



Basingstoke
Camera Club

APRIL 2011

Programme Dates

April

7th - Prints round 4

14th - Two Young
Men

21st - Triangular
Trophy

28th - Exhibition
Opening



Turnstones
by Mike Farrow

ANNUAL OPEN EXHIBITION

The exhibition results are now available, and everyone should by now have received an email from Steve, our Exhibition

Organiser, advising how you've got on with your entries.

On behalf of all at the club I would like to offer thanks to Steve, and also congratulate him on a very fine piece of work in his handling of the whole event.

The online submission system was a joy to use, and the results pages are most impressive, so well done (once again) Steve.

The judging was carried out by Paul Keene FRPS MPAGB EFIAP back on 13th March.

Opening reception:
Thurs 28th April

NEW PHOTO LIBRARY

A new picture library has emailed the club announcing it's presence For full details please

check out our site at
www.local-stock.co.uk

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY BEGINNERS WORKSHOP
A lecturer has advised us he is offering places on Nature Workshop on 15th April in Bradford on Avon-see
www.colinvarndell.co.uk.

Our First Photo Walk

The first Photo Walk took place on Sunday 20th March 2011 and it didn't rain. I'll have to get Leena to pick all our outing dates. Ten of us gathered at the Plume of Feather in Crondall at 9:30ish. I was a little late, but someone had to be. We walked up to the Church which had a lovely avenue of trees leading to the church door. The church seemed to have been built and added to over a number of years. Here is an interesting link to the history of the church: http://www.ewshot.org.uk/history/churches/all_saints.html

After many photos we headed down the

lane to the start the walk part of the day which was taken at a leisurely pace. We walked through fields and woods stopping to take pictures of the interesting telegraph poles, pylons, flora and fauna. We even managed to see some wildlife although no one was sure whether it was a fox or hare. Part of the walk was rather muddy, so were all glad to be wearing walking boots. Unfortunately we didn't take a tip from Mike and tuck our trousers into our socks and therefore ended up with very muddy trousers. We arrived back at the Plume of Feathers by 13:00 where we had a very enjoyable drink and lunch. Many thanks to Leena for organising this and I'm looking forward to the next on 8th May 2011 venue to be decided.

Sandra Stephen

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A letter from a member on the subject of competitions - and maybe an AGM proposal?

"With the combining of advanced and intermediate classes in club competitions, would not now be a good time to reconsider the points scoring system. I say this because new members to the club and competitions, and maybe those at present competing in the intermediate section, may become discouraged if they are continuously awarded low marks.

I propose that the points scoring system be scrapped and that the judge be asked to select the best six prints/images of the evening, and points be awarded to the six only. At the end of the season all four competition evening scores be added, and first, second and third places be awarded. All prints/images will be assessed by the judge and hopefully some meaningful advice given.

I have made a comparison of the two systems on the advanced section for the 2009/2010 season prints and the results were about the same."

Brian Burwood.

And another ...

Dear Editor,

As retiring Programme Secretary, I would like to reply to the points made by the anonymous member whose letter you published in last month's newsletter.

During my four years as Programme Secretary, I have always kept a close eye on how popular each Club evening seems to be. Unlike your correspondent, I judge the success of each evening according to the number of members who turn up, not the number who enter. Although it is true that the proportion of members entering the competitions cited by your correspondent has been comparatively low, attendance has been good, suggesting that members are interested in seeing what is produced.

The justification for continuing with these competitions is that they provide a challenge to members over and above that provided by the league competitions. Having said that, the committee did discontinue the Story Mug competition this year, since only a handful of members entered it over the previous three years. This was as much because of the embarrassment of having a judge come

for only half an evening as for reasons concerning the numbers who were interested in entering.

I am sure my successor will welcome members' views on the make-up of future programmes. There would be no point in conducting a survey before this year's AGM, however, since next year's programme is, as I write, all but complete. In any case, the correct forum for discussion of any matters pertaining to the running of the club is the AGM, where members can comment, discuss and vote on any proposed changes.

To answer your correspondent's second point, about the possibility of finding another date when a league competition has to be cancelled: believe me, I did try! Without cancelling a speaker, I found it impossible. I haven't got it in me to tell someone we don't want their presentation after all and I am constrained by the need to get all main competitions over by the beginning of April to give the Competition Secretary time to get the trophies organised for the prize giving in May. Lastly, I am truly disappointed that your correspondent finds the various committee members so scary that he/she feels unable to identify him/herself.

