

# VIEWFINDER

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## **Hello Everyone**

I always find it amazing how quickly the year goes by. We are only three meetings away from the New Year so I thought I should bring you up to date with some of the things going on. I am conscious that whilst those that have attended recently are probably aware of much that follows, some who have not attended recently, may be out of touch.

## **Wokingham Borough Council Grant Application**

Most of you will know that we had to cancel the planned digital tuition evenings due to Ernie Loft not feeling well enough to continue with them and I sincerely hope he feels better soon. However, it prompted us to try and think of alternatives. Belatedly we found out that we could apply for a WBC grant so we had to seize the moment, to get in before their deadline of the end of October. I managed to do it with a couple of days' grace. It is my intention to use that money if we get it, to provide tuition evenings. We will not know where we stand until the New Year. However, I do not rate our chances above 50%.

## **Southern Photographic Federation inter-club panel**

After the 27<sup>th</sup> September meeting when we chose a short list of prints and slides to represent us, the Committee, made a final choice of eight prints and eight slides which took account of the SPF authorship regulations. Pam Loft has posted the final list of entries on the club website under the 'News and Links' section.

## **WEBCC Photographic Display, 10<sup>th</sup> December to 11<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

### **Wokingham Borough Council, Mall Gallery, Shute End, Wokingham**

The WBC invitation to put on a display recognises us as part of Wokingham 'arts' scene and I look upon it as an excellent opportunity to make Wokingham Borough residents more aware of our activities.

The arrangements are now complete. The Display will start on 10<sup>th</sup> December and run until the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2008. During this period our photographs will be on permanent display and the public is welcome to view them simply by going to the Shute End reception area during working hours. On the 12<sup>th</sup> December WBC are organising a 'private view' reception starting at 6.00pm to which we and our spouses/partners are cordially invited. Also present will be members of the Council and the local press. Light refreshments will be available. You should receive a postcard invitation, specially printed with our photographs, through the post.

For the display, the Committee made a selection of 18 prints to represent three themes. Six prints taken from the 2006/7 SPF inter-club panel, six prints on the 2006/7 'Transport' and six prints on the 'Life' themes. The ones selected can be seen at Appendix A.

The full colour post cards mentioned above, will be used as advertising mailings as well an invitation to the reception on 12<sup>th</sup> December at the Mall Gallery. The Arts Department were left to choose which of our photographs would be most suitable for the post cards, bearing in

mind the small size of the end product and the need for maximum impact. They chose the following 1. The Shopping Mall by Peter Odds; 2. Yellow Skunk Cabbages by John Drew; 3. Life but not as we know it by Rodney Hart.

### **Southern Photographic Federation Exhibition, Salisbury Library, 5<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

The Exhibition is held in Salisbury Library and is open to the public during normal opening hours. It is not thought to be open on Saturday afternoons and Sundays. Six prints and eight slides have been selected to represent WEBCC (see Appendix B). The preview evening is on January 4<sup>th</sup> and a small number of tickets are available. If you wish to attend please contact Pam Loft.

### **8<sup>th</sup> November 'People' Competition prints and slides**

With this competition there are only the two classes i.e. Prints and Slides. The competition however, is to find the best 'People' images from both classes so they will be compared at the end of the evening. Some might say that the slides have an unfair advantage due to their screen size, but I have seen very small prints win this competition. Another difference to our usual competitions is that the judging will be done by members using the 'ice skating score cards' technique. I hope we have a good entry and Good Luck to Everyone.

### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

#### **High Speed Photography with Peter Holt**

This is a practical evening. So bring your camera, a remote control, a tripod and if possible a full sized flash gun as opposed to an on-camera flash. I am not sure of the exact format but, there will be set-ups of several activities such as photographing a dropping ball, bursting balloons and party poppers exploding. I think this will be a very unusual evening.

### **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **Christmas Social**

The evening is to allow us to unwind and relax, so do bring your partner. In the first part of the evening we plan to have light snacks, wine and soft drinks. We thought that members would not mind each bringing something for the evening such as sandwiches, mince pies, quiches, etc. So that we don't all turn up with the same thing, Pam Loft has kindly agreed to organise the arrangements. The second part of the evening is a top notch 'big game' slide presentation by Nigel Glover-Wright. L.R.P.S. called 'Tsavo West, Amboseli and Sambury'. He writes "You will see my favourite big cats and how nature ensures the survival of the fittest..." For this occasion only we are raising the evening charge to £2. As mentioned at the beginning all are welcome as are their partners, if you know whether you will or will not attend please let Pam know during the next two meetings.

### **WEBCC.org.uk**

If you have not visited our website recently then I suggest you do. Martin Draper, our Website Manager has been working hard on getting the 'bugs' out of the program and now can increase the number of members' galleries that can be accommodated. This means that within reason all members can have a small section on which you can publish your pictures - just contact Martin to get things under way.

### **Equipment, books and software for hire**

Rodney Hart is responsible for looking after these items. A full list is now published on the website. Again take a moment to see what is on offer.

**Peter Odds, CHAIRMAN**

## Appendix A

**Wokingham and East Berkshire Camera Club Display**  
10th December 2007 - 8th January 2008  
The Mall Gallery, WBC Offices, Shute End, Wokingham, RG40 1BN

### EXHIBIT LIST

#### Theme: OPEN

1. AMERICAN BALD EAGLE	Ron Simpson
2. THE BLACKSMITH	Pam Loft
3. ANCHORITES	Ernie Loft
4. SHOPPING MALL	Peter Odds
5. WATERGATE BAY	Peter Odds
6. MARK	Ernie Loft

#### Theme: TRANSPORT

1. HITCH HIKER	Ron Simpson
2. NARROW BOAT	Ann Collins
3. MOTOR BIKE RIDER	Arnold George
4. CHARGE OF THE FIRE BRIGADE	Peter Odds
5. 1466 STEAMING IN	Pam Loft
6. 34016 IN STEAM	Peter Odds

#### Theme: LIFE

1. YELLOW SKUNK CABBAGE	John Drew
2. IT'S A DOGS LIFE	Peter Odds
3. WHAT MARRIED LIFE CAN DO FOR YOU	Martin Draper
4. ARNOLD	Ernie Loft
5. LIFE, BUT NOT AS WE KNOW IT	Rodney Hart
6. PENGUIN – MARWELL ZOO	Ron Simpson

## Appendix B

**Southern Photographic Federation Exhibition,  
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#### PRINTS

1. A MIDNIGHT DATE	Martin Draper
2. RED BALLONS ON XIAN CITY WALL	Peter Odds
3. MERLIN	John Drew
4. WIDECOMBE GREEN	Pam Loft
5. AUTUMN SUNSHINE	Rodney Hart
6. WINTER AT DINTON	Ernie Loft

#### SLIDES

1. SPREADING HIS WINGS	Peter Muggridge
2. THE WATER MARKET	Peter Odds
3. THE OLD WAY	Arnold George
4. COOLING OFF	Peter Odds
5. CLEMATIS	Pam Loft
6. GROWTH AND DECAY	Ernie Loft
7. LYME BAY	Pam Loft
8. BOATS	Ernie Loft