

# **NEWSLETTER NO. 51**

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## **Editorial**

*(Vivien Smith)*

The new season is now well underway with the first rounds of both the print and DPI having been held. The quality of the pictures in both these competitions has been really exceptional especially in the beginners.

It has been nice to see so many new members at the Club. I just wish I could remember their names! Chris has listed them further on but I now just need to put the faces to the names.

We have some special events in the run down to Christmas, the first being the talk by Clive Nichols which is being held at the Sixth Form College. Don't forget to buy your tickets for what promises to be a really memorable evening.

Following this in December we have our annual Christmas Dinner. This is always a really nice relaxed occasion when members can get to know each other better and get in the festive mood. Whether you are a long serving member or new it is well worth coming along. Wendy is the person to see to book yourself in.

## **Chairman's Ramblings**

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This is the start of the 2010/11 season of Club activities, with a busy and entertaining programme ahead of us and hopefully no cancellations and rearrangements because of snow this year.

The first few weeks of this season has seen good attendances coupled with a large number of newcomers attending and many deciding to join. There were a large number of entries, of a high standard, in all classes of the first rounds of the club print and digital trophy competitions, including some from new members. Please keep this up for all four rounds and it will ensure great competitions throughout the season. The

first few talks on Creative Photoshop and RPS Distinctions were interesting and informative along with the instructive Macro Workshop (thanks to Paul and Ken) and the Beginners Framing and PDI Entry Workshop (thanks to John, Derek and Terry). We also won the friendly Print Competition against Ludshott PC so, in total, a very good start to the season.

Our exhibition in Farnborough Library was a success and gained 109 votes from the public for their favourite print. The outcome was a win for Ken Williams with his seasonal image "Memories of Autumn". This was closely followed by a display of prints in Princes Mead Shopping Centre. Thanks to Ken Williams and all his helpers for organising and manning these events.

We have just completed our AGM and the key points are:-

Our president Jim Gaines has resigned after 33 years membership of the Club. Bob Miller (who was our Vice-President) was elected as our new President.

We awarded Honorary membership to Jim Gaines and his wife Rose for all their work for FCC in supporting the Club so enthusiastically over such a long period of time.

I have come to end of my three year term as Chairman and Glenda Boswell was elected as our new Chairman.

Other members filling new posts are:-

Programme Secretary - Paul Harratt  
Community Centre Delegate - Bernard Simpson  
New Committee members - Paul Harratt and Basil Groundsell

These changes to the Club Management come into effect from the beginning of 2011

so Glenda has a little time to take over and you will have to put up with me for a few more months.

Finally a couple a special thanks:-

The Programme Secretary task requires a lot of effort and time and I would like to thank Linda Marshall for all her efforts over the last 18 months.

Terry Redman our past Chairman and long time Committee Member has not offered himself for re-election to the Committee this year. Terry has given much time and effort to the Club and his advice to the Committee will be missed.

This Club is totally dependent on the work put in by its volunteers and so thank you to everyone for all that you do.

Many of you will have noticed our revised and updated website with its modern look and improved navigation, which was implemented in late summer. It is helping us maintain our image, provide up to date information for members and is a great starting point for attracting new members. There are a still a few items and images to be transferred from our old site, but all will be completed soon. I trust you will agree that our Webmaster Hien Quan and our Website Manager John de Terville have done, and are continuing to do, a great job.

Finally we have our “keynote” speaker for the season coming shortly on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November. He is Clive Nichols who is one of the world’s most successful flower and garden photographers. We are privileged to have such an eminent photographer visiting us. Please come and bring your family and friends to see some outstanding images of flower photography – they don’t have to a photographer to appreciate these images! It is great value at only £5 for members and students and £9 for visitors. We are holding this in the Prospect Lecture Theatre at Farnborough Sixth College so we have space for visitors. Please persuade friends to come as any profits will go to Club funds and will help to finance the costs of future replacement digital equipment.

I hope you will all have a great season and most importantly really enjoy your photography.

