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WELCOME TO THE SUMMER EDITION



NORTH WEST BRISTOL CAMERA CLUB has been at it again!! Once again we were the Official Photographers for the BRISTOL FESTIVAL OF NATURE – Harbourside June 7/8th 2008



Our brief was to obtain a record of all the activities talks, stalls and happy visitors who crowded the Millenium Square for this major attraction. Several of our experienced photographers went to work over the two days and produced some very attractive work. This will be on show at the Club or on the website very soon. (nwbcc.org.uk).



We also had a stall and exhibition of our work, and club activities. Several visitors expressed an interest in the Club, and hopefully we may see even more new members in the near future.



A new departure for us this year was the introduction of Greetings Cards made from Members' own photos. These went on sale at the Festival, and one in

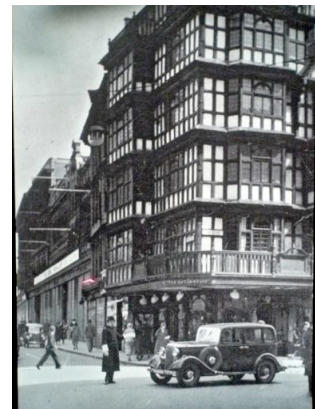
particular sold in good numbers. A percentage of this goes to the Club. This was a trial run, and seems to be both a profitable and interesting project. I know more people would have liked to have been involved and I am sure that we can organise another run of cards, now that we have had some experience. This was only possible at very short notice, due the hard work and organisation of Sylvia – very many thanks to you Sylvia!! ☺

The new postcards advertising NWBCC were also very popular, especially the amazing aerial shots taken by Tony – using his Kite method of photography!! We shall look forward very much to his next talk to us about this!

Programme notes:

We have had a very interesting programme this session, - including rare views of Bristol in the Blitz...from Peter Goodchild. (Pictures taken from the screen, by Gordon Lewis, with the speaker's permission)

For some of the Club this must have been a trip down memory lane. How many folk can recall the horrors of those days?



John Case introduced us to the mysteries of Photoshop, and Bernard Baker demonstrated how photography can be fun (A concept most apparent by its absence lately!)

(Incidentally, -Would anyone like to submit a 100 word definition of "picture" please?? I'm not sure I know exactly what it means any more.

Are subject, atmosphere, beauty, story it tells – all less value than a 'pin sharp' boring image?

Where does graphic art end and photography begin? With sometimes 99% manipulation maybe we should rename it computography? It is after all more skill with a computer than with a camera. A whole new world for geeks.

Where do we go from here?
Answers on a postcard please!)

MIDWAY CLUB DISCUSSION 25 JUNE

Next Wednesday will be the final meeting for this session and the time we traditionally take stock. Please try to attend, and add your comments and opinions on anything about the Club you feel strongly about. What did you enjoy – what would you like to see changed?

I'm sure that any suggestions for future speakers, workshops or visits would be welcomed. Please come along and have your say.

ANNUAL CLUB DINNER 2nd JULY 08

Lately we have celebrated the end of the Club sessions by meeting for a dinner at a nearby restaurant.

We have been to the Bird in Hand, and the Lock Keepers.

We could go to the latter one again, and if anyone should be interested we could visit Bitton Steam Railway Station during the afternoon.

Alternative we could try something new and go to the Windmill at Portishead. Either way could you please think about it and let me know by the 25th June.

SUMMER PROGRAMME. In order to maintain contact and interest in the Club it has long been our aim to provide a varied and interesting number of outdoor photo venues during July and August.

Inevitably this clashes with holiday plans etc. so in view of the continued lack of interest or enthusiasm I wonder whether it is worth the effort?

We have been to Clifton Rocks railway, Bath Hampton, Bradford on Avon, and many forays around the developing Harbourside etc.

It is very dispiriting to meet with so much apathy, so as far as I am concerned, here is a list of dates – and possible venues.

Maybe you can discuss this at the Midway meeting – and if you want to – fill in the blanks!!

16th July

30 July

13 August

Possible Venues

Sneyd Park Nature Reserve

Clifton Observatory

Clifton Village – plus Avon Gorge Hotel overlooking Suspension Bridge.

Ostrich Pub – and surrounding area

Cottage Pub – and surrounding area.

Would afternoon photo forays be more attractive than evening ones?

How much interest would there be for that? Or are we just a stick in the mud, indoor club, with no interest in socialising, adapting to weather conditions or sharing our knowledge and/or expertise?

There is so little time to meet and chat during a busy Club evening. This is an opportunity for the Club to be a little more informal and to actually talk to each other! So come on – what should we do about it??

COMPETITIONS

We are delighted to welcome Terrick Meakin to our club again this week - as the no-nonsense down-to-earth judge for Round 2. It will be so refreshing to hear some constructive critique – and hear that familiar phrase...."This is a cracking shot!!"....

So some encouragement in the pursuit of perfection then!! 😊

Results will be published in next edition!

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