

## **HIGHLIGHT–Alton Camera Club Newsletter – November 2010**

### **2010/2011 Season – Fridays in November**

#### **5<sup>th</sup> November**

##### **Photoshop Evening.**

A number of the more experienced members will be on hand to answer your Photoshop queries. A projector will be set up in the usual place to go through some of the basics and there will be at least two work stations (laptops) in the front room where some of your more specific problems will be addressed. Suggestions/questions or any topic you'd like covered should be emailed to [pdi@altoncameraclub.org.uk](mailto:pdi@altoncameraclub.org.uk). Don't forget your 'Face of Alton' entries and bring along your PDI's for next week.

*\* See note below regarding The Face of Alton Competition for the Mary Bisset Cup*

#### **12<sup>th</sup> November**

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> PDI Competition and Book Jacket Competition**

##### **Judge: Andrew Perry ARPS**

It is hoped to have a few examples of past entries in the Book Jacket CD/DVD Case competition on show at the club on the 5th November. Full details of the rules can be found in the club handbook. Go on to the club website [www.altoncameraclub.org.uk](http://www.altoncameraclub.org.uk) Click on 'Competitions' and then on 'Club Handbook.' - Scroll down to page 13.

The full title of the competition is :

##### **Record Sleeve/CD/DVD/Video Case or Book Cover Competition**

#### **19<sup>th</sup> November**

##### **AV Competition v North Hants P.S. and Godalming C.C.**

##### **Judge: George Walsh APAGB**

This will follow a similar pattern to the competition we hosted two years ago. Each club will submit five sequences no longer than five minutes and the club scoring the most points will be declared the winner.

#### **26<sup>th</sup> November**

##### **Print Competition – SPF League – Judge: Brian Powell ARPS APAGB**

This is the first competition that we shall see under the new format.

This season we shall see prints from all seven clubs in our league. (League 4) Therefore at each round of the competition all 56 prints will be judged. The dates for rounds hosted by other clubs can be found on the back of the club programme. Clubs do not have to host a round although they must submit their print entry at all rounds.

At the end of the season every print entered in the competition will have been judged at each venue by a different judge. The result sheet at the end of the season should make interesting reading. It could become a very good assessment of judges as well as the prints.

**Website - [www.altoncameraclub.org.uk](http://www.altoncameraclub.org.uk)**

Keep an eye on the club website. Check it out for details of next week's meeting, club events. You can also consult the club handbook via the website. Click on 'Competitions' and you will find the Club Handbook in the top right hand corner of the page.

## **Face of Alton Competition**

The following is lifted straight from the latest edition of the club handbook.

### **The Face of Alton - Mary Bisset Cup**

Entries for this competition shall be monochrome or colour prints depicting the changing Face of Alton. Double prints may be entered. Prints may be derived from any photographic process and copyright must be at the disposal of the entrant. Prints must be mounted and there is no restriction on the size of the mount. The title of the print, an indication of the location and the date taken, together with the member's name shall be written on the back of the mount. This competition will be judged by a local external judge. The judging will in most cases be carried out away from the club and the prints will be exhibited at the club and the results announced on the last Friday meeting before Christmas. The closing date for this competition will be the first Friday in November.

**Closing Date this season is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Bring your entries along to the club not later than this date.**

The pictures below show an entry of a few years ago. They were submitted as a pair showing the development of the old fire station - before and after. Either print could have been submitted singularly possibly titled:- ***The Old Fire Station*** or ***The New Development***



## **Club Evenings**

Before many of you get to the club on a Friday a small band of willing helpers get the screen erected, arrange the furniture and generally set everything up for the evening. Some members of this willing band haven't been in the best of health of late and would appreciate some help. Do give a thought to all that needs to be done on a club evening. It would be appreciated!

## **THE MONDAY CLUB**

Photography workshops for members and non-members are held at our usual club venue of 100 Normandy Street, Alton on the **second Monday in the month**, October to April. Photographers of all abilities including absolute beginners are very welcome as are those who came to our similar sessions last season. Bringing along your camera is essential as every evening will contain practical exercises. There is a small charge of £3 per person for each session and this includes tea and coffee during the interval. Full details of the programme October to April can be found on the website. The second of these evenings will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

The Subject for the evening will be:- ***LIGHT - Natural :Artificial : Low Light***

Using available light appropriately. Why the angle of the sun in the sky has such a dramatic effect on images. How to check and set the correct exposure. How to get a good white balance and how to improve on it in Photoshop. Practicals: using small lamps or candlelight and long exposures in low light.

### **Club Weekend Break to Plymouth and The Eden Project.**

This is to take place from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011. As is the case with all of our social events this trip is open to members, family and friends. Details can be obtained from Jennie or Eric.

### **Presentation Evening**

The committee are looking for someone to organise the meal on our annual 'Presentation Evening' This involves taking names, circulating the menu and liaising with the hotel in the run up to the evening, so that everybody ends up getting the meal they're expecting and the hotel know how many they're catering for on the big evening.

### **Celebrating Alton** - The Assembly Rooms Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> November.

The Alton Society are celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary by staging a special day 'Celebrating Alton' and they have invited Alton Camera Club to take part. We are to have a stand and we shall be displaying prints taken from the Face of Alton collection. We shall also have a computer monitor and laptop which will allow us to display a 'slide show' of Face of Alton prints. We would like members to put their names down on a rota and take turns in manning the stand. All you will be required to do is answer the odd question about the club. When and where we meet etc. What we do.....if you get stumped you can always refer them to our website.

**The Keith Hunt Trophy** – This is a Digital AV Competition being staged by the Woking Photographic Society. It is being held on Saturday November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm and the venue is Trinity Methodist Church Hall, Brewery Road, Woking, Surrey.

Alton are to enter four sequences. The competition works like this: Each club can enter up to four sequences which are assigned a priority (A: B: C: D). In the event of a large number of entries, only the sequences with the higher priority will be submitted for judging. No sequence may exceed 5 minutes.

### **Alton's Print Entry in League 4.** - (See 26<sup>th</sup> November)

021 Brew-up at the Gypsy Camp	-	Ron Streeter
022 Major Johnston	-	Steve Kirkby
023 Winter Walk on the Shore	-	Dave Robinson
024 Lillies	-	Dave Robinson
025 Still Life	-	Ron Streeter
026 Emsworth Silhouette	-	Glynis Larter-Whitcher
027 Barn Owl	-	Nicky Gavin
028 Hawk Landing	-	Glynis Larter-Whitcher

## **Looking Ahead**

### **SPF Projected Digital Image Championship.**

This event is to be held at the Shaw Social Club, Shaw, Newbury on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2010. Alton will be entering a panel of 20 images.

Entry will cost £1 per person which I believe will give you temporary membership of the Shaw Social Club.

Details of Alton's entry can be found on our website.

### **Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition.**

Keep an eye on the club website for details of a proposed outing up to London to view this exhibition.

### **Challenge Competition.**

This competition is held on the same evening as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Print Competition which your programme informs you is the 3<sup>rd</sup> December. This is a set subject competition for prints. The topic or subject this season is "FOOD"

Food for thought maybe?

### **Monday Club.**

The next meeting of the Monday Club will be next Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2010. Remember that these evenings are open to both members and non members. The cost per person to cover room hire etc. will be £3 per person.

