

VIEWFINDER

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August/September 2007

Hello everyone

I hope you all had a good summer break despite the very wet weather at times. Our 2007/8 season promises to be another busy year. Attached is the latest programme. In producing it we have endeavoured to have variety but, also to take account of members' wishes. Some of the more unusual evenings I mention below.

Also you will see that we are to repeat the Digital Tuition Evenings and we are incorporating a Digital Image Competition into our programme and the competition for the Photographer of the Year.

Summer Photographic Display 1st – 8th September Red Cross Shop, Denmark Street

Our activities begin with a display in the Red Cross Shop in Denmark Street which Peter Allington is organising. We hope to make the public aware that we exist and to encourage potential members to come to our first meeting on the 13th September.

2007/8 Subscriptions

Following agreement at the Annual General meeting the annual Subscription is increased by £1 across all the memberships. Subscriptions are due on the 13th September, but, please send them beforehand to our Treasurer, Peter Muggridge.

2 Wilmington Close, Woodley, Reading, RG5 4LR

See further details at Appendix A.

Digital Tuition Evenings

We are fortunate that Ernie Loft has agreed once again to be the lecturer for another series of Digital Tuition Evenings. These will take place on 1st and 29th November, and the 3rd and 17th January in the De Vitre room at the Cornerstone. By request, some of the content will be a revision of the last lectures. However, I expect Ernie will be taking note of other requirements as the course develops. If people wish to do so they can bring their own laptop computer to the evenings and follow what is happening on their own machines. However, they would have to be fully conversant with the photo manipulation program they are using, so as to not slow up the proceedings for other people.

The lectures are meant to be self-funding and we have kept the charges to the same as last year, ie £16 for four evenings booked at the same time, or £5 per evening if booked individually, which I am sure you will realise is a bargain compared with other courses available in the area.

Thursday 13th September Meeting

'My Favourite Picture' Competition and New Members 'Open Evening'

This is an important meeting and I hope you can all attend as we expect to welcome several potential members. If you have a friend that might be interested in joining, do get them to come along and bring one of their photographs as we will be asking our judge to give them an appraisal of their picture in the first part of the evening.

The main activity is the 'My Favourite Picture' competition. Members may enter two prints and/or two slides taken during the twelve months September to September of the 2006/7 season. Entries may be new pictures, but, following club rules, pictures that have appeared in the Quarterly's

Thursday 13th September Meeting

'My Favourite Picture' Competition and New Members 'Open Evening' continued

Competitions may also be entered, but, not those that have participated in the non-Quarterly competitions ie the 'People' and the 'Four prints on a theme' competitions.

Also, please come early and give a hand with the equipment. Thanks.

Thursday 27th September Meeting

At this meeting we will select the prints and slides that will represent the club in the Southern Photographic Federation inter-club competitions which are shown elsewhere in the programme. Also using the digital projector, we will be showing the images taken by members that went on the Henley and Didcot Railway Centre outings. The methods of re-sizing your images for projection are the same as those I issued before, but, I will re-send them a little closer to the evening. If people have any problems please ask a Committee Member for help.

Thursday 11th October

MEMBERS' EVENING Four volunteers talk to members on a subject of their own choice This evening is in response to requests for a 'club' evening. The idea is that four members will discuss a topic of their own choosing during the evening. The topic can be about any aspect of photography. If any of our members would like to make a short presentation, please let me know. If it was to involve using the computer/digital projector set-up, then bearing in mind that we have had one or two abortive demonstrations, I would take steps to ensure that the program and the equipment all worked together.

Thursday 22nd November

High Speed Photography with Peter Holt

This is a practical evening. There will be set-ups of several activities such as photographing a dropping ball, balloons and party poppers exploding. So bring your camera, a remote control, a tripod and if possible a full sized flash gun as opposed to on-camera flash. Inevitably with live activities there may be some delays before you can take your pictures, but, I am looking forward to this evening.

Peter Odds, CHAIRMAN

See Appendix A: 2007/8 Subscription Form

See Appendix B: 2007/8 Programme

Memory Card full? Can't tell which pics to erase?

When you use your digital camera and view your pics on the little "postage stamp" size LCD screen on the camera, you are never too sure how good or bad your images are until you download them onto your computer. If your digital camera has an AV socket and is supplied with leads to connect to your TV, this is a much quicker method of viewing your images TV screen size. If your memory card is getting full and you haven't another one and are about to go on a mini photo trip, it is a very quick process to erase "poor quality" pics from your memory card whilst reviewing your images on your TV. My wife and I recently spent a weekend American Square Dancing on the Isle of Wight. I took some video which wasn't bad either and have viewed this on TV and downloaded onto computer and burned in a CD. How many of our members have ever used their movie mode?

