

Chairman's Blog

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Over the last few weeks I have been visiting a number of clubs in the area representing HHPS in external competitions. Whilst we had some individual successes, overall our Club performance was mediocre coming last in our group of the NW Fed competition and last in the first round of the Rosebowl. Some trends which I noticed in the entries from other clubs are that heavily manipulated images do not seem to find favour and figure images are becoming more subtle, focusing on art and form. Overall the images that did well are those which are excellently composed and very competently executed in terms of exposure and focus. Its worth looking at some of the images produced by clubs such as Amersham and Imagez and see if we can get inspiration from them. Let's see if we can up our game for next season!

I was pleased to hear that the 'Brains Trust' evening last Monday went well and stimulated some lively conversation. I am sure that events such as this, which enable us all to share our knowledge and experience, are good for the club and members. Let me or the Committee know if you want more events like this.

I have been out with my camera on some of the bright (and not so bright) days recently and I hope that I might have at least one possible entry for the 'Abstracts' competition on 6th January. Don't forget we need the entries for this BEFORE Christmas on 16th December!

There are a couple of changes to the advertised programme: on 13th January we will be having a practical session on lighting for headshots and on 4th May (not a Bank Holiday in 2020) we will be having a fun contest on image manipulation – more details to come.

Happy shooting

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