WCC Photonenews

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From the Chairman

Eric has two important notices to share this week...

WCC at the Worcester Show

Our club has secured an exhibition space at the Worcester Show to be held on Sunday 13 August 2017 at Gheuvelt Park. We’ll be in the Craft Marquee by the photograph competition entries and this is a wonderful opportunity to meet prospective new members for our club. The Show runs from 10:00 to 17:00 and it’d be good to have 2 of our members in the marquee at all times to talk to people and describe the benefits of joining WCC. So this is a call for volunteers to man the stand for an hour or so at the Show. Paul Mann, as exhibition secretary, has volunteered to manage the event and will arrange the display stands and prints. But we’re looking for another 12 or more volunteers to help out during the day.

If you can help for an hour or so, please contact Paul on 01386 793995 or paulat10@aol.com.

Beginners and Improvers Group

From the results of the 2016-17 membership survey, we saw that there was a call for more tuition and help at the beginners and improvers level. I have given this some thought and would like to find out who would be interested in such a programme. I view this programme as a entry into our Diploma scheme and it will not obviate the need for the established mentoring scheme. I would like to thank Gill Haynes for suggesting a 20 week programme framework that covers the basics of photography and leads to more advanced subjects such as composition, using flash and post-processing. The framework will follow the 20 stages in the DK book Digital Photography: Complete Course (ISBN: 978-0-2411-8609-1). So, this is a call for members to register their interest in joining such a group. Please contact me at chair@worcscc.uk or 01905 360945 for further information. I’d also be interested in your views regarding the meeting frequency of such a group (weekly, fortnightly, monthly) and when / where the group could meet.

Eric Williams CPAGB

Diplomas

Don’t forget to add to your Diploma portfolio! Contact your assigned assessor(s) for support when you wish.
From your Farne Islands correspondent...

Les Bailey writes with some very helpful information if you fancy a trip there. See also this week's header image.

Just a few from our trip (with my leader) to The Farne Islands. The birds will be there until end July or thereabouts, so still time to go. Needs at least two nights, it's a fair drive, maybe 6 hours with stops and traffic.

We took a boat out with Billy Shields; excellent value at £35 each. Leave Seahouses at 09:30, tour round a bit, 2.5 hours on Staple, which I think is the best, then sail over to Inner Farne for another 2.5 hours before the short trip back to Seahouses at about 16:00. No facilities on Staple though, no bushes either...

Shots here show European Shag, Guillemot, Razorbill, Arctic Tern, Kittiwake, Eider and naturally a few Puffin. You'll notice in one that there's a Black Headed Gull; they wait for the Puffins to come in, then snatch the sand eels. Puffins get to know, and go 'round again' and crash land near their burrow - hopefully avoiding the gulls.

The Arctic Terns are on Inner Farn, and whilst they don't really attack, it feels that way. They're pretty accurate with poop as well...

- Puffin 5a
- Arctic tern attack
- Eider with chicks
Kittiwake just hatched;
Puffin 1;
Razorbill nesting.
Guillemot hell; Puffin Sc and Razorbill.

Les Bailey
Congratulations!

A great summer for Winter....

Jayne Winter ARPS BPE1* has had a number of exhibition successes - many congratulations!

1) The Cotswold Salon (Exhibition runs daily from 10am-5pm Thursday 13th - Sunday 16th July at Blackfriars Priory, Ladybellegate Street, Gloucester GL1 2HN )
   My “Standing Tall” has won a silver medal in the “Digital ‘Scapes” Category.
   “The Staircase” got accepted in the “Digital Other” category and “Ready for Off” was accepted into “Digital Living” category.

2) The PAGB Travelling Print Exhibition
   My photo “Shoreline” which was successful as part of the MCPF submission to the PAGB Inter-Federation Print Competition has been selected for inclusion in the above “travelling” exhibition.

3) RPS Digital Imaging Group Print Exhibition 2017
   “Standing Tall” has been accepted. A selection of accepted prints will be displayed at various venues around the country throughout the summer (including the RPS DI Expo in Birmingham on 23rd September)
More congratulations!

WCC member Dr Charles Ashton ARPS was a runner-up award-winner in the Street photography competition run by Beacon recently and judged by Martin Parr, who presented the prizes after his talk on Saturday at the Swan Theatre.

These are just a couple of phone snaps showing Charles receiving his award from Martin and in the winners’ line-up. There were over 300 entries, so well done to Charles and his image Diwali.

Dates for the Diary

The Confetti fields at Wick are open to 9th July 2017. Colin Nash has been (see more of his pics in G+). Gates open 10am, close 5pm. Last entry time: 4.30pm. Admission £2.50 per person. Children under 16 FREE but must be accompanied by an adult. No dogs allowed. Free parking on site. Fresh flowers for sale. Confetti Café open daily. 

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8 July Dragonfly Walk, Monkwood

Droitwich Bands in the Park Sun 9th and following... Blackwell this week. Free.

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8-9 July The Chateau Impney Hill Climb returns... Tickets here.

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th July Papplewick Steam Days 11am-5pm with all...
Competitions & exhibitions

Thanks to Martin for this alert. **SRGB Group print exhibition** closes 16th July (post) or drop-off at Smethwick by 13th July (see post on postage and or Warwick 15th July. Do read all the info under the information tab! BPE & PAGB awards.

**Lensculture Street** photography - closes 1 August. Includes free option.

**TPOTY 2017** Closes 25th September. Sort out your best travel photos.... Portfolio or single shot options. Why not have a go? Submit at least two portfolios and you'll be eligible for the title of Travel Photographer of the Year and the main prize…

The **Aesthetica Art Prize 2017** is open for entries. The Prize presents an opportunity for emerging and established artists to showcase their work to new international audiences and further their engagement in the art world. Submissions close 31 August 2017.

**WCC Flipboard magazine**

Remember the Flipboard magazine for all sorts of hints, tips and articles of photographic interest. The 2016-17 edition will be coming to a close so make sure you’ve had a browse.... Many thanks to Martin and Les who contribute to it - there’s an Urbex cautionary tale this week and tips on photographing fireworks in time for 4th and 14th July!. If you’ve not signed up, why not do so now? It’s free and you can control what notifications you receive. You can contribute too at the click of a button if you add the widget to your browser.

**And finally...**

Trouble with sensor spots? James sent this helpful video,....