Cath Farrow, on behalf of the Committee

SUMMER PROGRAMME

As the summer will soon be with us, (if it's not already going by recent weather), the Summer Programme will soon be arranged. If there are any special requests please let Cath know asap so they can be considered.

The club AGM is approaching fast.

Please send in any proposals you have to the club secretary by Thursday 14th. Also if you have an interest in becoming a committee member then please let a committee member know or fill in the application sheet available at club night.

And anyone who would like to join the committee and help run the club is invited to add their name to the list before the AGM.

SUMMER STORIES

We all like to hear about each other's exploits, so if you do anything interesting in the course of the summer and would like to share it, please spend a few minutes writing it up and send it in for publication.

BCC 2010-11 Digital League

League Table

Name	Rnd1	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd4	Total
A									
Keith Polwin	10	9.5	10	10	10	10	8	7	74.5
Phil Davis	9	8.5	9.5	9	9.5	9	10	8	72.5
Derek Murrells	10	8.5	8.5	7.5	10	8.5	9	7.5	69.5
Len Quinn	9.5	8.5	8	7.5	9.5	8.5	9	8.5	69
Stuart W Boyd	9	7.5	8.5	8.5	9	7.5	9	8.5	67.5
Mike Farrow	8.5	8.5	9.5	9	8.5	7.5	9	6	66.5
Cath Farrow	7.5	7	8.5	7.5	9	7.5	9.5	9	65.5
John O'Carroll	8.5	8	8.5	8.5	8	7	8.5	8	65
Lin Osborn	9	8	8.5	8	7	6.5	9	9	65
Brenda Taylor	8.5	8	10	8	7.5	5	9.5	7	63.5
Brian Chivers	8.5	6.5	8.5	8	9	8	7	6	61.5
Shaun Davis	9	8	8	7	7	7	8	5	59
Wyn Voysey	7.5	7	8.5	8	8	7.5	6	5	57.5
Peter Malcolm	8	6.5	7.5	6.5	7	6.5	10	5	57
Gordon Price	7.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	7.5	6	6	4	56.5
Rob Stephen	10	9.5	10	8	8	7.5	0	0	53
Sandra Stephen	8.5	8	8.5	8	8	7.5	0	0	48.5
Jim Hill	0	0	8	7.5	9	7.5	8	8	48
Dennis Clapp	8	7.5	10	7	0	0	0	0	32.5
Keith Longman	8	6.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	14.5
B									
Graham Marks	8	10	9.5	9.5	9	7.5	10	8	71.5
Nigel Norris	10	9	10	8.5	8.5	8	9	7	70
Stuart Minte	9.5	8.5	9	8.5	10	8.5	9.5	6	69.5
Len Osborn	9.5	8.5	10	9	7	6	10	9.5	69.5
Ann Fryer	10	8	8	7	9.5	8.5	9	5	65
Dean Bostock	8.5	7	10	9.5	9	6	9.5	5	64.5
Leena Roy	8	6.5	9.5	7	10	7	10	5	63
Zaid Meherali	9	8.5	8	8	10	8	6	5	62.5
Val Rose	9	8	9	7.5	8.5	7.5	7	6	62.5
Ed Juon	9	8.5	8.5	7	8.5	8	7	6	62.5
Ken Lane	8.5	6	9.5	8	9.5	7	8	6	62.5
Mike Ponting	7.5	7.5	9	8	9	8	8	5	62
Dave Cole	9.5	7.5	8.5	7	8	8	7.5	5	61
Suzette Landau	7	7	9.5	8.5	8	7.5	7	6	60.5
Steward Lacey	8.5	7	8.5	8.5	7.5	6.5	8	6	60.5
Brenda Hooper	9	7.5	8.5	7	7.5	7	7	6	59.5
Lorraine Milford	8.5	7.5	9	7.5	10	7.5	5	4	59
John Beesley	7	7	8.5	8	8.5	7.5	6	5	57.5
Claire Wallace-Watson	8.5	8	9.5	7	0	0	0	0	33
Gary Soden	8.5	7.5	9	7.5	0	0	0	0	32.5
Chris Sole	8.5	7	7.5	7	0	0	0	0	30
Gordon Joslin	0	0	10	8.5	0	0	0	0	18.5
Anna Fairs	10	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Tony Baker	8.5	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	15.5
Gina Stead	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	5	13
Glynis Baker	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7

