

HIGHLIGHT–Alton Camera Club Newsletter–September 2010

2010/2011 Season

Friday 10th September - Open Evening.

The first evening of the new season will begin with an EGM called mainly to approve the club accounts for the 2009/2010 season.

There will also be a discussion on whether there would be any support for the introduction, or should I say re-introduction, of an Intermediate Class alongside the Open Classes which we have for our monthly competitions. If you're one of those people who perhaps think that it's unfair to ask a beginner in club photography to compete with more advanced members. On the other hand you may get a fillip from occasionally getting a ten when up against these same advanced members.

There have been some big changes in the Southern Photographic Federation PDI and Print Leagues. We are to learn a little more on how this will operate during the 2010/2011 season. When you get your new programme, available on this first evening, you will notice that the SPF League Competitions are shown separately on the back. All will be explained!

Also on this first and Open Evening we shall learn from Chris Pearce how we got on when our images were judged by the Spanish end of our Anglo- Spanish Competition.

Given time we are to participate in a fun quiz: Where is this place? Or perhaps What is this? **Images to be provided by committee members.** (I've put that in bold as a reminder to those committee members who were asleep at the last committee meeting.)

I don't know whether the EGM will have an AOB on the agenda but no doubt other subjects may get an airing.

Subscriptions are now due. 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.

Friday 17th September.

The Island Dream – Ruari Cumming LRPS.

Ruari visited us about two years ago and gave us a talk entitled 'An Eye on the Hebrides' and so we should look forward to some more excellent images.

Check out www.hebridean-island-images.com

Don't forget your PDI Images for next week.

Friday 24th September

1st PDI Competition - Judge: Maurice Hammon, Horndean C.C.

Please try to get your entries in early and check with Steve about emailing.

Beer and Skittles

The beer and skittles evening at The Jolly Farmer, Blacknest on Friday 20th August was a great success. We had 40 booked in for the evening and 37 actually attended. Two either forgot or for some reason couldn't attend and one had to cancel due to illness. Thanks are due to Mike Pearson for acting as MC, Jack and Sam for the skittle standing and Ivy, yet again, for organising the raffle.

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!

Website - www.altoncameraclub.org.uk

Keep an eye on the club website. Check it out for details of...

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. Scheduled for Sunday 10th October.

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 first of these evenings will take place on Monday 11th October.

Print Boxes.

Go to the Southern Photographic Federation Website if you're interested in buying a print box. Full details and prices. Your order plus a cheque must reach Jennie by Saturday 9th October - www.southernfed.org.uk

Club Weekend Break to Plymouth and The Eden Project.

This is to take place from Friday 13th May - Monday 16th 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.