

HIGHLIGHT–Alton Camera Club Newsletter–April 2010.

Presentation Evening

Our annual Presentation Evening takes place at the **Alton House Hotel on Friday 23rd April**. We do need all members to support this evening as we require a minimum of 50 members and guests in order to make it viable. A good meal, entertainment in the form of viewing our best work from the season all amongst convivial company. What more can you ask for and all for only £26 per head. Ask Elaine for a menu, or download it from the club website, make your choices and then return it to her ASAP.

You have until Friday 9th April to return your menus to Elaine together with your remittance. (extended 1 week)

April Programme Details

Wednesday 7th April

Triangular Print Competition – *no it's not for triangular shaped prints, it's a three-way print competition between Aldershot & Farnham, Alton and Basingstoke. Each club hosts the competition every third year. This year Aldershot & Farnham are hosting the event. They meet at the **Hale Institute Village Hall, Wings Road, Upper Hale, Farnham**. The judge on this occasion is Caroline Colegate LRPS a member of Bracknell C.C. Proceedings start at 7.45 pm*

Fri 9th Images from the season - On this evening we get the chance to bring our successful and perhaps not so successful prints along and give members a chance to let us know what they think of them. Authors can then point out how in their opinion the judge may have completely missed the point. Please remember to bring your prints, because without them, we'll have nothing to discuss. We should be O.K. for PDI's, but if you have an image in mind you would like to talk about, then check with Steve so that he can put it on the screen.

Fri 16th Inter-Club AV Evening – This is another one of those evenings that moves around the three main participating clubs. It is not a competition, just a get-together in order to show each other AV sequences. The other two clubs are Aldershot & Farnham and Windlesham & Camberley

Fri 23rd Presentation Evening – Alton House Hotel

The hotel almost opposite the clubroom. Details at top of the first page. Again please try to support this evening and help make it a fitting end to our season.

Fri 30th AGM.

There will be one or two items on the agenda which have to be reviewed in that they were introduced at the last AGM for one year only. One of these is the AV Competition. This was proposed last year as a change to the Meadows Photo-Presentation Award. The original proposal was that the Meadows should have an external judge and be limited to just five minutes. After some discussion members decided to keep the Meadows which would continue to be judged internally and introduce a new AV Competition for sequences no longer than five minutes to be assessed by an external judge. At the AGM we have to decide where we go from here.

The Bimonthly Slide Competitions were also discontinued and replaced by a 'One Off' slide competition which was held in February. Although this was well supported most members of the committee feel that we have come to the end of the road for slides. Sad but if people are no longer using slide film or even film cameras we just have to accept the fact that we have come to the end of an era.

Quite a few years ago we as a club scrapped the beginners and intermediate classes in our monthly competitions and they became, "open classes". Over the last few years we have gained a fair number of new members. Is it right that they should have to compete with more advanced members? Should we re-introduce another class? How about a Print Competition and an Advanced Print Competition and PDI's and Advanced PDI's? Give it some thought and perhaps put forward a proposal in time for the AGM.

See page 3 of the club handbook on the club website for details regarding submitting proposals for the AGM. Click on Competitions and then CLUB HANDBOOK, top right of the page.

Southern Photographic Federation Print Championship Sun 11th April at the Millennium Hall, Littleton, Nr. Winchester

Alton are entering a panel of 20 prints and I'm told there is a spare ticket available. (or there was) otherwise it will cost you £5. Well worth a visit and you should see some great images.

Safari – Sunday 9th May – This event still requires someone to organise it this year. We urgently require a volunteer. Is there one out there somewhere? If you feel that you could undertake this task then please let our club secretary know as soon as possible.

Newbury Challenge Plate - Nine Clubs Competition.

This event is due to take place at Shaw Social Club, Almond Avenue, Shaw, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 1LU on **Thursday 15th April**

As the title suggests there will be nine clubs, including Alton taking part, each entering six prints. It's a good evening out and the Newbury Club usually lay on a buffet supper. The judge this year will be Leo Rich ARPS, EFIAP, DPAGB, APAGB. This competition should have taken place on Thursday 14th January but again it was one of those events which had to be postponed because of the weather.

Finals Day – Sunday 18th April

The Southern Photographic Federation Finals Day takes place on Sunday 18th April at Overton. This is where the the final of the SPF League Competition is staged. The print section this year will be contested by Basingstoke and Chichester whilst the PDI section will be a three-way contest between Bournemouth, Hayling Island and Southampton. Alton are still featured in the proceedings in that the highest scoring print and PDI from our league rounds will be entered in a further competition to find the best individual print and PDI for the 2009/2010 season.

Mark Powell - I apologise for omitting this item from the March Newsletter

On Friday 19th February our chairman announced the sad news of the death of Mark Powell who died unexpectedly on February 9th. Mark was only a member for a short time, but in that time had become very much one of us. He appeared to know everybody and was well known to everybody. If you went down the town, especially if there was something on, you would find Mark in his wheelchair outside one of the coffee outlets, always talking to somebody. He would be able to inform you that Chris was in the Market Square, Steve was taking pictures in the High Street and he'd just seen Ron and Anne. He was a mine of information.

We had not seen Mark's wheelchair at the back of the clubroom this season, he had undergone an operation back last summer and his care arrangements made it impossible for him to visit the club on Friday evenings. Sad news, we're going to miss him both at the club and around the town.

Mid Thames AV DAY. Sunday 25th April 2010.

The Mid Thames AV group are to hold an AV Day at the The Community Centre, Woosehill, Wokingham, Berkshire on Sunday 25th April.
9.45 for 10.00 am until approx. 5.30 pm

In the morning there will be a screening of AV Sequences by members of the Mid Thames AV Group which will be commented on by Ian Bateman FRPS MPAGB. In the afternoon Ian will show some of his own AV's .
Ian is a member of the RPS AV Distinctions panel and a PAGB adjudicator for Merit awards in AV. He is regularly called to be a jury member on competitions and festivals at home and overseas.

Mill Cottage Farm Experience

Annual Open Day

Easter Monday 5th April 2010

10.30 am – 3.30 pm

Andrews Endowed School, London Road, Holybourne GU34 4EL

All the MCFE animals including new born lambs, goats, piglets and chicks. Plus Lots of stalls for the adults & activities for the kids: Refreshments including cakes, soup in a bun and a BBQ

Bouncy Castle : Rodeo Sheep (think Bucking Broncho!

Now and Then : Modern tractor static display

Vintage costumes and Artefacts for those vintage photos

Dog agility display team : Welly Wanging : Pet Show

Dial a Dog Wash : Make and Take Craft

Have your pet groomed on the day – 50% to the charity

Fund Raising for Andrews Endowed Development Trust
raising £30,000 for two new classrooms

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