
CRAWLEY CAMERA CLUB - NEWSLETTER

Meets every Monday and Wednesday at 8pm at Hut 16, Tilgate Forest Recreation Centre

June 2003

WELCOME TO THIS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is being circulated to remind all members that your club's Annual General Meeting takes place in just under three weeks time. This meeting is the one time each year when club members get together to discuss and vote on any major issues concerning the running and organisation of the club. For those that are unable to regularly attend the weekly club meetings it is an ideal opportunity to hear, through the Officers' reports, what the club has been up to in the last year.

It is also the time at which the Committee responsible for the day to day running of the club for the next year is appointed. All committee posts are open to all paid-up members – perhaps you would like to serve your club on the committee? We urgently need a new Print Secretary and some help with the Slide Secretary duties.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the club's hut on Monday 23rd June starting at 8pm

Your committee is very concerned at the low number of members who attended the pre-AGM meeting last week. In fact just two non-committee members turned up. This is the meeting at which all proposals that need to be voted on at the AGM are first registered, especially if these involve changes to the club constitution, the competition rules, subscriptions and such like. At the moment there are only three proposals (see below) to be put to this year's AGM. Anyone having any other proposals should make these known to the Chairman as soon as possible.

Proposals to date for discussion at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MONDAY 23rd JUNE, 8 p.m. at the Club Hut

1. From Daniel Eugenio

That the posts of Print Secretary and Slide Secretary be merged into one post, Competition Secretary. As the existing competition secretaries no longer have to handle the booking of judges, write confirmation letters, send letters of thanks and so forth, the posts are very much less time consuming than they have been at times in the past. Most of the work is involved on, or just before, the night of the competitions, most of which involve prints and slides on the same night.

2. From John Alsop

That the nightly attendance fee be reduced over the next two years to a level sufficient to cover just the cost of providing the tea and biscuits e.g. 25-50p. The loss of income to be compensated for by an annual increase in membership fees, an annual raffle and profits from club projects.

Subject to a review of this year's accounts the proposal is to reduce the Monday night fee to £1 for the 2003/4 season and to reduce both the Monday and Wednesday nights to 50p for 2004/5 season.

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Our Digital Workroom is almost operational !!

Most of you will know that we received a grant through the National Lottery towards the end of last year to purchase equipment to set up our own digital workroom. After several months assessing equipment and converting the old storeroom at the studio end the Digital workroom is almost ready to go "live".

The hardware consists of two Dell computers with digital flat screens, an Epson flat bed scanner, a Cannon film/slide scanner and an Epson A3 printer. The current DI software is Photoshop Elements but shortly we will have the full version, Photoshop 8.



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Membership fees would be increased by not more than £1 per month. Any member attending more than 12 Monday /Wednesday meetings would be paying less over the 2003/4 season.

3. From Daniel Eugenio

That a lottery should be drawn at each club meeting, of members attending that meeting, to decide who makes the tea that evening. The number signed-in against on that night's sign-in sheet would be used.

The minutes of the 2002 Annual General Meeting will be distributed at the start of the AGM, but if anyone wants a copy before that, then they should contact the Club Secretary.

The digital workroom will be available on the same basis as the studio and wet darkroom. Book your time in the diary and get a key from Trevor. There will be no fee for the actual use of the room but there will be a charge for consumables used, chiefly paper and ink.

Before using the room for the first time members will have to have a short "induction" session with John Haughton, who will then issue them with their own Logon ID and password.

John will be running a general introductory session during the evening of Wednesday 11th June.

2002-03 COMPETITION RESULTS

PRINTS (ADVANCED)

John Haughton	163 pts
Graham Wilcock	162
Paul Earnell LRPS	155
Steve Yates	154
Andy Dendy	152
Mik Syrett	151
Christine Earnell	149
Daniel Eugenio LRPS	135
Dave Rowe	104
Roy Groombridge LRPS	46

SLIDE (ADVANCED)

Steve Yates	166 pts
Paul Earnell LRPS	166
Gary Davenport	159
Roger Buckingham	154
Daniel Eugenio LRPS	154
Paul Whitworth	151
Mike Syrett	147
Trevor Eells	103
David Rowe	95
John Haughton	93
Philip Barnet	88
Paul Cross	52

