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VIEWFINDER



"Old Boot"



"Early Morning"

The Lewis Cup, 2004

Congratulations to Rex Peters for winning the set subject slide cup with these slides.

REMINDER

The Subjects for next year's ***Lewis Cup*** *are:*
Round 1 - ***"Five"***
Round 2 - ***"Beach"***
Round 3 - ***"Body Parts"***



"Late Afternoon"

Quarterly Newsletter of the Steyning Camera Club

Bits and Pieces

Just an observation re the AGM, from the reports it seems that some members would like a new set subject print competition and this seems to be a good idea. This will be discussed at the first committee meeting but it will almost certainly not begin until the 2005/ 6 season as this new season's programme has already been completed.
Thanks to everybody in the club for joining in with the internal competitions and for supporting the many outside events during the year.
Steve Broad has organised another programme of Summer Workshops for you all to enjoy and these are listed below.
Have a great summer and good luck with your image making.
Cliff

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday, 7th July
Steve's 1st Summer Workshop - Steyning Walk
Meet at the St Cuthman Sculpture at 7.30pm
Find the hidden parts of the town, with local history and tips for improving your photography.

24th July, 2004 - Camera Club Coffee Morning
at Dave and Joan's, 3 Coxham Lane from 10.30am
This will be held in Dave and Joan's Garden and hopefully we will again be lucky with the weather. There will be a "Bring and Buy" stall for all those unwanted Nikon D7's, Canon 1 DS's and other sundry items!!
We should also have a plant stall and a Raffle to raise funds to help us cover the club's extra expenses for the new season.
Refreshments and biscuits in a lovely garden for just £1.00.

Saturday, 7th August - Disposable Camera Day with Henfield members.
At **Bentley Wildfowl**, Halland, near Lewes. Meet in the car park at 10.30am to collect disposable camera and decide where to gather for picnic lunch.

11th August - 2nd Summer Workshop - Arundel
Meet on the bridge over the River Arun at 7.30pm

28th August - Practical Day at Cliff & Virginia's
Sessions from 11am covering Studio Lighting, B&W developing and printing, mount cutting techniques, macro and table top.Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy in the garden. Please contact Cliff for further details.

8th September - 3rd Summer Workshop - Brighton Marina
Meet in the Asda car park at 7.30pm. for walk around the Marina.

18th September - WG & DP& AS Ploughing Match
Clothalls Farm, West Grinstead from 9.30 am, entrance signposted from the A24 only.

COFFEE CLUB

As Steve reported in the last Viewfinder the first outside meeting of the Tuesday Coffee Club was a visit to the Wildfowl and Wetland Trust at Arundel.
With the fine Spring weather approaching the group enjoyed the next meeting at Highdown Gardens, with a glorious display of daffodils and hellebores grown in the famous chalk garden.
Then on to Shoreham, meeting first for coffee and chat, we then found our way to the river bank viewing the housebcats and then to the beach huts with members on their knees taking wild flowers, just to show we put our cameras and tripods to good use.
During the summer we hope to continue with the outings, an ideal way of meeting like minded friends during the summer break.

All are welcome,
for details please contact Margaret 813525

Next Outing - Worthing 25th May

Hints and tips

Filters:
Always put a 1A/1B skylight filter or UV filter over your lenses at all times. These filters may cut a bit of glare as well as protect your lens from dust, and more importantly scratches and impact. It is cheaper to replace a filter than it is an entire lens.

Use a circular polarising filter over your lens to cut glare (water, glass) and intensify blues (sky, water). It can make the difference between a drab pale blue sky and a knock-em-dead intense one.

Exposing for the sky and land. Often in landscape photography, you'll get a washed out sky if you meter for the land or a dark mass for land if you meter for the sky. In such instances, a graduated neutral density filter that darkens the sky is ideal. This way, exposure for the sky and land can be more closely matched.

