

Prestwich Co-op Camera Club News

AUGUST 2009 COMMITTEE MEETING

- Firstly we would like to extend a warm welcome to all the recent new members. If there is anything you would like to see on the syllabus, please see a member of the committee and we will put your suggestions forward. We hope you will enjoy the club as much as we do.
- Congratulations go to Phil Yates and Chris Cunliffe who have both had images published in the Camera Club Section of Digital SLR User Magazine, and Albert Moore. They all earned us some valuable points.
Congratulations also go to Rosie Bradley who won a place on a reader workshop in Ludlow with 'Outdoor Photography' magazine, in which you can see her best image.
- Due to the high number of images being entered into the monthly competitions, it has been decided that entries will be limited to a total of two per member. It was thought that the second category was being rushed through without getting the valuable critique we all need. In future could you also email Colin with your print titles/categories before the competition so that he can make up a list of entries.
- Images for the Outdoor Shoot Competition on 25th August will be digital. Please send your entries to Colin by midnight on the Friday before. Remember, only two per member.
- If you have volunteered to help at the Open Day, we will be there from 9am to set up for starting at 10am. If you are going to be there all day, don't forget your packed lunch! Let's hope there will be as good a turn out as last year or better.

L&CPU NEWS

The L&CPU are now producing their own newsletter which is forwarded to each Club Secretary. Therefore, in future, Janet will forward a copy to all members as and when she receives them.

AV NEWS

None this month but Vernon has informed us that the latest copy of AV News is doing the rounds of members.

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WHAT'S ON

- On 22nd/23rd August there will be a **Classic Car Show & Auto Jumble** at Tatton Park. See <http://www.tattonpark.org.uk/Attractions/WhatsOn/eventslistings.htm> for details and a list of other attractions.
- **Littleborough Arts Festival 2009** takes place from Saturday 29th August until Sunday 6th September at Littleborough Coach House. Enquiries: 01706 378481
- Useful for photographers, is a **Map Reading Course** at Hollingworth Lake Visitor Centre. A packed lunch and suitable clothing for hill walking are required as well as the £20 fee. Booking is essential. Ring 01706 373421 for details.

HINTS & TIPS

Making a Rule of Thirds Grid

If you don't use your grid view very often, why not turn it into a rule of thirds grid. In Photo-shop press Ctrl-K that will open your Preferences. Click on the Guides, Grid & Slices from the list on the left and change the settings for the Grid section as follows: Gridline every 100 per cent, Subdivisions 3, and click OK. This creates a grid that divides your image into thirds both horizontally and vertically. You can then turn this grid on or off anytime by pressing Ctrl-'(apostrophe).

I must add, this shortcut may not always work, on my PC, I press Ctrl - H

(Derek Warren)

THE WEB

If you don't have any imaging software, take a look at <http://www.photo-freeware.net> where a number of free programmes are available to download.

GIMP is an open source software and is made freely available for personal use. It has much of the functionality that Adobe Photoshop has, ranging from being used as a simple paint programme, photo editing, an image renderer or an image format converter. If you're looking to do any image editing and can't afford the price tag on most image editing software GIMP provides you with similar features at no cost.

<http://www.gimp.org/downloads>

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Photoscape has the added advantage of having a Raw converter and is also completely free to download. See screenshots and download from <http://www.2009-version.org/photoscape/index.php?source=CCN-CD242-UK-C&googleid=1035960570>