

# VIEWFINDER

The **January 2011**

News Letter of

**HIGHWORTH CAMERA CLUB**

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## DECEMBER and JANUARY MEETINGS

A number of people attended the T4 evening and were able to try out some of the latest equipment offerings. They were also rewarded with ample food and vouchers for discounts against future purchases. Many of you will be all too aware that our December meeting was thrown into chaos by the Highworth Council double booking the meeting room. However the situation was salvaged when the Mayor provided a key and allowed us access to the Council Chamber. The Christmas party seemed to go well, though there were mixed reactions to the speaker. The committee will be reviewing the venue and format before deciding on this year's party arrangements. The January Knockout quiz was less well supported this year with only around seventy prints being entered. The worthy winner was John Kennedy with one of his Black and White images.

## FEBRUARY MEETING



Paul Barnett will be coming along to talk about "The Friends of Purton Hulks". These are a collection of partially submerged barges along the River Severn. Paul has also arranged an evening Photo shoot for us on 12<sup>th</sup> July.

## 2011 PROGRAMME AND ACTIVITIES

The committee have now fixed the agenda for this year, and it is on the website. A number of changes have been made to accommodate our speaker's availability, and additional items have also been confirmed. We have two meetings arranged for March and these will focus on AV production. These sessions are intended to give more help to members in preparation for the AV competition in September. There will be a visit to The Atwell Wilson Motor Museum on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm, cost £4. The extra meetings were requested by some members who felt that we should meet more often than once a month. If you want more meetings in the future this is your opportunity to show your support.

The May meeting will now be a print critique. Members of the committee will be supplying prints for groups of members to critique and score. This is intended to give people an opportunity to analyse images and form views on what is good and what can be improved



## TRI BATTLE WITH WOOTTON BASSETT & CIRENCESTER APRIL 2011

We have received the topics for this competition. We need to submit 2 images on each of the following topics.

A Bugs Life, Flight, Coastal, Fungi, Curves, Portrait, Sports & Action, Still Life, Black & White, Travel

Please get your submissions to Bob Berry by 21 February at the very latest. Images should be 1024 x 768 pixels. You all produce super images for the monthly competitions. Let us see the same level of commitment to winning this competition this year.

## REMINDERS

There have been a number of instances recently when entries to the monthly competitions have not complied with the rules. The main problem relates to image size. At the January meeting any images that did not comply were allowed into the competition, but in future the rules will be applied more rigorously. If your entry doesn't comply with the rules it will be disqualified before judging takes place. Please make every effort to ensure that your entries meet the competition rules and avoid any embarrassment to yourselves or the committee.

We are still waiting for a number of members to update their galleries on the Website. We would like to keep these up to date to reflect the work we are currently producing, so will you all please give your gallery a face lift if you haven't already done so.

Our annual Highworth Library Exhibition will be coming up in March. It would be good to see a selection of new images for display. Bring them along to the next meeting

## COMMITTEE

I know it is some way off, but our Chairman and several members of the committee have made it known that they intend to stand down at the next AGM in September. It is important that we continue to have new blood and ideas in the committee and anyone interested in taking a role will be welcome at the committee meetings to get a feel of what is involved. Remember without a committee, the club cannot function. It is your club and as always we seek your active involvement in organising and running it. Please make yourself known to any committee member if you are willing and able to take on any of these roles or contribute in any way.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Once photography enters your bloodstream, it's like a disease. - *Anonymous*

Success is what happens when 10,000 hours of preparation meet with one moment of opportunity. - *Anonymous*



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Focus on Imaging NEC Birmingham 6-9 March

Shadow Catchers Exhibition V & A London until 20 February

## *National Monuments Record Centre*



The National Monuments Record Centre houses the archive of England's heritage. This magnificent building holds over 10million photographs, drawings and other documents recording the archaeology and architecture of England. A visit to The Gallery will give you an insight into the archive and the services of the National Monuments Record and public search room.

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