



Newsletter

February 2013

Your new Committee

With the AGM having come and gone it's good to know that our club is in good heart. Our President, Di, was thrilled at the turnout and the positive response from members. As is good in a healthy club some questions were raised from the floor and these will be dealt with as soon as possible by your new committee which is made up as follows:-

President	Di Wilkins LRPS - dianawilkins15@hotmail.com
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Equipment Officer	Vacant
Members' Representative	Meia Allegranza- meia@photomeia.co.uk
Members' Representative	Nigel Cheffers-Heard - su3264@eclipse.co.uk

You will notice that the vacant "Members Representative" position has been filled by Meia Allegranza who volunteered after the meeting. The committee will speedily co-opt her at their first meeting.

BUT THERE IS STILL A VACANCY for an Equipment Officer. If you think you could volunteer for this post have a chat with Di or any other committee member to see what is entailed. At the moment Kelvin Cude is standing in for us but he does not want to assume the full responsibility. However, he is very willing to be "first reserve" to assist whoever takes the position.

For Sale and Wanted

Recently Di has been forwarding emails from members who have wanted to sell equipment they no longer use. Not everybody wants to use eBay and it's nice to think that you are helping another club member along. Equally some members have a yen to own some piece of equipment for which they cannot afford or justify the full new price. If there is a piece of equipment that you would like to get hold of let me know and I will put in a "Wants List" in the newsletter. In fact, I will start it off myself by saying that if anyone has a Nikon SB900 Speedlight they would like to dispose of please contact me – Brian Rees (brianjrees@me.com)



If you are interested I'll put you in touch with him. Contact me, Brian Rees (brianjrees@me.com)

Coming Photo Opportunities (with thanks to John Baker)

The Motor Cycling Club (MCC) 2013

Main Site: <http://www.themotorcyclingclub.org.uk>

Lands End Trial - 29/30 March

Main Line Steam Tours 2013

Listing of all main line steam excursions.

Main Site: <http://uksteam.info/tours/trs13.htm>

Sat 09-Mar The Cathedrals Express

London Paddington-Plymouth

60163 Tornado, expected to be joined by either 5029 Nunney Castle or 34046 Braunton

Sat 16-Mar The Mayflower

London Paddington Euston-Plymouth

34046 Braunton & 34067 Tangmere: Paddington Euston-Newbury-Taunton-Plymouth-Taunton-Bristol

Sun 07-Apr The Atlantic Coast Express

London Waterloo-Exeter

34067 Tangmere: Waterloo-Surbiton-Honiton-Exeter

34046 Braunton: Exeter-Honiton-Surbiton-Waterloo

Sat 20-Apr The Great Britain VI (Day 1 of 9)

London Paddington-Newquay

34046 Braunton & 34067 Tangmere: Taunton-Newquay

Sat 27-Apr The Cornishman

Tyseley-Plymouth (TY01) [wcr]

4965 Rood Ashton Hall + 5043 Earl of Mount Edgumbe: Bristol-Exeter-Plymouth and return

Airshow Calendar 2013

Main Site: <http://www.airshows.org.uk/calendar.html>

Local events & dates

- 13 June - RNAS Yeovilton
- 24 June - RNAS Culdrose Air Day - Helston, Cornwall
- 20/21 July - Royal International Air Tattoo 2013 - RAF Fairford, Gloucestershire - The world's biggest military airshow attracting participants from all corners of the globe for over eight hours of flying and extensive static displays.
- 17/18 August - Wings & Wheels - Dunkeswell
- 24 August - Dawlish Airshow
- 29 August/1st September- Bournemouth Air Festival - Bournemouth Seafront

Zapcats 2013

Main Site: <http://www.zapcat-racing.com>

International Surf Centre, Fistral, Newquay: 27/28 April and 4/5 Oct TBC

Red Bulls Pro Nationals Motocross -

http://www.redbullpronationals.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=364&Itemid=186

Landrake Moto Park - Plymouth April 20 - 21

British Super Bikes - Thruxton

13/14 April

<http://www.thruxtonracing.co.uk/tickets.html>

Fifty Shades of Craig by Craig Fleming (Professional Photographer Magazine)

"I was recently diverted to one of those Canon rumours websites on my twitter and asked what I thought they could possibly be working on next. Well, I have it on good information that they're possibly working on a camera of some sort, possibly with a few megapixels more than the last one, maybe even a faster processor of some sort, it will have HD video and it will have a battery and that's pretty much it. Don't write in if you're a Nikon fan either, just get a pen, cross out where I've put Canon and write Nikon in there instead because the same applies. In fact, if you're that anal about the whole Canon/Nikon thing, roll up your copy of Professional Photographer, relax in a seated position, holding the rolled magazine at 90 degrees to your body along the same angle as your thighs. Then with as much force as you can muster proceed to beat yourself about the face until you come to your senses and realise that the name on your camera matters not one jot. That was a bit of a rant there aimed squarely at the moronic photographer who recently emailed me saying my photographs would improve in quality if they'd been taken on a Nikon. Obviously it makes no difference whatsoever, he was just a p****, but he firmly believed what he said - and that's worrying."

Wildlife Photographer of the Year

The Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition opened last week at the RAMM. President Di reports that it is well worth a visit.

The Hobby Warehouse - Book publisher factory outlet.

David & Charles, Newton Abbot (part of F+W Publications) have historically published a wide range of specialist books covering subjects from local history, railways right through to photography. For a number of years they have sold surplus stock, end of line, proofs, over runs as well as new books from an outlet shop next to its factory. The outlet is branded as "Hobby Warehouse" covering not only books but also other products. Due to space factors they have now moved their books sales on-line. Published material include work for Adobe, Corel, Magic Lantern and from prominent photographers such as David Noton, Lee Frost, Jo Cornish, Charlie Waite, David Ward and Eamonn McCabe, to name but a few. Historically stock tends to be limited, however new titles are added on a regular basis, prices can start from £1.00. See - <http://www.thehobbywarehouse.co.uk/photography?dir=asc&order=price>

Camera Price Buster

This great site has comprehensive of lists the prices of many manufactures cameras, lenses and accessories. Not only listing prices but also showing how they have changed over time, current offers and best deals. <http://www.camerapricebuster.com>

Focus on Imaging

The annual "Focus on Imaging" exhibition at the NEC in Birmingham is from Sunday March 3rd 2013 to Wednesday March 6th. More information is available on the exhibition website <http://www.focus-on-imaging.co.uk/home.htm>

Brian Rees

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