

The Newsletter

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Cast your minds back to May 2011 AGM when our outgoing committee introduced, Three New Kids on the block, Nigel Aitkin Chair, Pippa St John Smith, Competitions Secretary, not forgetting myself John Newth, Club Secretary.

A sincere thank you, to, Jim Robson, Tony Ketley and Damon Guy, without doubt the 2010/11 programme they created and delivered was, by any standards quite exceptional and one that will be extremely hard to match, rest assured with the bar set so high we have been working extremely hard to keep the momentum of interest generated by the many intuitive programme subjects brought to us each week.

We have retained the invaluable services of Nick Taylor, Ray Reeder, and Georgina Thornton. Whilst Damon steps down as Club Secretary, great news, he has accepted the new role of Workshop Co-Ordinator. Last certainly by no means least, we have secured the services of Marcelle Brogden Assistant Chair, Margaret Warren Assistant Secretary, Steve Maidwell Assistant Competitions Secretary, our committee for 2011/12 season now in place, the programme set to go, just you and your camera, will fully complete what we hope will be another stimulating photographic year.

The last year has seen the club membership significantly increase; we are well known to be a friendly and enthusiastic Camera Club, as always there awaits a very warm welcome to new members.

The summer break is now with us; naturally we are all hoping that we will be blessed

With good weather, no matter choosing to travel within the UK or far off places, the opportunity to put into practice all those new camera skills that just need to be fully tested. New club season commencing September giving so many opportunities to enter those holiday shots for photo competitions.

What another memorable occasion this years 11th Marlow Town Regatta & Festival proved to be, opening ceremony by Lady Redgrave. Very much a sunshine, Saturday action packed day, seven hours of rowing, the ladies looked as lovely as ever, food and drink facilities available, craft marquee, trade stalls, not forgetting the fun fair.



As with other years the clubs display stand attracted interest from a number of potential new members for when the new season commences in September.

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Introducing New Note Book Corner

Each month I hope to add one or two articles of photographic interest, covering a diverse range of subjects.

So into the deep end, under this month's heading, introducing the subjects of:

DIY Photographic Accessories

Beginners guide to the Practicalities of Air Show/Sports Photography

I guess as with any hobby over a period of time we buy all manner of accessories, only to find after a couple of uses the essential must have novelty had worn off, that once considered vital piece of equipment, not quite what you were expecting, yes, to be put away for future use, believing one day it will surely come in handy.

In my camera bag I see an ever-increasing array of accessories, when perhaps if given a little more thought I could have improvised with many used daily throw away items that would have adequately done the job, here are several well known and not so well known examples.

Bin liners great photographic accessory, for when you need to lie flat on the ground waterproof cover for your Camera/lens, or as a get me by waterproof jacket.

To keep your camera dry, consider using a shower cap.

Milk packaged in plastic containers, cut the base out of a 1.1 litre to make a flashgun diffuser.

Large plastic transparent storage box makes a perfect strong safe light box.

Using a tripod in winter can be a cold experience particularly on the hands, tape a section of sponge type pipe lagging to each leg. All of these inexpensive ideas whilst they have been around for many years and well publicised, not so often used.

There are of course many intuitive web sites on the practicalities of photography, one such site I recently came across www.militaryairshows.co.uk/airshowsphotographybasics.htm much of what you need to know for capturing air show/sporting events is written in an easy informative friendly user way, worth a visit.

That's all, Note Book Corner, closed for this month.

Outside Events Calendar

The club has been particularly active this year organizing outside events, The Anglian Wolf Society followed by The Hawk Conservancy Trust.

Members that were unable to visit, missed an entertaining and rewarding photographic day, not to worry coming up, Feathers and Fur September 24th sign up with Graham Slough who is organizing this event.

Damon organized on the 29th May a day at Santa Pod. WOW what an introduction to motor speed, I have long been a follower of motor sport in particular formula 1, Santa Pod for me definitely a baptism of noise and fire. The fastest recorded speed of the day 327 mph from a standing start over a quarter of a mile, ever the quest from these riders/drivers to go ever faster, very much a photographer's paradise, you really do get close to all of the action. I'm not disappointed (self praise no praise) with my first attempt at photographing this type of high-speed action.



If you have never been to such an event and you like to see achieved, what seems to be the impossible don't delay, Santa Pod is for you, EAR MUFFS, NOISE REDUCERS call them what you will, which can be purchased for around £5 well worth the small price, at least you stand every chance to come away with both ears intact and in there original place.

Midnight Charity Walk

Marcelle Brogden Asst Chair, is currently in full training and will be undertaking a twelve and half mile midnight walk on Saturday 2nd July, in aid of South Bucks Hospice and Scannappeal, all monies raised to be equally divided between both charities.

You can easily sponsor Marcelle, directly with her at our Tuesday evening summer meetings.

All received donations will be greatly appreciated, in support of these two vital local facilities.

Lets see if we can really help Marcelle on her way.

Newsletter Contributions

It's your newsletter, be a regular subscriber share your photographic experiences, your contributions are always welcome.

Have you heard this one?

A photographer from a well-known national magazine was assigned to cover the fires at Yellowstone National Park. The magazine wanted to show some of the heroic work of the fire fighters as they battled the blaze. When the photographer arrived, he realised that the smoke was so thick it would seriously impede or make impossible for him to photograph anything from ground level. He requested permission to rent a plane and take photos from the air, his request was granted, arrangements were made he was told to report to a nearby airport where a plane would be waiting for him. He arrived at the airport saw a plane warming up near the gate; he jumped in with his bag and shouted, "lets go!" The pilot swung the small plane into the wind and within minutes they were in the air. The photographer said, "Fly over the park and make two or three low passes so I can take some pictures" "Why?" asked the pilot "Because I am a photographer," he responded "and photographers take photographs" The pilot was silent for a moment, finally he stammered, "You mean you are not the flight instructor?"

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