

Worcestershire Camera Club - Jeff blog 18 – New season update ...and a bit of a bombshell...

Dear friends

The Worcestershire Camera Club 25/26 season begins – yes – next week!

This blog provides a few updates and, right at the end, a bit of a ***bombshell***. You couldn't foresee this one!

What to do now

Before I get fully into my stride, here's what I hope will be a helpful note of things members should look to do right now:

- ***Club subs***: if you haven't paid yet, please do so. Subs are due ***before*** 1st September.
- ***Competitions***: bring together your best recent shots and print them for our first competition on Tuesday 23rd September at Bishop Allenby Hall. Let me encourage you to have a go! It's a fast-learning track through judge comments on multiple images. I love our competitions (and hope to do better than I did last year!)
- ***Review your association with our Special Interest Groups***. These groups are some of the sometimes hidden treasures of our club. To find out all about them click here: [**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**](#).
- ***Sign up for our imminent club events*** – details follow below...

Club events to sign up for now

Our club events and outings have the special value of meeting other members with time to interact, and maybe a photographic challenge with a bit of help to develop if you need it. This is what's coming up in the next week or two:

- Wednesday 27th August (that's this week!) ***Walk with phones*** with Martin Addison meeting at 7.30pm in Worcester.
- Thursday 28th August 7.00pm ***Club pre-season drinks*** at the Swan, Whittington. All hands on deck! Let's give the new season a warm welcome and reach out to friends new and old, with Liz Gillham.
- Tuesday 2nd September ***Tewkesbury Trundle*** – this is the first substantive Tuesday meeting of the club season BUT please note a) it is in Tewkesbury and b) we meet at Tewkesbury Abbey 2pm. (Note there is no evening event

that day). We love to do things a bit differently and Clive and Tessa have concocted this for us to kick-start the season.

I'm pleased to say we already have a good spattering of sign-ups for these three events but we hope for many more to join us. Here are the details: [Club Outings](#) (but you will need to sign into the members' area of our website).

NEW MEMBERS ALERT: You will find these events invaluable.

A word about the Hive exhibition and Launch event

You are already aware of our brave plans from my *Jeff blog 17*.

There is an update though: the Launch event is now scheduled for **Monday November 10th** at 7pm subject to final confirmation.

The Exhibition through November will be powerfully presented and the Launch event will be snappy, attractive and hopefully unforgettable. In September, we will ask you to:

- Invite friends and family, and confirm your attendance and numbers (due to room capacity)
- Volunteer to be present at the Exhibition for a few hours to assist viewers.

This exhibition and launch event will be an excellent celebration of our club life. In addition, it will help us develop strengths in presenting events, maintaining public awareness of the Club, and widening our net for potential new members.

Finally: A bit of a bombshell...

From 1st September we will trial a change in the arrangements for our Special Interest Groups (SIGs).

From that date you will no longer be asked to pay a pesky entry fee on attending a SIG meeting. POW!

The Groups will continue as at present of course but hopefully will be a little more integrated with the wider club arrangements.

If the trial works, we will report to the Annual General Meeting next spring.

Finally....

On that happy note, please be sure to pay your subs on time, and I look forward to meeting you all soon and very soon.

Warm personal greetings from me – feel free to call me anytime.

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