PRINTS (CLUB)

John Alsop	156 pts
George Redgrave	148
John Wood	117
Graham Summerford	101

SLIDE (CLUB)

Christine Earnell	166 pts
John Wood	158
John Alsop	151
George Redgrave	139
Graham Summerford	97
Brian Kendal	82
Paul Joannou	47
Victor Martin	47
Caroline Russel	46

Congratulations to all the winners. The advanced group competitions were both very closely contested and went to the last round to be decided. Even then, just one point decided the Prints in John Haughton's favour, whilst Steve Yates and Paul Earnell tied in the slides, Steve Yates though having the higher number of 20's. Christine Earnell and John Alsop get to play with the big boys next year for winning the Club sections.

**HELP WANTED !!!!!
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED**

With Daniel taking over the Programme we urgently need a new Print Secretary before the start of next season.

We also need some help with the slide secretary duties as George will not have nearly as much time available, for the foreseeable future, as he has in the past

Next year we have our usual comprehensive programme of both internal and external competitions for both slides and prints. In all there are some 20 actual competition nights.

If these position are not filled then the competition programme is in very much danger of being totally cancelled or, at best, severely reduced.

The rewards ? None...other than the satisfaction of a job well done but you get place on the committee ... which means one extra cup of club tea once a month and if the Treasurer is feeling generous a biscuit too and for FREE!

If you would like to volunteer or even just know more about what is involved please give Daniel or John W a ring for a chat.

BARBECUE

The annual barbecue will be held on Monday 30th June, come rain or shine, from 8 pm at the rear of the club hut. Christine will be employing her considerable culinary skills to ensure that everyone eats well. A selection of soft drinks will be also be available. Anyone wanting beer, wine or anything stronger will need to bring their own.

Tickets are now on sale (£5.00 each or £7.00 per couple) and can be obtained from either Mike Fowler or Paul Earnell.

We also hold a small raffle of donated prizes, the proceeds of which go towards club funds, so please bring along something inexpensive on the night that we can raffle

PROGRAMME

Our forthcoming events include :

FRIDAY 6th JUNE

NATURE GROUP MEETING

“WITHOUT FUR OR FEATHERS”

A slide illustrated talk by Paul Cross

MONDAY 9th JUNE

PRINT OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

Judged by Phil Peddy ARPS APAGB

WEDNESDAY 11th JUNE

INTRODUCTION TO THE DIGITAL WORKROOM

A run through the new room with John H

MONDAY 16th JUNE

SLIDE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

Judged by Ken Scott ARPS

MONDAY 23rd JUNE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (8PM)

MONDAY 30th JUNE

SUMMER BARBECUE

Tickets now on sale !

FRIDAY 4th JULY

NATURE GROUP MEETING

Surprise speaker (Mr Aka Tba)

SUNDAY 20th JULY

STUDIO INSTRUCTION DAY

Learn from our experts using a pro model

FRIDAY 1st AUGUST

NATURE GROUP MEETING

“WILD SCOTLAND”

A slide illustrated talk by Paul Earnell

(N.B. Venue is Crawley Club)

21st - 23rd AUGUST

COUNTY MALL EXHIBITION

Photos needed from ALL members

SUNDAY 25th AUGUST

TREASURE HUNT

Start 10 am from the Hut finishing at 2 pm
at a country hostelry somewhere in Sussex !
Bring all the family for this fun day out!!

QUOTATION (courtesy of George's little book)

“The central act of photography, the act of choosing and eliminating, forces a concentration on the picture edge – the line that separates **in** from **out** – and on the shapes that are created by it”

*John Szarkowski “The Photographers”
Selher and Warburg 1980*

NATURE GROUP NEWS

The Nature Group meets on the first Friday of each month. There is no additional membership fee, just the usual nightly fee of £2.00. Guests, who are most welcome, contribute £3.50. In June Paul Cross will be presenting “*Without Feathers or Fur*” so I think we can expect lots of snakes, lizards, creepy crawlies and other such beauties. August sees Paul Earnell showing the slides taken on his two visits to Wild Scotland earlier this year.

The Nature Group's annual long weekend this year will be to Mid-Wales towards the end of September. The main targets will be Red Kites and the fabulous scenery. Watch the notice Board or call Paul Earnell for up-to-date information for the exact dates.

