

HIGHLIGHT–Alton Camera Club Newsletter–March 2011.

A short edition of the newsletter this month – there may be a follow up mid-month

March Programme Details

4th - PDI and the Daisy Parratt Competitions.

You should have already sent or given your images to Steve for these competitions. Remember that the Daisy Parratt is for pictures taken in and around your home and garden. You can still email them to Steve on PDI@altoncameraclub.org.uk But at this late stage you would be wise to bring them along on the night as well, just in case. The Judge for the evening will be George Walsh APAGB.

7th (Monday) - SPF League – Prints

At Locksheath and Sarisbury C. C. - Judge: Rosie Armes

11th - His and Hers Competition and the Merlin Trophy

A fun competition between the men and the ladies. Who am I kidding? The Merlin is awarded for innovative photography and the judge will be asked to select a winner. This is one competition where 'anything goes'. Check out the club handbook for details www.altoncameraclub.org.uk Go to competitions and click on Club Handbook at the top of the page. The judge for the evening will be Roger Smith ABIPP.

18th The Evolution & Natural History of the Galapagos Islands – Donald Bradshaw OBE ARPS

Birds and Reptiles found on the island and theories regarding the evolution and settlement of these species.

25th - 3rd Print and Kay Stickland Portrait Competitions

Judge: Chris Hutchinson

Newbury Challenge Plate - Nine Clubs Competition.

Venue: Shaw Social Club, Almond Avenue, Shaw, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 1LU on **Thursday 31st March.**

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. Alton will be entering a panel of prints.

Presentation Evening - 15th April

Our annual Presentation Evening takes place at the Alton House Hotel on Friday 15th of 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 £28 per head. Ask Elaine for a menu, make your choices and return it to our chairman Dave Robinson as soon as possible. Or you can visit the club website and download a copy from there. Again, please try to support this evening and make it what it should be, a fitting climax for the season.

SPF League - Finals Day

The Southern Photographic Federation Finals Day takes place on Sunday 15th May at jubilee hall, Timsbury, Romsey. SO51 0NL. Details on the SPF website – see below.

Print Boxes

Details for the ordering of Print Boxes can be found on the Southern Photographic Federation website – www.southernfed.org.uk

The Monday Club - 14th March - 'TRAVEL' Including holiday, landscape and street photography. Check out the website for details.

Looking Ahead - The Meadows Photo-Presentation Award

On the 1st April we have our audio visual competition:

The rules for this competition have changed this season. You are now allowed to enter sequences of up to eight minutes duration. Please note that sequences longer than five minutes may not be eligible for many external and inter-club competitions.

If you want to put together a sequence for this competition and you don't have the software, it may be possible to borrow one of the club laptops. Check with a committee member. Remember though that this is the last stage. Before you do this you will need to assemble your pictures, record your music, write your script and be sure how you want it all to go.

Jennie Pearson. May I thank the club and individual members for all your kind letters and cards of condolence. They have been a great comfort to me and Jennie's family following our sad loss. Eric.