

HIGHLIGHT–Alton Camera Club Newsletter

March – May 2011

Presentation Evening – Friday 15th April at the Alton House Hotel

We do need your support for this event. 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 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.

Donald Bradshaw OBE ARPS

This coming Friday should not be missed, mainly because Donald Bradshaw is to retire from the lecture circuit at the end of this season. He has given us some excellent talks in the past and I'm certain that the Galapagos Islands will prove to be no exception.

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. Newbury do need some indication of numbers so if you would like to go then please email Steve on pdi@altoncameraclub.org.uk

29th March - SPF PDI League Match

Hosted by Ordnance Survey P.S. - Ordnance Survey, Adanac Drive, Southampton SO16 0AS. For security reasons, visitors by prior appointment only. So if you want to go to what will be a cliff hanger of a match for Alton, we're top of the league at the moment, then get in touch with Steve on pdi@altoncameraclub.org.uk You can find the table on the club website.

Friday April 1st

'The Meadows Photo-Presentation Award'. 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. 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 together. Check with Eric if you want some help with AV Matters.

It had been had hoped to put together an AV page for the website but I'm afraid that this has come to a halt for the moment.

6th April - Wednesday

Three way AV Evening at Windlesham and Camberley. This is just a friendly meeting involving three clubs: Windlesham & Camberley, Aldershot & Farnham and Alton. It is not a competition; each club entertains with a selection of AV's from their libraries.

8th April - Judge

4th Print and Challenge Competitions - Judge: Jon Mitchell
These competitions were postponed from December due to bad weather. Note that the set subject for the 'Challenge Competition' is '**Food**' – (prints)

12th April - Tuesday

SPF League competition at Haslemere – Judge: Bob Turner FRPS.

15th April

Presentation Evening – Alton House Hotel – see first page.

15th April - Oak Leaf Digital AV Trophy at North Hants P. S.

21st April – Triangular Print Competition

The annual Print Competition between Basingstoke, Aldershot and Farnham and Alton. This year it is Basingstoke's turn to host the event. Alton won the trophy last year after many years of being 2nd or 3rd. It will be interesting to see if we can hold on to it.

22nd & 29th April - Easter Break

6th May - AGM.

Your chance to have your say on how you want your club run.

Sunday 8th May - Annual Club Safari

Come along and bring the family. You answer a few questions take a few pictures. Then in December we see them projected and re-visit the day. All good fun!

Print Boxes – protect your prints

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

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

RHS Wisley

On the 2nd April and 14th May the Royal Horticultural Society at Wisley are opening their doors early (i.e. 8am) specially for photographers. Normal Garden entry prices apply, but tickets MUST be booked in advance by calling 0845 612 1253.

I'm not sure whether you benefit from being a member but no doubt you will find out if you telephone the number given above.

Member of the Year

Please find attached a Member of the Year voting slip. Completed slips should be returned to our secretary, Elaine as soon as possible.

Trophy Winners – if you won a trophy last season please return it this coming Friday if possible – preferably cleaned.