Bob Picton

Wokingham & East Berkshire Camera Club

2007/2008 Subscription Fees

Subscriptions are due on the 13th September, but, please send the Application Form below, together with a cheque for the appropriate amount, made out to Wokingham and East Berkshire Camera Club, beforehand to:

Peter Muggridge. 2 Wilmington Close, Woodley, Reading, RG5 4LR

Subscription Fees consist of an annual subscription plus a fee of £1 paid on entrance to each evening attended. There is no separate charge for coffee or the evening raffle.

Annual Fees

Members: £24 Family Members: £36

New members for the first year:

Members: £21 Family Members: £31

Under 21 members: Half of the above annual subscriptions and half the attendance fees.

Half Season Fees

Anyone joining on or after the 1st January 2007 will be liable for half the above subscriptions, but the full attendance fees.

Digital Tuition Evenings Costs

Four tuition evenings are planned. These evenings are in addition to the normal programme and the aim is to recover costs. Consequently, we prefer those attending to commit to the four evenings currently being offered. The four evenings charge is £16, or, if paid singularly £5 per evening. Either way, the charges are a considerable saving on any similar courses being offered anywhere in the district.

The dispensation of half the subscription for members under the age of 21 will be extended to the Tuition Evenings.

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Wokingham & East Berkshire Camera Club

2007/2008 Membership Application Form

to be returned to: Peter Muggridge. 2 Wilmington Close, Woodley, Reading, RG5 4LR

Please enrol me as a member of the above club. I am applying as a:

tick boxes as appropriate

Member Family Member First Year Member First Year Family Member

Under 21 Member Date of birth if under 21.....

Digital Tuition Evenings: Four evening course £16

Total Cost: Membership Tuition Evenings Total:

Cheques should be made out to: Wokingham and East Berkshire Camera Club

Member/s Name/s

Address:

Telephone number: E-mail address

Wokingham and East Berkshire Camera Club

Meetings are held in the East Hall of The Cornerstone, Norrey's Avenue, Wokingham
(in All Saints Churchyard).

Doors open at 7.30pm and meetings start at 8.00 pm. Come early and give a hand with the equipment

2007/2008 Programme

| 2007 | | Presenter or Judge |
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| Thurs 13 th September | Special 'OPEN' evening for non-members 1) Non member Photographs 2) My Favourite Pictures - Sept 2006 to Sept 2007 up to two prints, max. size 50cm x 40cm, and/or two slides | Ted Clark LRPS |
| Thurs 27 th September | 1) Prints and slides for the Southern Fed. competitions 2) Digitally projected photos taken on Henley walkabout 3) Digitally projected photos taken on Didcot outing | Selection by members Judging by members |
| Thurs 11 th October | MEMBERS' EVENING Four volunteers talk to members on a subject of their own choice | |
| Thurs 25 th October | First Quarterly Competition: Theme - 'OPEN' | Chris Whiting |
| Thurs 1 st November | Digital Tuition Evening | Ernie Loft LRPS |
| Thurs 8 th November | 'People' Competition prints and slides | Judging by members |
| Thurs 22 nd November | High speed photography | Peter Holt |
| Thurs 29 th November | Digital Tuition Evening | Ernie Loft LRPS |
| Fri 30 th November | Southern Fed. Comp. Alton v Yateley v WEBCC at Alton | Leo Rich ARPS, ESIAF, DPAGB, APAGB |
| Thurs 13 th December | Christmas Social - a Cornerstone evening | |
| 2008 | | |
| Thursday 3 rd January | Digital Tuition Evening | Ernie Loft LRPS |
| Thurs 10 th January | Second Quarterly Competition: Theme - 'Weather' | External Judge T.B.A. |
| Thurs 17 th January | Digital Tuition Evening | Ernie Loft LRPS |
| Thurs 24 th January | Audio Visual Presentation | Len Deeley |
| Thurs 14 th February | 'Best of the Best' of the 2005/6 WEBCC Competitions | External Judge T.B.A. |
| Thurs 21 st February | Southern Fed. Comp. Newbury v Bracknell v WEBCC at Newbury | George Walsh APAGB |
| Thurs 28 th February | Southern Federation competition WEBCC v Farnborough | George Walsh APAGB |
| Thurs 13 th March | Third Quarterly Competition: Theme - 'Hands' | Alan Copeland APAGB, LRPS |
| Thurs 27 th March | Studio and/or equipment Evening | |
| Fri 4 th April | Joint Reading Photographic Clubs 'BATTLE' at South Reading | Peter Jackman |
| Thurs 10 th April | 4 th Quarterly Competition: Theme - 'OPEN' | George Alziary ARPS |
| Thurs 24 th April | Digital Projection Competition | Len Deeley |
| Thurs 8 th May | 1) 4-Print Competition 2) 'Best of the Best' of the 2006/7 WEBCC Competitions | John Chandler CPAGB |
| Thurs 22 nd May | A local walkabout - 6.00pm start and a supper venue <u>No meeting at Cornerstone</u> | Peter Allington |
| Thurs 12 th June | Annual General Meeting | |