*Basil Groundsell*

## **Membership Matters**

I have to say I feel very encouraged by the number of people joining the this season and their interest and enthusiasm. There are 14 new members in our midst. Please do make a point of getting to know them and making them feel welcome. If you are not sure of their name just try Richard or Claire and you will have a good chance of being correct! They are .... in no particular order ...

Clair & Ricky Harvey  
Claire Edwards  
Richard Gardner  
Richard Jenkins  
Richard Humphries  
Richard Bond  
Malcolm George  
David Turnidge  
Wayne Martin  
Jim Brunton  
Neil Sparshott  
John Fletcher  
Dick Fawn

It is also good to see many ‘old hands’ returning for more excitement, no doubt determined to maintain the Club’s high standards and give newer members something to aim for. Sadly a few familiar faces are not returning. We have said farewell to John Woolley after many years attendance and contribution to the club, Brian Sandford who moved out of the area, Linda & Richard Marshall (they were married last year and Linda was our programme Secretary) and Phill Arneaud who joined last year but has had to give up due to other commitments.

Club membership now stands at 60 paid-up members for this season.

## A couple of Reminders:

1. All data submitted on your membership form is recorded on computer. If anyone does not wish this please let me know and your record will be deleted and held as a paper record only. The information is held for Club purposes only and will not be divulged to any non-member.

2. A wealth of information about the Club is held in the Handbook on our website particularly information on the various competitions held and how to submit competition entries.

*Chris Dennis*  
*Membership Secretary*

## Competition News

*By Paul Hugill, Print Secretary*

### Club Trophy Print Competition Round 1

The 2010-11 season commenced with a high standard of entries for the first round of the Print Trophy, especially in the Beginners section where Sally Seager took the early lead. In the Intermediate and Advanced sections, Hugh Reid and Glenda Boswell took the top spots respectively. Competition was fierce however, with the leading authors being only half a point ahead of the rest in all three sections. Should be an interesting season!

The 10s were as follows:

#### Beginners

Fly Agaric Toadstool	Sally Seager
Stag Frames Stag	John Fletcher
Felfmere Lake in the Lake District	Gary Pratt
Bellowing Stag, Bushy Park	Sally Seager
Puffball on the Solent Way	Clare Harvey

#### Intermediates

Brotherly Love	Aimee Allan
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#### Advanced

Choir Stalls, Winchester Cathedral	Paul Hugill
Out	Derek Riley
Blue Tits	David Cary
Man and his Dog	Phil Goddard
Eagle Owl Hunting	Basil Groundsell
Opuntia cactus	Colin Price
Pair of Marbled Godwits	Glenda Boswell

## Friendly Competition vs Ludshott

This was not one of the SPA and SPF league matches, but nevertheless was an excellent competition because it was held on all three levels, thus allowing the Beginners and Intermediates to be matched against their Ludshott counterparts as well as the Advanced. The overall scores were as follows:

	Begs	Inter	Adv	Total
Ludshott	45.5	42.5	68.5	156.5
Farnborough	42.5	44.5	70.5	157.5

## Wanted

**EMPTY Epson ink cartridges for the Epson R2400 printer.**

**Please contact Paul Harratt –  
[paul.harratt@ntlworld.com](mailto:paul.harratt@ntlworld.com)**

## Christmas Meal Friday 11 December 2009

Don't forget the Christmas Meal on 11 December. If you haven't got your name down yet make sure you do it on Thursday.

Just give your name to Wendy Collens together with your deposit of £5

*Deadline for the next  
Newsletter is Friday  
10<sup>th</sup> December 2010*

**Club Programme and Events  
November 2010**

**Thursday 4 November**

Mostly Natural History & A Little Landscape  
A talk by Keith Polwin ARPS

Thursday 4 November  
*Print Box Round 2*

**Thursday 11 November**

Club Trophy Print Competition  
Round 2

**Thursday 18 November**

The art of Garden & Flower Photography  
Talk by Clive Nichols at Farnborough Sixth Form College

**Sunday 21 November**

*SPF Digital Projected Championship  
2pm at Newbury CC*

**Thursday 25 November**

Print Panel Competition  
Judge: George Walsh APAGB

**Tuesday 30 November**

*Studio Session Room 6 at 7.30 pm*