

## HIGHLIGHT – Alton Camera Club Newsletter – January 2010.

I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas and New Year break.  
May I wish you all a Happy New Year.

**The first meeting of 2010 on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January is CANCELLED**

### **January and February Programme Details.**

**8<sup>th</sup>** Match an Image v Petersfield and Havant - Judge: Don Mitchell ARPS  
This is very much a fun evening and if you haven't been to one before you'll find it very different from our usual competitions. You can barrack the judge for a start, voicing your disagreement and pointing out all those things about the image that you're sure he's missed. Each club takes it in turn to place an image on the screen which the other two have to match. All three images are placed on the screen together and the judge awards points for images which in his opinion match the first image. He will also award points for the best image and bonus points where he sees fit. Come along and join in the fun.

**Remember to bring your PDI's along to the club ready for the 3<sup>rd</sup> PDI Competition on 15<sup>th</sup> January. See page 3 - PDI Images**

**12<sup>th</sup> Tues** Inter-club AV Competition v Winchester P.S. and North Hants P.S. at Winchester

Judge: Ian Bigg LRPS CPAGB. To use sports terminology, this is an away match. Each club submits five sequences of no more than 5 minutes each. Alton hosted a similar event against North Hants P.S. in November 2008 and several of the same sequences have been entered into this competition. Interest in AV is growing around the clubs and this is one of the reasons that the new AV competition has been introduced into our club programme. (see your programme - 12<sup>th</sup> March)

**15<sup>th</sup>** 3<sup>rd</sup> PDI and set subject Competition. Judge: Chris Neill-Griffin  
The set subject is "The Weather" We've had plenty of that lately and so if you've been out with your camera you should have plenty of images to fit the set subject title. Remember these are all PDI's (*Projected Digital Images*) and you will need to bring your images along to the club on the 8<sup>th</sup> January

**22<sup>nd</sup>** A Camera in India – Dr Peter Brandham - The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. We've had Peter Brandham along to the club on several occasions and he has never failed to impress.

**29<sup>th</sup>** 3<sup>rd</sup> Print and Panorama Competitions Judge: Barbara Holder CPAGB  
**It's not too late to go out and take some images and construct a panoramic picture. Make the most of those snow pictures! Details of some free software for stitching panoramas together can be found on the club website.**

## February

5<sup>th</sup> The Meadows Photo Presentation Award, The Book Jacket, The Face of Alton and the Merlin competitions. You still have time to look out your images for these competitions. If you don't quite know what is required, then consult the club handbook which can be found on the club website. [www.altoncameraclub.org.uk](http://www.altoncameraclub.org.uk). Go to Competitions and click on CLUB HANDBOOK. If you're still not clear then buttonhole a member of the committee. Remember all the competitions taking place on the 5<sup>th</sup> February are judged internally by the members present on the evening.

*Note that you can enter your Meadows AV's in the new AV Competition which is to take place on 12<sup>th</sup> March, but if you do so they must comply with the AV Competition rules. Again check your club handbook.*

12<sup>th</sup> Slide Competition – Judge: Cynthia James LRPS. At the last AGM a number of you voted to keep a slide competition in the club programme albeit a 'one off' competition. Please support this competition because we have an independent judge and it needs to fill the evening. Very soon now you will be asked if you are entering, so that we can decide how many slides each member can enter.

19<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> PDI and The Daisy Parratt – (Homes and Gardens Competition)  
Judge: Derek Trendell ARPS. Again check the website for the rules.

26<sup>th</sup> Anglo-Spanish Inter-Club Exchange. On this evening we view images submitted by a Spanish Group of mainly ex pats. Meanwhile they have been given some of our images to view. We decide on a mark jointly but the main idea is to enjoy each others pictures.

## **Southern Photographic Federation Annual Exhibition.**

Salisbury Library, January 9<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>

If you do decide to visit the exhibition the Park and Ride service in operation is worth considering. Follow the signs as you enter the city on the A30 or A338. It will cost you £2 per car load.

## **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 14<sup>th</sup> January.

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.

