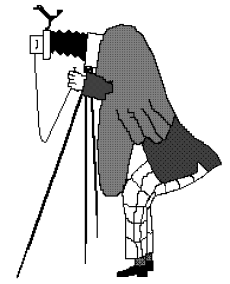


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## DIGITAL PROGRESS

September and October are busy months for our events, which gave us the chance to practice the new arrangements for digital projection in the Annual Exhibition, Landscapes, Slide/Digital of the Year, and the October monthly competition.

From the organisers' viewpoint, progress was mixed, with some software usage difficulties, and a lack of entries for some events. We need more training and checks.

From the author's viewpoint, here is the feedback on problems which occurred: **must** means that the system will fail if you don't comply, and **should** means that the system may tolerate a fault.

1) You **should** size your image correctly. The projection space is 1024 pixels wide x 768 pixels high. Keep within this space.

2) Reuse your CD, but don't keep the previous files/folders. Check. The CD **should** only have on it the entries for the upcoming event.

3) There **should** be an entry form with your CD. This is nothing formal, and can be your own list. It **should** show (a) the event and date, (b) your name, (c) any folder name on the CD being used for the event, (d) a list of your titles, and the section into which each is to go (Beginners, Advanced/Promoted, Set Subject). We are coming up to the Sets of Slides/Digital event. For that event, you **must** list your titles with the exact order required for projection.

4) In the image filename, there is a keyword 'by', which separates the title from your name. 'by' **must** be exactly as shown ie, not 'By'. There **should** be exactly one space between the title and 'by' and between 'by' and your name.

5) A range of special characters is allowed in the filename eg, minus, underscore, ampersand, percent, hash. Although your computer will also allow you to use a dot within the filename, it upsets our event software. For example, an author's name of 'Joe Smith' **must not** be shortened to 'J.Smith'. This problem is being discussed with the software author.

6) When saving your image file, you **should** tick to request lower case file type (.jpg). The file type is added to the file name automatically, and you don't enter it yourself. There was a bug in the software last month, which caused images with an upper case file type (.JPG) to be ignored.

Hopefully we will all get better at digital images and how to project them. Other problems will probably arise. Our target is not to have a complete failure at any event.

## AGM

The AGM was on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Apart from routine reports, there was discussion about our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which is in 2008. Ideas included various types of exhibition, and a social event. The Committee will look into details.

Subscriptions for 2007/08 are £27 for a single member, and £44 for a paired membership. Please pay the Treasurer as soon as possible.

The new Committee includes:

Chairman - Jenny King

Vice-Chairman - John Draper

Treasurer - Norman Beazant

Secretary - Ken Buckman

Programme - Jenny King

Competitions - John Draper

other positions - Mark Buckley-Sharp, Peter Elton, Bill Greenwood, Norman Jacobs

## AMERSHAM WINS ALLIANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Photographic Alliance InterClub Print Championship was held at Connah's Quay, Deeside, on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October. The top Clubs from last year, and two Clubs chosen by each Federation took part: thirty Clubs in all.

Clubs show 12 prints in the first round, with a minimum of 5 monochrome and 5 colour, and scoring 6 to 15. Subject matter was very varied with no obvious preferences by the judges. There were plenty of low scores, with top scores few and far between. Smethwick was first on 153 points, with Amersham second on 150, down to the 8<sup>th</sup> equal Clubs on 135 points. Of the Chilterns Clubs, Wycombe was 24<sup>th</sup> on 114 points, and Harrow was 29<sup>th</sup> on 111 points.

The Plate Competition for those not in the Final requires 5 prints, and twenty Clubs competed. Southampton won with 61 points out of 75, with Bristol second on 60 points. Wycombe was =8<sup>th</sup> (56 points), and Harrow was =17<sup>th</sup> (50 points).

The Final requires 15 prints, and ten Clubs competed. Amersham won with 193 points out of 225, and received the trophy and a gold medal. Smethwick was second on 190 points. Third was Wigan-10, and fourth equal were Cambridge and Carluke. All these have an automatic invitation to the 2008 event.

Best Colour print was Casino in Georgia by Rod Wheelans of Dumfries - the organiser of the event. Best Monochrome print was My Son by Steve Smith of Amersham. Both won gold medals. Judge Bob Moore gave both his personal awards to Amersham, in colour to Solitude by Steve Brabner, and in monochrome to Scary Moment by Paul Mitchell. These, and the awards by the other judges, won silver medals.

Previous winners of this national event have included Smethwick on seven occasions, with Dumfries, Solihull and Southport once each. Amersham now joins that elite band for their first time.

### PS. Harrow beats Amersham

Harrow and Amersham competed recently alongside other Clubs. Harrow beat Amersham in their North West London Federation match (prints and slides), and also in their Chilterns Rosebowl round (slides only). It can't last!

## TROPHY WINNERS 2007

Pearlman Cup (Pictorial Prints) - Dave Martin.  
Portrait Cup (Prints) - John Draper  
Illustrative Trophy (Prints) - Murray Thompson  
Colour Cup (Pictorial Slides) - Dave Martin  
Portrait Trophy (Slides) - John Draper  
Baker Cup (Illustrative Slides) - John Draper  
Wray Trophy (Ladies Slides) - Brenda Greenwood  
Natural History Trophy (Prints & Slides) - John Draper  
Set Subject Trophy (Prints/Slides/Digital) - Bill Dancer  
Stollery Trophy (Slide Set) - Dave Martin  
Brent Cup (Print Panel) - Bill Greenwood  
John King Trophy (Small Prints Panel) - Dave Martin  
Ron Norman Competition (Landscapes Print) - Dave Martin  
Harold Harley Award (Landscapes Monochrome Print) - Stan McCartin  
Ron Norman Competition (Landscapes Slide/Digital) - Brenda Greenwood  
Pennington Cup (Print of Year) - John Draper  
Colour Tankard (Slide/Digital of Year) - Dave Martin.  
Ron Wake Trophy (InterClub Print) - Andy Sands (XRR PS).

Trophies, and the Certificates of Merit for overall scores, were distributed at the AGM.

## PRINT EXHIBITION

The Annual Print Exhibition completed successfully at the Gayton Road Library in September. The Library and surrounding site is expected to be redeveloped next year, so this was our last at Gayton Road, at least for some time. In 2008, the Exhibition will be at Stanmore Library.

## JOTTINGS

**Thanks** to Paul Martin who produced the Newsletter for the March, May, July and September issues.

**Subscriptions** are now due, and members should pay the Treasurer as soon as possible.

**Programmes** for 2008 should be available by early December.