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HARROW CAMERA CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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*"The two most engaging powers of a photograph are to make new things familiar and familiar things new."  
William Thackeray*

## CLUB NEWS

### **Changes – a new club year and programme is unfolding.....**

The EGM on 12<sup>th</sup> April ratified the change to the club year which will be 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> June with the AGM taking place late July. Changes to the programme will be announced shortly.

### **Monthly Projected Image Competitions**

This season's competition is now completed and congratulations go to Dave Martin who has won the Open Projected trophy which will be presented at the AGM.

Full results may be found on our website [http://www.harrowcamera.co.uk/wordpress\\_blog/?page\\_id=3029](http://www.harrowcamera.co.uk/wordpress_blog/?page_id=3029)

The monthly Open Print and Portrait & People competitions will conclude in June – currently a very close run battle between Julia Wainwright and Ron Churchill for the Open Print trophy, with Alan Colegrave leading the People & Portrait table.....at the moment!

### **April Meet-ups**

Judith Gimber organised a meet-up in St. James' Park on 6<sup>th</sup> April and Ron Churchill a trip round the Welsh Harp on the 20<sup>th</sup> which included access to the private hides; unfortunately the weather on the 20<sup>th</sup> wasn't great. Even though it was very cold on the 6<sup>th</sup> the photo opportunities were there. Here is a flavour of the day via Ron's account of the St. James' Park experience.

Please feel free to lead a meet-up – the more the merrier!

### **Meet-up at St. James' Park – with thanks to Ron**

*"We met at the "Inn The Park" on a rather chilly damp Wednesday.*

*Our aim was principally to see the pelicans fed, apparently there have been pelicans in St James' Park since 1664. We had ample time so we wandered along the lake towards the bridge and Buckingham Palace.*

*I must say the variety of water fowl surprised me, one of our group especially wanted to photograph fighting coots but as you can see from figure 1 they all seemed quite happy with each other or just splashing about, instead we were entertained by the posing of a Golden Eye (2) then along came a charming Smew (3) - Bill Oddy said the male Smew looked like a porcelain figure that had been broken and joined back with black glue. There was the odd Mandarin (4) and Heron (5) along the way as we walked back towards Horse Guards to 'duck island', where the pelicans are fed (6,7,8). A small crowd had formed but it was quite easy to get a space; the procedure is quite entertaining and presents some good photo opportunities and the herons are always on standby to snatch a meal (9)."*



## Up-coming key dates May/June:

**19th** May (Thursday) – Guildhall Battle, Inter-club print competition, High Wycombe

**24<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Landscape competitions, Colin Southgate FRPS DPAGB, judging

**7<sup>th</sup>** June – 1<sup>st</sup> round Ron Wake Trophy (inter-club print competition), Roger Reynolds FRPS judging

**14<sup>th</sup>** June – Print competition #6, judge is Amanda Wright

**21<sup>st</sup>** June – Annual Panel of Prints, Chris Forster DPAGB FBPE MFIAP judging. Panel comprises up to 8 individual mounted prints on any theme of your choice.

## External Competition News

### 13th March CACC Championship Day

Many congratulations to Julia Wainwright for being awarded a Ribbon for “Frosty White-Tailed Eagle” in the Chiltern Hundreds. In the Print Championship Harrow came equal 7th and 9th in the Projected Championship. Full results are available on the CACC website.

[http://www.thecacc.org.uk/championships/championships\\_results.shtml](http://www.thecacc.org.uk/championships/championships_results.shtml)



### 17<sup>th</sup> April CACC Rosebowl Final

Harrow triumphed, winning the Rosebowl Trophy outright this year with 144 points (out of 160) – two clear points over Amersham PS and Imagez who were joint second. The competition was fierce and we're delighted to have won. Thanks go to everyone involved in organising and running the day and especially to the judge, Richard Walton FRPS MPAGB EFIAP.



Richard is the one holding the trophy!

## Out and About & Inspiration

**14 May 2016 to 2 July** – “1926 Britain Through A Lens” at the **Getty Images Gallery** - 46 Eastcastle Street, Mayfair, W1W 8DX  
**Free exhibition.**

<http://www.gettyimagesgallery.com/>

**Until 19<sup>th</sup> June** - **Strange and Familiar: Britain as Revealed by International Photographers** at the Barbican - **£5-£12**

<http://www.timeout.com/london/art/galleries/barbican-centre>

**Until 31<sup>st</sup> July** - “**Unseen City: Photos by Martin Parr**” at the Guildhall Art Gallery - Guildhall Yard EC2V 5AE

**£5/conc£4**

[www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/visit-the-city/attractions/guildhall-galleries/Pages/Unseen-City-Martin-Parr.aspx](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/visit-the-city/attractions/guildhall-galleries/Pages/Unseen-City-Martin-Parr.aspx)

**17th May - 24th June (1.00pm to 6pm) - PRECIOUS** by Jane Hilton Hon FRPS, **POSSESSIVE AND POSSESSED** with Rakesh Mohindra – Charing Cross Underground Arcade, WC2

**Until 11<sup>th</sup> September** - **Fox Talbot: Dawn of the Photograph** – Science Museum, SW7 2DD £8

<http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/>

### Looking for things to do?

Below is a great website for interesting/weird/free (!) places around London. Check it out at -

<http://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/budget-london/101-free-things-to-do-in-london>

### Reminder about Member Meet-Ups

Anyone interested in sharing outings/places of interest/photographic ‘expeditions’ to the local parks/ponds/etc. please contact Judith Gimber.

### **And finally**

News of this year’s Club Exhibition will be announced in the next Newsletter.

*Consulting the rules of composition before taking a photograph, is like consulting the laws of gravity before going for a walk. Edward Weston*