## **Basingstoke Annual Exhibition of Projected Image Photography**

You have until 14<sup>th</sup> January to enter your images. Check out their website. [www.basingstokecameraclub.co.uk](http://www.basingstokecameraclub.co.uk)

## **Southern Photographic Federation Regional Semi-Final.**

Alton are to host this event this season and it will take place at our usual venue, of 100 Normandy Street on Wednesday 10th March. **Note this is a Wednesday.** You will know by now that Alton will not be a semi-finalist but we can sit back and enjoy both prints and PDI's and perhaps convince ourselves that they are no better than ours. Well anyway it will allow us to see what standard of work is required to reach the final of this competition.

The winner of this semi-final will go forward to Finals Day which is held at Overton in April. Date to be announced.

### **PDI Images.**

If you are entering PDI's in the competition on 15<sup>th</sup> January then Steve is happy for you to email them to him. He will also accept your entry slips but you must remember to hand your competition entry money to Anne on the evening. Also please remember the extra set subject

### **Club Weekend– Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010.**

#### **Norwich and the North Norfolk Coast**

Details of the planned Club Weekend have been available at the club since the beginning of the season. Jennie will be looking for your deposit by the 16<sup>th</sup> January. £30 per person + £18 if you take out insurance. A minimum of 30 bookings is needed to make the holiday viable. Make your cheques out to Trueman's Travel and send them to Jennie. The weather may well be a problem for you at the moment, so if you have problems getting out to the post, always assuming that there are collections and deliveries then ring Jennie on 01420 88743.

#### **The Monday Club – Scheduled for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January.**

**This meeting has been cancelled**, again because of the weather. If the need is there then we may hold it on another evening when the weather improves. If you would like to attend a rescheduled meeting then please get in touch with us - Go to the website; click on About Us and then click on either email for Chris Pearce or Anne Streeter.

Below the intended programme:-

Digital Darkroom including Work-flow, Editing, Practical Exercises and Printing

If you have a laptop bring that along as well as your camera

Evening open to members and non members. Photographers of all abilities are welcome.

## **Love Those Photos by Jon Hayden.**

on display at the Allen Gallery **5<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> January.**

## **An Evening with Jon Nicholson:**

25 years of travel, documentary and sport. In the forum at Alton College at **7.30pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010.** - Admission is free.

Alton College offer a number of photography courses during the day and in the evenings and with a couple of College exhibitions due in March and April at the Allen Gallery, it seemed appropriate to combine forces to encourage local photographers. Parking will be available in the College car park reached from Edward road off Nursery Road. Make a date in your new diary before it fills up with other things to do!

## **Audio Visual Competitions.**

There are two AV competitions in this the second half of the programme, the Meadows Photo-Presentation Award which forms part of the competition evening on February 5<sup>th</sup> and the AV Competition which takes place on the 12<sup>th</sup> March. The Meadows is judged internally by members present on the evening and the AV Competition will be judged by a visiting judge: Mike Reed ARPS from the Windlesham and Camberley Camera Club and the Mid Thames AV Group. If you intend entering these competitions you need to be thinking about your entry now.

If members want any assistance with their sequences, especially with access to the software then they should have a word with Eric Bennett or Steve Kirkby. You may be able to borrow/hire a laptop with appropriate software ready loaded. Check first that you are at a stage only needing to enter your images and soundtrack into the programme.

There was some discussion when the rules of the new competition were drafted as to whether sequences already entered in the Meadows could be entered in the AV Competition. The view taken was that providing sequences complied with the rules, in this case mainly that they didn't exceed five minutes in duration, then they could indeed be entered in both competitions. So there you are, if you already have a sequence previously entered in the Meadows and it lasts no longer than five minutes you then you're home and dry. There is of course nothing to stop you entering a sequence into both competitions in the same season.

It has become the custom for the Audio Group to retain AV sequences, with the authors' permission, so that they can form part of AV Programmes given to other camera clubs, other societies and organisations. These shows help publicise Alton Camera Club and bring in a small amount of money which all helps to boost club funds.