

HIGHLIGHT–Alton Camera Club Newsletter–June 2010

2010/2011 Season

The new 2010/2011 season will begin on Friday 10th September with an open evening, more details as to the content of the evening will appear in a newsletter nearer the beginning of the new season. We also have a short EGM mainly to approve the club accounts.

Subscriptions will be due from this date and those members who attended the AGM will know that we have had to increase this to £30. Please also note that the first competition of the season will take place on Friday 24th September. In order to qualify for entry into club competitions you must be a fully paid up member. See the current handbook on our website.

Beer and Skittles

There is to be a beer and skittles evening at The Jolly Farmer, Blacknest on Friday 20th August. A meal order form will be included with the July issue newsletter but in the meantime if you could put it in your diary or I'pod or which ever piece of modern technology you have now acquired then you can avoid clashes with other evenings in your social calendar. This evening is open to members, family and friends.

Social Events

We had a discussion at a recent committee meeting regarding club outings, or lack of them and other social events already part of our club calendar. We have not had a club outing for many years, "Who wants to sit in a coach all day?" a remark overheard in the club some years back and as a result of this attitude and ensuing lack of support club outings disappeared from the club programme.

Many of the existing social events rely heavily on the support of wives, partners, friends and members from other clubs. The recent so called "Club Weekend" trip to Norwich attracted 29 people of which only 8 were club members. The Skittles Evening is another social event where we rely on the support of what we term the 'Winchester contingent'. Presentation Evening would not be a viable undertaking if we relied purely on the club members attending. In fact it's rather sad that with the club now boasting a membership of over 40 we only managed 48 for what should be our premier evening of the season.

In order to try and redress this situation our new Chairman Dave Robinson is endeavouring to organise one or two outings to test the water so to speak. Details can be found in this issue of the newsletter.

Photo-Visit to 'FALCONHIGH' Nr. Winchester.

This was mentioned at the club towards the end of last season. This will be an opportunity to photograph various birds of prey at £5 per head which is quite a reasonable cost. No date has been set yet but if you're interested please let Dave know as soon as possible.

AGM - Election of Officers

The following were elected at the AGM on the 30th April:

Chairman – Dave Robinson

Vice Chairman – Steve Kirkby

Hon Secretary – Elaine Dicker

Hon Treasurer – Anne Streeter

Programme Secretary – Glynis Larter-Whitcher

Competition Secretary – Steve Kirkby

Committee: Ivy Newman Steve Emmerson Colin Vincent Eric Bennett

Victorian Event

There is to be a Victorian Day in Alton on Saturday 12th June and Alton Camera Club are to play their part. The club have booked a site in the public gardens and we require volunteers to take Victorian style photos of the public. Contact Dave Robinson on his home number 01420 563331 or email him on southwoldjack@btinternet.com. We need help on the day in setting up the gazebo, handing out leaflets and answering questions about Alton Camera Club. **Please if you are able to help, then get in touch with Dave as soon as possible.** Offers of help on the day as well

Photo Day

A visit to an English Heritage location or a National Trust Garden or a city visit such as Portsmouth. Travel by car, so small numbers can be accommodated. Costs would be dependent upon, entry fees (membership) shared fuel costs food/picnic etc. Again let Dave know whether you're are interested. More details in the next newsletter.

'SHOT SILK' - Whitchurch Silk Mill's 2010 Photographic Competition

Winning photo's will show the most attractive presentation of the silk mill, silk and the production process. Photographs will also be evaluated on the basis of originality, creativity, composition and overall quality.

First prize: £150 2nd prize; £75, 3rd prize; £25

Winning entries will be displayed in the Willis Museum, Basingstoke during December and all entries must be submitted to the Mill no later than October 31st 2010. Access to restricted areas is by appointment only and the copyright of all submitted images will be the Silk Mill + Photographer.

Further information can be obtained from:- The Whitchurch Silk Mill. 28 Winchester Street, Whitchurch, Hampshire RG28 7AL or tel 01256 892065

Email – silkmill@btinternet.com website - www.whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk

Photographic Workshops

Members may like to go on line to www.andydavies.info for further details of photographic workshops being run by Andy Davies in West Wales. These can include special days out and extended breaks. If you do decide to take a short break with a photographic leaning then do please mention Alton Camera Club and this newsletter.

Photo Contest: \$2000 Award

Another website you may want to visit for details of a photo-competition offering cash prizes and no entry fee. No dues, no admission, no fees – All Free Go to <http://www.clipcook.com/en-us/news>. This open contest is designed to present small series from 6 to 36 photos. Check it out, you never know.

You can contact them via their email address; creative@clipcook.com

RPS Digital Imaging Group

I was given details of this group's meeting for the 23rd May. There seems little point in giving details now, but if you do want to get information of their activities then try going to their website; www.rpsdig-thamesvalley.org.uk

Their meetings are held at the Coopers Hill Community Centre, Crowthorne Road North, Bagshot Road, Bracknell, RG12 7QS.

Don Swinton

We received the sad news earlier this month that Don Swinton had died. Older members of the club will remember Don who was our treasurer from 1968 to 1975. Don taught chemistry at Eggars but left the town in the 1980's to take up a deputy headship at a school in March, Cambridgeshire. In retirement he has lived in Ledbury, Herefordshire. Jennie Pearson has kept in touch and received the sad news that he had died unexpectedly on the 1st May. He is survived by his wife Mavis, a son, daughter and several grandchildren.

Festival of Transport

The Herald Festival of Transport is to take place on Sunday 6th June. The main event will take place at the Upper Hart Car Park, Farnham between 1.45 and 4.00 pm. For full details see your local Herald Newspaper.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Glynis Larter-Witcher who has had her monochrome print 'Hawk Landing' selected to represent the Southern Photographic Federation in the PAGB Inter-Club Print Championship to be held at Connahs Quay on Saturday 23rd October 2010.

Website

Keep an eye on the club website during the summer months. We will endeavour to keep members informed of any arrangements for the Victorian Event and any of the proposed outings. altoncameraclub.org.uk While you're surfing try taking a look at the 'new look' SPF Website either by using the link from ours or by typing southernfed.org.uk It has a new webmaster.