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HARROW CAMERA CLUB

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!**

**HERE'S TO A GREAT PHOTOGRAPHIC 2017**

*"There are no rules for good photographs, there are only good photographs." Ansel Adams*

## **Club News – Exhibition Success**

This year's Annual Photographic Exhibition at the Cow Byre exceeded visitor expectations with almost three hundred people enjoying our prints and show reel. Feed-back was very positive.

Thanks to our sub-committee for their hard work in organising such a successful event in the purpose-built venue (such a pity it isn't in our Borough!) and to all those who helped steward over the six days. This is the first year we have been able to include projected images viewed on a TV screen and laptop which gave non-print makers the opportunity to have their work shown. And for the first time ever, we ran a "People's Choice" print competition just for the glory (no prize!). Congratulations to our winner Dave Martin for "January Morning, Richmond Park".

An announcement regarding this year's exhibition will be made shortly.



## **Meet-ups 2017**

### **No. 1 organised with Peter Keeble**

Friday 13th January, 10.15 – mid-afternoon:  
The Societies' Photographic Convention and Trade Show

**Venue:** Hilton London Metropole Hotel, 225 Edgware Road, London W2 1JU  
Meeting point: by the check-in desk

Free if you register before the 6<sup>th</sup> January (or £10 on the door). Here's the link -  
<https://swpp.co.uk/secure/conventionform-trade-show.htm>

We hope to see you there. Please register interest with Peter Keeble by email by 10<sup>th</sup> January. There's a lot to see and last year was very enjoyable.

### **January meetings reminders:**

3<sup>rd</sup>: Photoshop Raw Processing run by Mark Buckley-Sharp. Please support the evening. A great deal of work goes into these workshops and even if you think you know all there is to know - there is always a nugget or two to be had!

10<sup>th</sup>: Hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Rosebowl against Imagez, Kidlington and Whitchurch Hill

17<sup>th</sup>: **London from the Rooftops Two Years on.** A digital presentation by James Burns.

18<sup>th</sup>: **Our** North West London Federation semi-final against Hemel Hempstead – XRR hosting

24<sup>th</sup>: Hosting a North West London Federation semi-final for XRR vs. Amersham. A great opportunity to see their work in print and digital.

31<sup>st</sup>: Projected competition # 4 – judged by Terry Coffey. A reminder – four images in total. Three sections – Beginners, Promoted Open and Nature.

Images to Avril Candler on or before 24<sup>th</sup> January and no later than Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> please.

**Important Reminder: June 20<sup>th</sup>** - Projected Image Challenge given by Stuart Robinson FRPS, "[My changing Life/My changing World](#)" Stuart has asked us to create a Picture story with **7-10 images** over 6-8 months or so which would be suitable to place in a Sunday Magazine. Photoshop (or other software) may only be used for slight improvement in Levels, Curves and Saturation otherwise NO manipulation. No cloning, no removal of objects and no adding in either. If possible **all** framing, composition etc. should be done in camera. Remember titles should be appropriate to the Images. Images should be in jpeg format but if shooting in raw they need to be converted to jpeg and meet our usual projection requirements – delivered in a named folder to Avril Candler by 13<sup>th</sup> June – 15<sup>th</sup> at the latest.

## External Competition News

### XRR Visions 2016

Team Harrow (John Draper, Dave Martin and Julia Wainwright) tied with New City on 159 points – sadly the judge's choice went to NC who won the trophy. Congratulations to all Harrow members who entered.

### Chilterns Rosebowl

Our second round match (we were second in the first round with Anne Parry and Dave Martin getting the stars) takes place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January against Imagez, Kidlington and Whitchurch Hill.

### NWLondon Federation

Having won the first two of our three initial rounds against Wycombe and Park Street we are in the semi-final match against Hemel Hempstead at XRR on 18<sup>th</sup> January. The final takes place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February at Amersham. Fingers and toes crossed!

## Events

### PAGB Great British Cup

The Great British Cup is the largest inter-club event in the world. It is an annual projected digital image competition open to all PAGB affiliated clubs. The competition is split into three sections i.e. an Open section for larger clubs, a Small Clubs section and a section for Natural History images. We've entered the Small Clubs and Natural History sections. Images have been chosen from the selection pool comprising images from 'old' (!) and new members. Judging takes place in February without an audience. Results will be published almost immediately.

## Chilterns Championship Day

Championship Day is on **Sunday 19th March** at Amersham. (Drake Hall, Amersham Community Centre, Chiltern Avenue, HP6 5AH). Detailed timing will be published later. Entrance £5 (with a raffle). It comprises the Chilterns Hundred Members Exhibition, Print and Projected Championships.

The Championship Day is an important chance to see the work from many other Clubs, all judged to national standard.

### Chilterns Hundred Members Exhibition:

Every member has the opportunity to choose one projected image for inclusion by the Club in this event. Please hand in your image by or on **7<sup>th</sup> February**. The event is expected to have Photographic Alliance Patronage with the award of Gold, Silver and Bronze medals, and three Ribbons. After the event, all the images are put on a CD which is distributed to all Chilterns region Clubs. We will show the CD at the Club later in the year.

**Print Championship:** The Club needs to select 15 prints for this event. Please hand in prints for selection by or on **7<sup>th</sup> February**.

**Projected Championship:** The Club will select 15 projected images from the available stock. Additional entries for your stock can be handed in by or on **7<sup>th</sup> February**.

### Chilterns Rosebowl Day – 23rd April

The event (previously known as "The Big Day!") will take place from 1.30pm at Drake Hall, Amersham Entrance is £5, and a raffle.

**Rosebowl Final:** follows the AGM and talk by Linda Bembridge; the final is between the top twelve Clubs from the league matches. No additional entries are required from members. We have fingers and toes crossed that this year we will qualify – especially as we won last year – presentation photo can be seen in its glory here! <http://www.thecacc.org.uk/wp/events/the-big-day/>

## OUT AND ABOUT & INSPIRATION

Take a look at Time Out for lots of things to do! <http://www.timeout.com/london/things-to-do>

**And finally** – 2016 went by in a blur (not just photographically speaking!). Here's to a good year for everyone. And remember.....

*"There are no bad pictures; that's just how your face looks sometimes." – Abraham Lincoln*