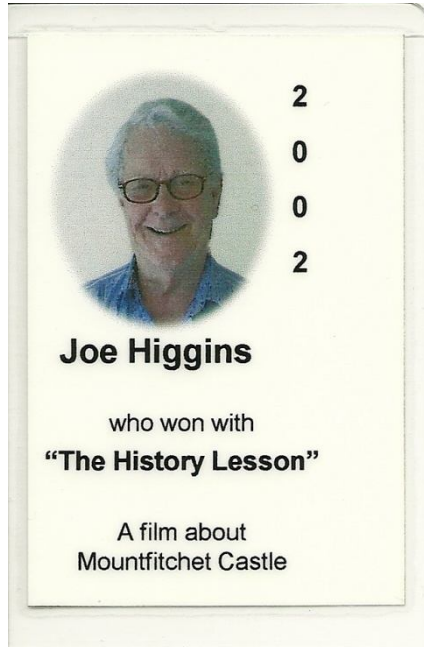
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Last recorded winner of the Burriss cup, according to The Tome –

1982. S.S. GREAT BRITAIN - Don Smith RUBBISH - Brian Anderson

First recorded winner of the Jack Baker Trophy –

Joe Higgins, 2002.



Tim Smart 31/10/2014

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Burris Cup:

If finding this cup is really important then there is a way to find out what year it was last seen (although it won't tell us by whom). The current trophy (which replaced the Burris Cup) has a card index which records details of each winner in chronological order (saves engraving) so, ask Diana Taylor (the current holder) to give you the date of the first entry- my guess would be 2005 - which, if correct would mean that, as it's an annual competition, we are looking for whoever won the cup in 2004.

It does beg the question - was the Burris Cup abandoned in favour of a new design because the cup was lost? I suppose John Gorst (the designer) may know. Perhaps the Minute Book for that period will help. It might even tell you who won it!

We have a habit of losing cups! It's only very recently that the long lost Runner-Up cup for the Annual Trophy Competition made a miraculous reappearance.

Mike.

31/10/2014

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Hi Mike,

Many thanks for this. I have looked closely at all the cups that Malcolm gave me, and none has anything like that inscription.

In addition I have e photo of Julian's miniature of the Burris cup, and none of the collection resemble it.

So the mystery continues!

Cheers

Tim

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Tim,

Where is the Burris Cup?

I had a browse in the club's Tome (click the History button on our website) and found this heading ...

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CHALLENGE CUP**

**more popularly known as the *Burris Cup* and presented to the society by founder member E.H.Burris in 1936.**

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So, a suggestion. Have another look at the 19 cups. If you find one that has the above engraved on it - that's the Burris Cup.

The cup was abandoned (around 2005) in favour of a new (now current) design by John Gorst and the competition was renamed, The Jack Baker Trophy.

Mike.

29/10/2014