

VIEWFINDER

The **September 2010**

News Letter of

HIGHWORTH CAMERA CLUB



SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting started with the AGM. The club is in a healthy condition, with membership in the mid thirties. Peter Taylor and Roger Carter both stood down from the committee, the remaining committee members agreed to continue in their roles for another year. Lesley Hunt has now taken over as Secretary and Simon and Michelle Watson agreed to join the committee and take on the role of Competition Secretary. Peter Taylor also volunteered to run the raffle. Steve reminded the members that at the end of the next year, it is his intention to stand down along with Graham Greaves and Martyn Price and people should be preparing for this by taking the opportunity during the year to shadow those people to gain experience with a view to taking on the roles in September 2011.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to demonstrations. Peter Taylor and Dave Barnes showed how to produce digital AV shows. This was in preparation for the introduction of a new competition in the coming year. Bob Berry also reviewed the process for loading images to the club website galleries.

SEPTEMBER EXHIBITION

The exhibition this year was less well attended by the public and was also less well supported by Camera Club Members. We had about 100 images on display from 8 or 9 members. We could have accommodated many more images and it was disappointing to see that only 25% of our members bothered to exhibit. The committee will be reviewing whether to continue this event, and if so, what form it should take.

OCTOBER MEETING

The annual battle with Windrush Camera Club will take place this month at our normal club meeting. Images for the battle were selected from those shown at the September Exhibition. We are eager to make this evening both a great photographic and social success and anyone who is able to help with either the provision or serving of refreshments should contact Lesley.

Please return all Club Trophies, in order that we can prepare them for presentation to this year's winners

OCTOBER COMPETITION SUBJECTS

There will be no competitions this month

NOVEMBER MEETING

The Highworth Challenge will be judged and critiqued by Richard Reynolds from T4 Cameras. Please ensure that you bring along your entries and ensure that they are in compliance with the competition rules. This will avoid the committee the embarrassment of disqualifying entries. We will also be showing and judging The Digital Print of the Year competition. Please ensure that your entries are emailed to Bob Berry no later than 5th November.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Party this year will be on FRIDAY 17 DECEMBER at the WHITE HART, Stratton. The White Hart offers a range of menus and it is our intention to go for the middle of the road option. Ticket price will be £10. We need names, numbers and your money at the October meeting, in order to firm up catering arrangements.

DECEMBER MEETING

Because the Party this year is not on a club night there will be a normal meeting at the Club room on Tuesday December 14th. It is intended to judge The Holt, Ashworth and Print of the Year competitions on this evening. All presentations to the winners will be made at the Christmas Party on the 17th, and just the winning prints from all competitions will be displayed at the Party.

NEXT YEARS PROGRAMME AND ACTIVITIES

The committee are now fixing the agenda for next year, and the website will be updated shortly. There has still been little feedback on what members want to see included. Any requests for activities should be submitted urgently to any committee member. If you don't speak out soon, it will be too late.

The Highworth Challenge for 2011 will be on a set subject. All members will be required to submit a selection of images on the same subject. This will make the task of comparison and judging somewhat more straightforward.

Digital image of the year will become an Audio Visual show competition and will require the submission of a short AV presentation. There will be tutorials on available free Software demonstrating how to create a show. Detailed competition rules will be added to the Website shortly.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Fairford, Faringdon, Filkins & Burford Ploughing Match **25 September**

Manor Farm, Meysey Hampton, Cirencester, Gloucestershire

Crofton Pumping Station in Steam, **25-26 September 10.30 – 17.00** **Admission £8**

Salisbury Races. **29 September and 11 October, Afternoon Meetings.** **Prices from £6**

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Fear is a darkroom where negatives develop. **Usman B. Asif**

The term *accessories* has come to include a host of photographic gadgets of questionable value

Ansel Adams

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