Digital Round 4

Judge

Roger Smith

Name	Title	Score
League A		
Peter Malcolm	Lines	10
Phil Davis	Field lines	10
Brenda Taylor	Shootist	9.5
Cath Farrow	Hellebore	9.5
Lin Osborn	Memories	9
Cath Farrow	Garlic	9
Derek Murrells	St Michaels Mount	9
Stuart W Boyd	SALISBURY CATHEDRAL	9
Len Quinn	Rock Islands	9
Lin Osborn	House of Cards	9
Mike Farrow	Buckfast Abbey	9
Stuart W Boyd	FOREST AT DERWENT	8.5
Len Quinn	Dingy Dinghy	8.5
John O'Carroll	Dahlia in the wet	8.5
Jim Hill	CATWALK	8
Jim Hill	WASH DAY	8
Shaun Davis	Rocky Foreshore	8
Phil Davis	Oia sunset	8
Keith Polwin	Green-winged Orchid	8
John O'Carroll	Gear train	8
Derrek Murrells	Fairy Pools	7.5
Brenda Taylor	WindGennies	7
Keith Polwin	Indian Man	7
Brian Chivers	Angels Flowers	7
Lin Osborn	The Old School Room	6.5
Wyn Voysey	White Cliffs	6
Gordon Price	Life Ring And Shadow	6
Mike Farrow	Cyclist reflection	6
Brian Chivers	Alicia 9	6
Peter Malcolm	Wine-and-Fruit	5
Wyn Voysey	Buttermere	5
Shaun Davis	Kaiser Franz Josef 1st	5
Brenda Taylor	Dancers Bells	5
Gordon Price	Stealthy Sea	4

League B

Leena Roy	Red Sea Lionfish	10
Graham Marks	Lilac breasted Roller 1	10
Len Osborn	Geco on a Leaf	10
Stuart Minte	Guggenheim	9.5
Len Osborn	Up and Away	9.5
Dean Bostock	Ferrari 360	9.5
Ann Fryer	morning mist	9
Nigel Norris	Lochan nah-Achlaise	9
Gina Stead	gulls	8
Graham Marks	Boy	8
Mike Ponting	organ pipes	8
Ken Lane	Hildebrandt's Starling	8
Stewart Lacey	Dawn Triptych	8
Dave Cole	Army	7.5
Nigel Norris	Yellow on blue	7
Ed Juon	Telegraph House	7
Brenda Hooper	Six Spot Burnets	7
Val Rose	Motherly love	7
Suzette Landau	Leaf detail	7
Suzette Landau	Tulips	6
Ed Juon	Slug	6
Brenda Hooper	Foxglove	6
Val Rose	Charge	6
Len Osborn	Wind Farm	6
Zaid Meherali	Sunset Departure	6
Stewart Lacey	St Marys Rock	6
Stuart Minte	Ground Zero	6
Ken Lane	Gray Crowned Crane	6
John Beesley	Clouds over Tunwoth	6
Gina Stead	surf	5
Mike Ponting	Pyrenees	5
Ann Fryer	misgiff	5
Dave Cole	Frost	5
Dean Bostock	Watching you	5
John Beesley	Graywell Church	5
Lorraine Milford	China town	5
Leena Roy	Behind the wire	5
Zaid Meherali	Beech Fungus	5
Morraine Milford	snow drops	4

COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

A meeting of the committee was held on Monday night, and as per the latest thoughts on sharing here are the main points that were discussed:

DL Diamond competition

It was decided to discontinue the DL Diamond competition with NHPS as we have been unable to agree a format for the contest.

Promotion and Demotion

The subject of promotion/relegation between the A and B leagues was discussed following an email to the committee, but it was decided that if this was introduced it could do more harm than good so after a contested vote things are to remain as is.

Summer Programme

A proposal to advertise the summer programme to non-members was discussed as a means of attracting new members. It was thought such a move would not give the best impression of the club's activities and so was considered inappropriate.

It was however proposed and accepted that we should try to arrange a portrait session or similar one thursday during the summer. A charge for hire of the hall would be required – say £5 per attendee.

This will be the last BCC News for this season, but the BCC ENews will still be produced in the middle of each month to keep you up to date with what's happening in the club. This will include the summer programme details once they've been agreed upon, but the club website will have all the current information, so keep an eye on that too.

In the meantime, do have a look at the club's Flickr site, if you haven't already. We've got 30 odd members now and new images are posted regularly.

Basingstoke Camera Club meets each week from September to May on Thursdays at 7.45pm at Oakridge West Community Association, Upton Crescent, Basingstoke, Hants, RG21 5SN

Come along to a friendly camera club! New members are always welcome. Open to photographers of all abilities and photographic experience.

Check our web site regularly for all club info:
www.basingstokecameraclub.co.uk