

East Ipswich Camera Club Archive News 2009 - 2010

2009-2010 Season Underway (October 2009)

The first meeting after the summer break was the picture trail competition, where a wide range of topics had to be covered in a single set of six slides.

Then we had interesting lecture from Jim Price on "Stories & pictures from the past 50 years".

The quantity and quality of the entries in "The Colour Red" competition presented a real challenge to judge Trevor Cox with stunning shots of motorbikes winning both the manipulated & non manipulated print categories and an artistic studio shot "2 for Tea" coming out top of the slides.

At the subsequent meeting, club members became the judges for the Black and White Challenge competition on "Ipswich Architecture Old & New"; the standard of the entries confirmed that our town centre provides lots of scope for photographers and we all found it difficult to vote for just 3. We also had our 2nd print discussion reviewing people's work, discussing composition & computer manipulation techniques.

So, 4 meetings in, the new season is clearly in full swing.

Happy New Year (January 2010)

Hopefully everyone was able to get out with their camera and take some interesting wintery shots over the Christmas & New Year and we look forward to seeing some of the results in forthcoming competitions or discussion evenings. Why not make a new year's resolution - to send Jackie S. a few of your pictures for inclusion in the members' gallery.

Finally, congratulations to Bev dB. for having another of her photos printed in the Evening Star last month.

February 2010

Competition titles for 2010-2011 Season Announced

The topics for our 5 general club competitions next season will be: Street Life, Natural World, Portraits and The Letter R. There will be only 4 on specific themes with the 5th an open subject competition to allow members to enter their great pictures which do not fall within the defined titles.

Vote on the future of slides at EICC

At the meeting on 2nd February members were asked to think about the future of slides in club competitions and to vote on whether we should retain slides or not for:

- A. The 5 general competitions
- B. The open competition for the Skylark Salver
- C. The Picture Trail

Feedback was also requested on any problems or concerns if the Picture Trail changed to digitally projected images.

Members not present at this or the next meeting to receive the explanatory letter and their voting form personally, will be sent them in the post. Voting closes on 14th March 2010.

April 2010

The future of slides at EICC - 28 voting slips were returned.

Retain slides for the 5 themed competitions

Yes = 2, No = 25 with 1 abstention

Retain the Skylark Trophy

Yes = 21, No = 7

Keep the picture trail as slides

Yes = 13, No = 15

So, slides will be discontinued for the 5 themed competitions but will remain for the Skylark Trophy and, as more than 25% of the members are in favour, for the Picture Trail as well.

The season continues well, with generally good attendances at all club meetings.

April is "Inter-Club Month" and we were delighted to retain the Granville Foulger Trophy against Stowmarket (even though by only 1 point!). In the A45 challenge we came joint 4th out of 11 clubs. We sadly lost at Harwich (by 5 points) but as a consolation Malcolm collected best print awards for both monochrome and colour. Our most recent challenge was with Felixstowe and Wickham Market where we won by 6 points. Felixstowe were 2nd and Wickham Market 3rd. Once again Malcolm collected best picture so very well done to him and of course to the rest of us.

Once again, we only managed 2nd place in the Tripod Competition. Framlingham kept the shield but we just about managed to stay in front of Halesworth.

All judges commented on the very high standards of all entries.

June 2010

On May 25th Nigel Rea ARPS judged our annual "battle of the sexes". This year the menfolk came out top with Malcom winning best overall print. An honourable result as the ladies won last year.

1st June was the culmination of our season's competitions, superbly judged by Derek Leak DPAGB. Best print went to Beverley and best slide to Fred. An image of the winning print can be seen on the home page.

Congratulations also go to Paul dB who had two digital images accepted for the EAF exhibition in Harlow.

The season draws to a close with our AGM on 15th June but don't forget the picture trail on Sunday 20th June. This year we are off to Southwold, meeting at the pier at 09.30

Big News

28th August 2010 will be the club's first digital open exhibition. Venue is our normal meeting place at The Tower Hall. The exhibition will be open to the public and free to enter. This is a fantastic opportunity for all of our members to display their work.