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Hello Everyone

Before bringing you up to date with the latest club plans, I would like to welcome four recent new members. They are Paul Hampton, Tony Hayward, Michael Holderness, and Kimberley Tomlin. I hope they will enjoy the club and its activities and I look forward to seeing their work.

Below is a review of the current programme and some activities for the summer. The Summer Challenge and the Marwell Zoo 'Sunset Safari' will call for some commitment. I know it is often difficult to plan ahead but please give the ideas a chance to succeed by joining in, if you can.

Please make a note, of my new e-mail address, p2odds@yahoo.co.uk . I am phasing out my p2odds@homecall.co.uk following more than 12,000 spam messages. Whilst the problem is contained by anti-spam software, there is a danger that messages I want to receive will get the anti-spam treatment hence the new address.

Peter Odds, Chairman

13th March - 3rdQuarterly Competition Theme – 'Hands'

Our judge this evening is Alan Copeland who is well known to us both as a speaker and a judge. The competition is for two large and/or two small prints and two slides and we will need our full set of display equipment. Setting up the equipment takes a lot of effort and whilst Bob Picton takes on the responsibility of organising this, he does need assistance from all concerned. So please do not wait to be asked, but, ask him how you can help.

27th March - Studio Evening

Ron Simpson will be in general charge, but, Ernie Loft will be setting up the lighting for the studio portrait sessions. It is hoped to have two models.

In addition, we are hiring the other half of the hall so that the Best of the Best 05/6 can be displayed. By then an independent judge will have judged the entries 'in camera' and the results will be available. Again, Bob Picton is in organising the the prints and slides display equipment, please ask him how you can help.

Friday 4th April - Joint Photographic Clubs of Reading 'Battle'

Held once a year, the Burghfield, Wokingham & East Berkshire, Woodley and Whitchurch Hill camera clubs compete against each other in a 'Battle'. Whilst the usual contest is for print and slides, this year due to the decline in slide activity, the competition is for 10 prints. The host is the South Reading Camera Club and the 'Battle' will be held at the South Reading Community Centre, 212 Northumberland Avenue, Reading, RG2 7QA and starts at 7.45 pm. The judge for the evening will be the ever popular Peter Jackman APAGB. Pam Loft is representing us and other members are welcome to attend.

10th April 4th - Quarterly Competition theme 'Open'

The usual rules apply i.e. two large prints and/or two small prints and two slides. Our judge is George Alziary ARPS

24th April - Digitally Projected Competition

This is the first occasion when a digitally projected competition has formed part of our suite of internal competitions and the scores will be included into the scores for the Photographer of the Year Cup.

Traditionally we allow two entries in a competition, but, for this competition, members can enter up to three images with the proviso that if we are over subscribed we will drop each person's third shot. If we display each member's third image, only their best two scores will be counted.

The instructions for preparing your images are as before, see separate attachment. You will also find them on our web site www.webcc.org.uk

8th - May – 4-Print Competition and the Best of the Best of the 2006/7 Competitions

4-Print Competition – the usual rules apply, check them out on our web site.

Best of the Best of the 2006/7 Competitions – This is a competition for those prints and slides got a mark of 9.5 or better in 2006/7

22nd - May Meeting Windsor Walkabout

This year we have chosen Windsor as the venue for our evening 'Walkabout'. There is usually plenty to photograph and as the evening comes on there are some interesting night scenes. Peter Allington is organising the evening and will be in touch shortly.

A Summer Challenge

The idea is that teams of four people, chosen randomly from all the members willing to participate, choose a theme and produce four prints on that theme for display and judging by an outside judge, at the first meeting of the new season on the 11th September.

This is intended to be a fun thing and is not part of our normal range of activities, but, it needs as many members as possible to take part, so I hope you will all allow your names to go forward.

Please send me an e-mail to my new email address p2odds@yahoo.co.uk with your agreement to take part in the Challenge.

The Teams and Themes

It is not intended that teams are pre-arranged. The names of all the members willing to have a go, will be drawn in groups of four on the 24th April. This should give ample time for the different teams to meet and consult each other about their theme before the summer. The choice of theme is yours, they can be anything, whatever takes your fancy, but, cannot be the same as the themes chosen at the AGM for the two Quarterly Competitions.

Print Presentation and Marking

The prints are to be judged as a group of four; preferably one for each member of the team. Each group of four should have a group title. The titles and authors names of the individual prints should be on the back as per our usual practise. The prints are to be no larger than A4 so that they can be produced by the average domestic ink jet printer, and simply mounted on suitable card. Showing these prints does not preclude there being used in the normal way for other club competitions. Each print will be marked out of 10. An additional mark will be awarded for each individual author who produces a print for his team i.e. four prints and four authors equals four extra points, four prints and only three authors then only three extra points etc. maximum team points being 44.

A Summer Visit to Marwell Zoo, a 'Sunset Safari' and a Barbecue?

We are planning a trip to Marwell Zoo in the summer. As part of the trip, it is hoped to arrange a guided tour of the Zoo after closing time when the general public have left and the animals might be more relaxed and active, followed by a barbecue. To take advantage of the after hours Sunset Safari and barbecue, we have to have a minimum of 15 people. The date is to be decided but is likely to be in early July to take advantage of the longer evenings. The trip is being organised by Rodney Hart, so look out for further details in due course.

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