SUBSIDISED STUDIO INSTRUCTION DAY

Mike is running a special studio session on Sunday July 20th for those members who have attended not more than one studio session in the last calendar year. There will be a professional model and experienced club members on hand to give advice. This is a heavily subsidised event (£7 instead of the usual £25). There are only 8 places ; first come, first served - names on the notice board please with payment to Mike as soon as possible, to secure your place.

CRAWLEY HOSPITAL EXHIBITION

Over the past eighteen months five club members have been making regular visits to Crawley Hospital to photograph “behind the scenes”. From some 700 photographs, taken 40 have been selected to form a permanent exhibition to the rear of the Main reception. The exhibition was opened by the High Sheriff of Sussex at the end of March. Admission is free. Not only was this an ideal opportunity for us to get involved in the local community but also to get lots of free publicity. Due to the generosity of Daniel and John W in particular (in not charging the club for the BW processing) the club has made a profit of several hundred pounds over the course of this project.

BELCANTO OPERA - The Magic Flute

The Belcanto Opera Company asked the club to photograph this year's production at the Hawth. Mike, Alan and Colin set up a mini studio backstage whilst John W and John A photographed from the auditorium and the wings, during the dress rehearsals. The cast seemed well pleased with our efforts as they ordered over 300 reprints, on which the club has made a worthwhile profit of £165.

AGE CONCERN wants our help !!!!

Age Concern have a darkroom at their facility in Gossops Green but nobody knows how to use it. So they would like our help with some basic training. Anyone that can spare a Wednesday afternoon, please contact John Wood who is coordinating our end.

THE GOOD, THE BAD and THE UGLY.....

..... is the theme for this year's "Crawley in Bloom" Competition, won last year by our own Chairman, John Wood. The competition, which is sponsored by Crawley Council and the Crawley Observer, is to find the best depiction of a local environmental scene, whether it be good or bad. Entries must depict at least one of the three "qualities", so wildlife, litter, abandoned fridges and cars, as well as flowers, are all possible subject matter. You can enter as many photos as you like, each of which should be labeled with the location where it was taken and your name and address. There are cash prizes of £80 for each of three categories (aged under 12, aged 13-17, and 18 and over). Entry forms are available in the Crawley Observer newspaper. The Closing Date is Tuesday July 1 2003. Further information is available from 0800 5875888.

DID YOU KNOW ?

You can now pay your subs monthly.?

Spread the cost over the year by calling John Haughton (01293 512278) and ask him for a standing order form

That the club has it's own web-site ?

Point your browser to www.crawleycameraclub.co.uk. The site contains (amongst other thing) the current programme (including last minute changes), results of competitions, the competition rules as well as a selection of members pictures. To have yours added contact Daniel (01293 885244)

That the club has it's own newsgroup on Yahoo ?

Keep right up to date with news of programme changes, additional events, delivered free right, to your own desktop. Contact Daniel (01293 885244)

That you can contact all the committee by e-mail ?

Just enter their committee position (e.g. Chairman, Secretary) followed by @crawleycameraclub.co.uk

[A fill list of committee members is given below](#)

That you get 10% discount on subs for every new member you introduce ?

We always need new members so bring along your friends, family, and work colleagues, and remember their first three visits are free of the nightly charge.

That the club has it's own Nature Group ?

Formed a year ago the Nature Group meets on the first Friday of every month and has an annual trip over a long weekend trip in the Autumn. Last year we went to the seal-pupping at Donna Nook, this year it's Red Kites and the landscapes of Wales. No additional membership fee !

That there is now no charge for using the darkroom, digital workroom or studio?

Just put your name in the diary at the club, obtain a key from our Facilities Officer (Trevor) and do your own thing. There will be a charge for club paper and ink used in the digital workroom.

That we have an annual exhibition in County Mall each August ?

No entry qualification !!! Just bring your mounted photographs to the club mid-August, with a title & your name on the back.

YOUR COMMITTEE

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FEEDBACK PLEASE

Did you find this newsletter useful ?

Should we produce a newsletter on a regular basis ?

If so, how often ?

Would you be likely to support more club events as a result ?

Answers please, plus any constructive comments or sensible suggestions to the Club Secretary