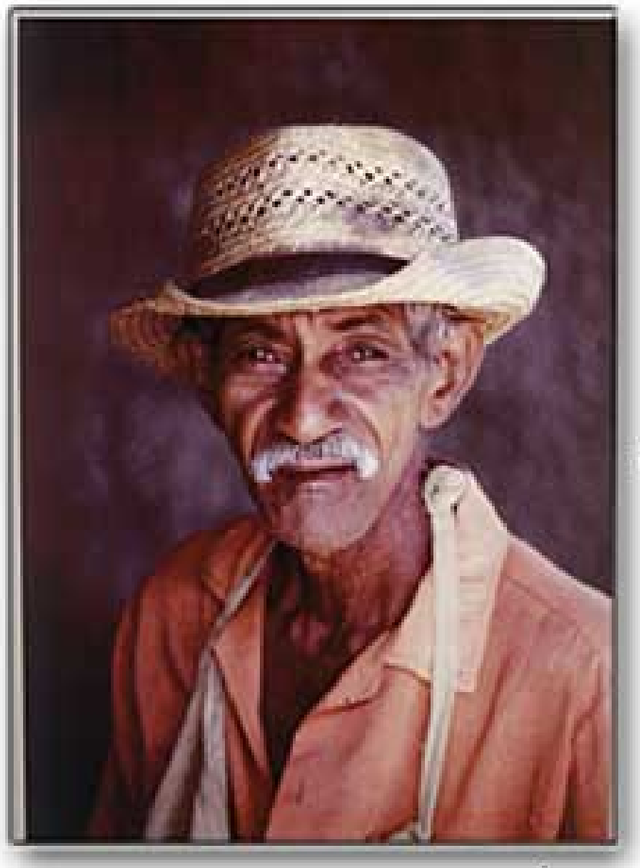
Steve Broad

Slide of the Year, 2004

Congratulations to Mike Jennings for his winning image of four Stearmans at the Shoreham Airshow and to Rex Peters for his Sycamore Paddles.



"Airborne"



Print of the Year, 2004

Also congratulations to one of our newer members, Richard Chinchen for this wonderful portrait of The Potter, which won the Print of the Year.

"The Potter"



"Cactus"



"Migrant Hawkers"

The Penfold Cup

Nina Ellis has the honour of winning this competition for the "B" group open prints in it's first season.
Well done Nina and thanks also to Peter Penfold for donating the new trophy.



"Vatican Steps"



"Pickerel Weed", "Old Groyne" & "Damselfly"



The Steyning Bowl

Winner this season is Rex Peters with this superb panel of slides.



A Brief Photographic History - Part 9

At the beginning of the twentieth century time was running out for pictorialism as progressive artists were searching for a new aesthetic based upon the unique characteristics and properties of their chosen medium.
Painter's felt free from the needs to produce representative picture and so Cubism, Abstract art and Expressionism was born.
Architects were designing skyscrapers, rather than imitating the design and ornamentation of the classics. This functional aesthetic influenced photography critics, who praised photographs that looked like photos rather than masquerading as something else.
One photographer in America who embraced the new style was Paul Strand. His work relied totally upon subject, viewpoint and choice of lighting, rather than upon any manipulation at either the negative or the printing stage.





Steve Broad

Members Adverts

FOR SALE

Brand new Dell colour printer A920 still in box, unwanted gift *only £20.00.* Please ring Steve on 01903 744339

If you have any unwanted gear you wish to dispose of, why not ring or email the details to me and I will post it in the Viewfinder Ads *for free.*

Images by club secretary Peter Penfold

"Hardham Bridge"



"Vacant Web Site"



Viewfinder Trophy

"Early Autumn"





"Canna Lily"



"Rose Bud"

Winning slides
by
John Mundy

Camera Club News

For the second consecutive year **Steyning has won the SPF Southeast slide league**. Havant had been two points ahead going into the final round, and Steyning's win saw us finish level and go through having gained more points in the meeting between the two clubs. We also finished 2nd behind Worthing in the prints section, a big improvement on 2003. Well done to everyone concerned.

We hosted the **Jessops Camera Club Battle**, with members visiting from Rottingdean, Seaford and Southwick clubs and the winners, judged with great enthusiasm by Gavin Beesley ARPS, were Seaford P.S. Congratulations to them. They will host the next competition at Seaford on 23rd March, 2005 and this unfortunately is the same evening as the Crouch Slide at Storrington. We will have to send seperate raiding parties in opposite directions!!

Please let the Editor have your images and articles to include in the next copy of Viewfinder as soon as possible. All subjects are needed and your views about the club, competitions, etc would also be welcomed.

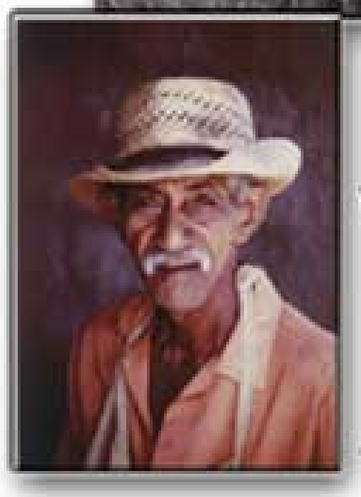
The Matanle Shield



"Bulrush"

"Vicky"





"The Potter"

Winning panel of prints
by
Richard Kinchen