

Worcestershire Camera Club

Jeff blog 17 – The Hive, a legacy, and subs time.

Dear friends

I hope you are all enjoying some summer sunshine, maybe a holiday or two, and some family time. Last weekend I baby-sat my son's house, Irish Wolfhound, and 16-year-old granddaughter. No small ask, but of course a pleasure. We visited the Curve Theatre in Leicester (without the dog) to see the time honoured "The Addams Family". And I picked blackberries when all was quiet.

Club summer rain or shine...

The Club summer is proceeding splendidly with a number of outstanding events. A few of us formed a team, by invitation, to photograph the 'Persore Midsummer Brass' festival. Our photography was warmly welcomed by Chris License, Chair of the event (and conductor of 2 bands). Chris, amongst others, has I'm delighted to say, subsequently joined the Worcestershire Camera Club. More information will no doubt follow in Photo News.

All about the Hive event - Our exhibition...

Planning has progressed for our exhibition of club members' images in the main Atrium of the Hive from Monday 3rd to Friday 28th November 2025. Steve McLaren, our Exhibitions Manager, will mastermind the display and will man the exhibition as far as possible. We will give you all the chance to help with the stands through the month. The images will be displayed together with with easy access QR codes linking to club information. The Atrium is a busy public area in the Hive, and we anticipate that hundreds could take time to explore your images.

...and our Launch event

We will also have an Exhibition Launch event in the Studio adjoining the main Atrium. This will take place on Monday 3rd November at 7.00pm (the first day of the exhibition) and will comprise a series of speakers presenting aspects of the club. Their brief will include making their presentation informative, but bright, brief and unforgettable rather than technical.

The Studio has 60 seats. It would be so good if we could have them comfortably full. First, we will invite club members to join us and bring along family and friends. Your RSVP invitation will be issued on 1st September or soon after. Our Public Relations Manager, Pete Edwards, will then take a lead in inviting special guests and interested friends from the local community. You are most welcome to suggest suitable potentially interested people you know. Our aim is to present the excellence of the club and its welcoming nature.

And to have a terrific celebration of the Worcestershire Camera Club. You won't want to miss this! Please put the dates in your diary now and look out for your invitation and further details.

A legacy

Everyone loves to receive (and give!) a legacy, and the club has received one! Frank Screen, a past club member, left the club 20 boxes of all his photographic belongings.

Duncan Locke helped to sort the boxes into 3 lots which I need to tell you about for full disclosure:

1. Equipment items of potential value. We selected all the key items and took them to London Camera Exchange. Some were rejected for various reasons on inspection. But, for a series of Pentax cameras and a Nikon 850 camera, we had an offer of £1,370. Terrific news! I did say earlier that we would offer that kit to members, but in all honesty after handling that kit and in the best interest of the club, we have agreed to accept that figure.
2. Equipment items of a lower value, including tripods and camera bags. These Duncan will list and then bring to a club meeting for you to purchase. No reasonable offer refused! We already have one valuable offer. I do believe this kit will shift!
3. Frank's photographic slides and slide holders. These will be held for a while in case of interest from any member for historical reasons and then disposed of.

I do believe that Frank wished the club to benefit from his legacy and we have achieved just that!

Finally...

It's time to pay our annual club subs. Our Treasurer, David Johnston, has emailed you with details and a request for payment by 1st September, when our subs become due. What amazes me is that the annual subs (single member) remain at £50. Unbelievable value! My Worcestershire Cricket Club subs are several times higher than that and for many fewer events. Please pay subs promptly and prior to the due date.

Let's look forward to another outstanding club season in 2025/26.

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Obituary

Bob Tunstall informs us as follows:

*"It is with the deepest regret that I have to inform you of the death of **Denis Lee** who was an ex ex-Chairman of Worcestershire Camera Club and member for over fifty years. He was also a very good friend of mine and of many other members.*

He would probably be best remembered as new members' secretary for many years who could start a conversation with anyone he had just met and invite them to his home to hear their aspirations and answer questions on W.C.C.

He was a regular attender at the Wednesday outing of retired members who visited areas in Worcestershire and neighbouring counties taking photographs mainly of nature subjects which was his main interest.

In the advent of digital photography Den remained a slide worker. When he became virtually house bound I use to take him the catalogues of results from British Photography Exhibitions, thinking he would be interested in what photographers were taking pictures of, until one day he asked not to take them any longer as he did not recognise the photographers' names. Den was a Peoples Person!

Den's funeral will be held on Thursday 28th August at The Vale at Fladbury at 11am and at the Bull in Fernhill Heath after wards."

Jeff note: I am always delighted to hear from Bob, and we thank him for this information. It's good to be reminded of those who served the club valiantly in the past.