

Photography group until end of June

Please think about submitting images by 25 April for the next "Bugle"

Unfortunately it is too short notice to arrange anything on "Rivers", the photo topic for March (but see later). As we cannot meet, or view prints, I propose that we go "virtual".

Any images taken on the field trip to Stratford should be sent to John Bolt as jpgs who will arrange for them to go onto our webpage. If you can resize them it would help (*see resizing for web page below*)

A revised programme is attached showing the **changes** required to cope with the effects of Covid-19 virus.

The meeting on 25 June is cancelled in line with the decision made by Balsall Common U3A to cancel all group activities from April to June including field trips (in groups).

Field trips

For those of us who can get out, or wish to go out, the proposed venues for the field trips may not be accessible. Therefore we will change this to "My field trip this month" ie anywhere you feel is safe to walk & you can submit up to 3 digital images to Peter Calver (*see resizing for web page below*). Your images may be submitted at any time.

Photo topics

These have been altered to allow us to capture images in and around the house, especially for those in isolation. (Rivers, judged panels & Birds will be kept for later on). Sorry no prints.

Each month we can submit one digital image to Peter Calver (petercalver@outlook.com), who will create a web page for each month in the Photography group section within the Balsall Common U3A website. We will not be grouped into A & B. These should be submitted no later than the Sunday prior to the date we should have met. (*see resizing for web page below*)

David Venables will then access them at the end of each month to judge them and award 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Highly Commended & Commended, as he sees fit, and will then advise Peter of his decision so that the web page can be updated accordingly.

The talks on Nature Photography and Dorothy Lange have been postponed.

The exhibition in the Library in July has been cancelled.

Karen has agreed to revisit and revitalise the closed group Facebook and will be sending out further information for those who are interested.

NB Resizing for webpage

Digital image images submitted to Peter Calver (web address) should have a title & name and be resized to:

Landscape - scaled to 900 px wide and whatever height they come out.

Portrait - set to 700 px and whatever width they come out as.

Photography group until end of June (part 2)

Following on from the recent changes to our programme until the end of June I have received a few suggestions and comments for which I am grateful. As a result I have made a few more changes in italics (hopefully for the better). An update programme is attached. (Sorry Peter Calver).

Ken:

Under the heading Photo Topics could we have a suggested topic, eg colour, nature, hobbies, spring's shoots, which would hone our imaginative minds to be creative around the home.

Reply: I did not want to be too specific about topics in order to allow whatever opportunities are available for us to capture images. However I will now make these changes to the topics:

April: "Springtime"

May: "Close Up"

June: "At Home - Hobbies"

John (sent to all):

To those who have submitted Stratford images to me, I will resize them and forward them onto Peter Calver. Any more Stratford images should be submitted directly to Peter, and sized corrected as set out in Jim's note.

For the River images, this topic is will be revisited in future so hang onto them and resubmit when the time comes.

Reply: thanks for sending this out which is self explanatory

Iain:

I'm not clear about one thing, however: the March photo topic. Is this now just any 'around the house' subject? At this late stage, what is the deadline? I for one have already sent my 'Rivers' PDI to John before the usual deadline last weekend.

Reply: There is nothing on the programme for March as I needed the time to rearrange everything. Please keep your "River" images, if you wish, for a future meeting.

If you have visited the photography group web page you will have noticed that Peter has already changed the programme and added four buttons to the page ready for the next three months of competitions. Scroll through the first page and you will find 4 buttons marked:

Competition entries April

Competition entries May

Competition entries June

Individual Field trips

Each image will be labelled with Title and Author's name and numbered A, B, C etc. After judging the winning three will be put on the normal Monthly Competition winners page.

Please ensure that your images are properly sized, as otherwise they will not be accepted - sorry.

Jim

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