

Legacy Films

Your past... preserved for the future



WELCOME AND THANK YOU FOR VISITING US

We are based in the South East of England, and are dedicated to capturing the Special and Precious moments in your life. Our aim is to create a living legacy, for you and future generations to enjoy.

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THE IDEA

The idea of Legacy Films came about over a period of time, due to a series of events that clarified to me that there was need for this type of service.

In my profession as a film maker, I see and film a lot of sights. Some good, some bad, but usually all these things are here fleetingly, then gone, and that's why my job is so important, because can I capture and preserve that special and unique moment.

THE PAST: MY PERSPECTIVE

My great Grandfather was born in 1889 and died aged ninety three, when I was just eighteen. One of my greatest regrets was not talking to him more about the past, but I was young, and that sort of thing wasn't high on my agenda – I was too busy with my friends and



experiencing life to be bothered about reflecting on it.

But now that I'm forty, there are so many things I would have liked to have known. There are so many things that he could have told me – after all, he lived through such changing times, two World Wars, and a world where everything was turned upside down: electricity, cars, radio & television, changing class systems, a time when tiny villages grew into large towns. I really wish now that I could go back and ask him all these questions, to gain the knowledge from his experiences about life, and about my own family history.

So now twenty years on, when I really want to know, he's no longer here. When he was alive, I didn't ask. How I regret it now. We have a box of old photographs, but without my Great-Grandfather there to explain them, they are just old pictures of strangers to me.



Even my Grandparents are now in their eighties, and ill health & strokes mean that I can't talk to them anymore – their memories are now muddled and their speech difficult. It is not how I want to remember them, but once again I seemed to take them for granted, that they would always be there, and suddenly the people I knew have changed, and I can't put the clock back.

Then something happened to me that suddenly made everything clear. Read about it on the [INSPIRATION](#) section.

OUR INSPIRATION

About three months ago I was contacted by a man who needed help editing together some video footage: no problem, as this is a part of my business. However, this was different. Paul is a lovely gentle man in his fifties, quietly yet elegantly spoken, and during our sessions, as I always like to do, we got chatting. I found out he was suffering from a terminal cancer and only had a year to live, and wanted to leave this edited film as his legacy to his young grandchildren, so at a later date, when like everyone, they reflected on their past and wondered about their granddad and what he was like, they could still 'see' him.



When we'd finished the edit, he was so genuinely delighted, that I was

moved to tears. I had helped this man, whose life was being cut unfairly short, to create a lasting memory of himself to leave to his grandchildren and future generations. Even though he wouldn't be there to watch them grow up, he felt some comfort and satisfaction that in a small way, he would be able to live on in their hearts through this film.

And that's how the idea of Legacy Films came to me. How I personally would have loved a reminder of my great-grandfather to look back on.

I spoke to friends and they all confided that they would have loved a reminder of their past. I know from Paul during that edit session that there are definitely people out there who want to share their life experiences with their family, but can't, because of a terminal illness, or living too far apart or abroad, or an age difference where the recipient is too young at the moment to appreciate it, or even a family rift that has meant that grandchildren haven't got to see and know their grandparents.

I could create that film, letting them talk to future generations of family, to tell them about their heritage, their hopes and aspirations.

To show them places that meant something, interspersed with photos with a narrative to explain them.

We would travel to places that meant something special, and make this a proper film, a true legacy. Meticulous care would be taken to plan out the film, making sure all the important details were included. Old photos would be scanned and repaired where necessary. Favourite music & sounds would be added in the edit. Broadcast quality cameras would be used for the ultimate in picture & sound quality. The finished film would be produced on video & DVD to ensure long-term compatibility, and the master tape held in safe storage for transfer to any future viewing media as required. This would not be a collection of badly filmed family videos, this would be true professional and personal production of a life.



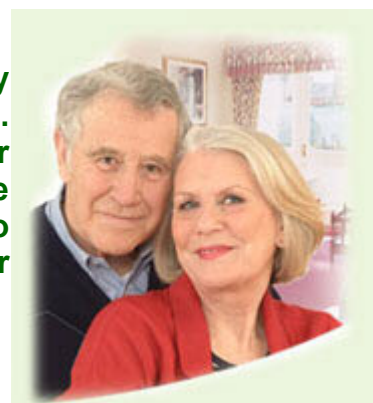
Welcome to Legacy Films

OVERVIEW

The Aim of Legacy Films is to provide a bespoke service, each commission uniquely tailored to the needs of the client. We will deal with our clients on a one-to-one basis, in strictest confidence and confidentiality, to gain the relevant information to produce a product that will bring joy and happiness to all the intended parties.



Because of the unique requirements of every client, we cannot offer a set list of services. However, as a guide, we have broken up our services into sub-sections that our clients have either used or expressed an interest in. To explore any of the subjects below in greater detail, just click on a link in the left hand menu.



These include:

LIVING WILLS:

From recording a simple message to camera for your loved ones and beneficiaries to view on your death as a final goodbye, to a detailed film.

LIFE DIARY:

A television documentary style programme in which the client stars, recounting their life for future generations to learn from and enjoy. We can take a visual journey through the use of location filming, photographs, old movies and recordings, all expertly edited together.

THE ULTIMATE VACATION FILM:

Going on the holiday of a lifetime? Let us record it for you – discretely and unobtrusively. Be the star of your own travelogue! Enjoy your holiday and come back with tangible memories to treasure forever! Ideal for cruises.

THE ULTIMATE CELEBRATION FILM:

Corporate or personal, a celebration usually means people getting together. Make sure this unique event is properly recorded!

PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS:

The above are just some of the services we offer. However, if you have a special request, please feel free to contact us. All commissions are undertaken in the strictest confidence, and all requests are considered – whatever time and wherever in the world.

LIVING WILLS

Imagine being able to speak to your loved ones, your family & friends, after you have died. Are there things you'd like to say to them but just can't, for whatever reason? A family rift perhaps, or maybe they are on the other side of the world. Or maybe that isn't your style.



Wouldn't it be great to be able to leave them a permanent legacy to treasure? We are experienced at creating the right ambience, in terms of lighting and composition to allow you to record your last messages to those people special to you. Each message will then be carefully authored into individual presentations, which can be lodged with your solicitor to be distributed on your death.

Alternatively, why not leave a message to everyone, which can be played at your funeral or wake? What better way for your loved ones to remember you.

We offer a discrete, confidential service, with each project tailored to every individual client.

To discuss your needs, contact us today for a no-obligation consultation.

Thank you for your time.



LIFE DIARY

It is coming to the end of your life. You have lead a full and interesting life, but within a few years, you will just be a distant memory to your grandchildren, and nothing more than a photograph on a mantelpiece for future generations.



Imagine how marvellous it would be for them to be able to see and hear you speak to them, to tell them about your life, to show them the things that were important to you.

That is what the LIFE DIARY is all about.

This is a unique service, individually tailored to each client, because we understand that every life is unique. Firstly, we will come and see you to discuss your life and with your help work a story outline of the important and most relevant parts of your life. From there we will collect information: photos, music, old film, etc to compile in the final edit.

Then we go on a journey with you, to the places that have meant the most to you, where you can show future generations what happened and illustrate to them exactly the emotional bonds these places have to your life. We will meet up with old friends and speak with them.



Not only is this a fantastic opportunity for you to leave your legacy to future generations, it is also a wonderful way for you to take a last look at all the important parts of your life.

Once this is all completed we will edit the footage together into a beautifully constructed film that you can lodge with your solicitor to be handed out on your death, or can be given to loved ones straight away to enjoy with you.



To discuss your requirements further, please contact us today.

Thank you for your time.

ULTIMATE VACATIONS

A holiday of a lifetime. The trip of your dreams. You have saved for years for this, both mentally and financially. And now it is here.

Now you can enjoy all the sights and sounds, all the experiences, and still re-live them when you return, with your very own holiday film, specially shot and edited to your requirements by a professional experienced television broadcast cameraman.



He will be unobtrusive and discrete, allowing you and your company to enjoy your holiday of a lifetime.

In a careful consultation, we will work out with you the appropriate times for filming, to ensure that you get all the correct footage shot.

At the end of the holiday, not only will you be presented with a magnificent edited highlight DVD disc of your holiday, which you can share with your friends and family, but also a collection of all the master material for you to enjoy.



Our professional cameraman, with years of news & event filming experience, will get all the right shots. The professional broadcast cameras we use are not only discrete, but also fantastic in low light situations, which means we can capture the event without ruining the atmosphere.

This truly is a unique opportunity to re-live the most precious moments in your life.

Please feel free to contact us to discuss your needs.

Thank you for your time.



CELEBRATIONS

It's the night of your life. A celebration to remember forever. All your friends and family are there. All the most important people in your life. Never again will all these special people be in the same place again at the same time. What better reason to capture this memory forever?



But who can you trust to undertake such an important task? A family member? Surely that isn't fair. After all, they are a guest, and should be enjoying the event as much as you. And they don't know everyone, so will probably stay within their own circle, which will make for a very one-sided memory. What if they get merry? That will definitely have a detrimental effect on the quality of the filming. A friend? Surely the same argument applies.

What you need is a professionally trained television cameraman, who is experienced at getting the right shots of everyone and everything, discretely and without ruining the atmosphere of the event. We are not biased to a particular group of people at an event, and will ensure that the everyone and everything gets recorded. All this material is then professionally edited down onto a format of your choice, to re-live with family & friends for years to come.



As every event is unique, please contact us to discuss your needs & requirements.

We look forward to hearing from you.

YOUR CAMERAMAN

Hello. I thought you'd like to know a little bit about the person that you'll be entrusting to capture & create this special and important record of you life:



My name is Philip Beasley, and I began filming on cine film in 1976, making films with friends & family. With each expensive reel only lasting 3 minutes, I soon learnt the discipline of getting only the best shots each take. These films lead to a place at Art College specializing in film and television production. After passing, I took on various sales jobs in the media industry, building up knowledge and also an empathy to people. Throughout this time I was still writing and directing various films, especially after moving to video in 1984.

In 1988 I saw a friend's wedding video & could not believe how bad it was! That inspired me, and soon I built a career filming weddings & events, treating each project like a TV documentary. This gave me invaluable experience of event filming, where it is just not possible to re-take: every shot has to be perfect every time. Now, all of my wedding filming comes directly from recommendations, which is a lovely way to work.

In 1993 I produced a ten minute film, which won first prize at the International BAVA awards. Awarding the prize was TV's Jeremy Beadle, who later commissioned me to produce sixteen spoof adverts for his primetime ITV series, 'Hot Shots', which ran for two series. From that I was at last able to finance myself with professional broadcast video equipment and start my production company, Action Video Services Ltd, which has gone from strength to strength.



As well as my commercial work, when I can I also help my local charities by producing films to promote their services for fundraising, which has included Mencap and The Essex Shared Care Scheme. I also continue to produce my own independent films, which continue to win in international competitions, including first prize in the prestigious IAC Daily Mail Film Challenge Trophy. So as you are probably realising, filming is not just a hobby or a career for me, it is a passion.

My philosophy has always been to meet and exceed client expectations, and this has earned my company a reputation of being able to get a project in ahead of deadline and within budget, but without losing any of the quality the client required. We now specialize in multi-camera shoots of major conferences and seminars around the world.

This reputation has led me over the years to work with some impressive names in the corporate world, including BUPA, Ikea, BP Oil, Yakult, Mencap, The British Heart Foundation, The Teenage Cancer Trust, The Royal British Legion, Bairstow Eves Estate Agents, Hambro-Countrywide Estate Agents, Sanofi-Aventis Pharmaceuticals & The Royal College of Physicians to name a few, as well as freelance filming for the BBC, ITV Anglia & Meridian Television, and Sky broadcasting.



When I look back on my career, I realise just how extremely lucky I am, because I spend my days doing a varied job that I love, meeting new people, learning new things, rising to new challenges, and I believe that it is this passion for creating films that makes my work so popular with my clients.

Hopefully I may meet you in the near future and be able to help you too. If you'd like a chat about your film, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you.

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I look forward to hearing from you!