

PHOTOGROUP FOCUS

The monthly newsletter for group members; meeting and activity dates and details, Workshops, Challenge theme, useful links and lots more!

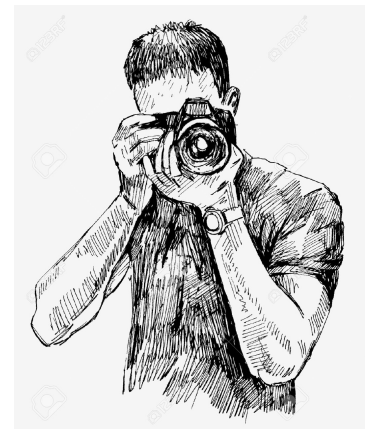


The suite of rooms on the 1st Floor of La Senieta are to be used for Government sponsored workshops in the New Year. The Ayuntamiento has generously offered the U3A and other Associations the use of an alternative room in Calle Dr. Calatayud Baya, No. 45, the

pedestrianised road approximately 100m from the main car park. Our next meeting in October will be at the new venue. Further information with photos, map and address will be sent to members in the next few weeks once the arrangements are confirmed.

The new venue is much larger and will be better equipped for projector users.

Welcome
to our new members:
Cheryl Elliott
Geoff Hurst
Piera Wigzell



EXHIBITION UPDATE

As you are aware, regrettably the Photo Exhibition was cancelled as we were unable to obtain confirmation of the booking until it was too late to arrange a quality display. At our last meeting members agreed to book the same period, the last two weeks of October, for 2017. It was also agreed to continue with our main theme '50 Shades of Grey' supplemented with smaller sections of Challenge and other themes yet to be decided.

To keep faith with the Ayuntamiento I have their agreement to display the superb large size NASA prints of the Solar System belonging to the CB Astronomical Society. The exhibition will be open to the public from Monday 17th to Saturday 29th October. Additional material will give updates on the ROSETTA programme and the recent fly-by of Pluto. I highly recommend a visit to the display.

ACTIVITY DAY : SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER – 1800 HRS

BENISSA MULTICULTURAL FIESTA

This annual event is being held on the weekend of 30th September to 2nd October. I am proposing we meet at 1800 hrs on the Sunday for the photo opportunities offered with gastronomic displays at the various international tents, on stage music and dance displays by participating nations and, possibly, fairground attractions. The event is focussed around the park halfway along the main N332 road through the town (on the right if travelling from Teulada). Rendezvous at the steps leading down to the national tents.

Also: Moraira's OKTOBERFEST is on at the same time - Friday 30th September to Sunday 2nd October - in the large marquee situated in the main carpark. If you can't attend Benissa on Sunday perhaps you'd like to capture the spontaneity and thrills of the celebrating crowd in Moraira!



Note to self: must look into the possibility of promoting a RUMFEST !!

THIS MONTH'S CHALLENGE THEME

“FAUXTOGRAPHY”

We've had some really quirky responses from members in the past and I'm sure I won't be disappointed on this occasion. I checked: the word is in the Urban Dictionary!

The concept of the 'challenge' was to encourage members to pick up their cameras and seek out suitable subjects for the month's theme. In keeping with this incentive please try and include at least 2/3 pertinent photos with those you share at the monthly meeting.



Next Month's Meeting: 20th OCTOBER

Bob Bamber will give an introduction to the free NIK software suite of photo processing. If there is enough interest we could follow the meeting with a workshop (1200 - 1245 hrs) using the software. If members have a preferred software suite (free or cheap) perhaps they could share their experience during the meeting.

FUTURE VISITS: JAVEA DESALINATION PLANT

Enquiries are being made for a possible visit to the Javea desalination plant in late October.



Several group members have been on the tour and consider it a worthwhile visit not purely for photos but also for the interesting and informative nature of the visit. Javea's reverse osmosis desalination plant is a world leader as it was the first to dilute the effluent to minimise the environmental impact on the local coastal ecosystem. The tour is in Spanish.

If members have any other suggestions for possible group activities please email Trevor or discuss at the monthly meetings. We are fortunate that our local area has many attractions and cultural events throughout the year and it would be good to know which ones are of most interest to members.

What more can we do?

We want to ensure members enjoy and obtain real value from the monthly meetings. Are there subjects you'd like to see included? What do you like about our meetings. What don't you like? Do you want regular monthly activity days?

USEFUL INFORMATION



CAMERA TIPS



A few suggestions for future issues



USEFUL LINKS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS

CAMERA REPAIRS

I was recently asked about camera repairs and the only place I knew was in Denia - not used personally by me but recommended by friends a good few years ago. I have since chatted to a member of a Spanish Photo Group and been advised that most shops offering camera repairs actually send them away to a specialist firm in Elche. It was suggested we follow the procedure used by their members and deal direct with the firm - DINASA. Their website can be accessed via:

<http://dinasafotografiaelche.com/>

Use the contact form and give details of the fault/problem to request a quote. The Company can arrange courier collection and return. The few times their members have used the service have been very satisfactory. My contact thinks they have staff that speak English. I visited the website and Google did a good job with translation into English.



NIKON CAMERA & TRIPOD

For sale, a Nikon D3200 digital SLR camera 24 mega pixels. This camera is only fourteen months old and in its original box. It is considered as one of the best entry level cameras for those interested in taking the step into creative photography.

It is a solid, light and comfortable camera to hold and takes exceptionally good pictures. It comes complete with the very versatile Nikon 18/55 mm automatic focus lens, battery, battery charger and a 16 meg SD card, (enough storage for approximately 450 high resolution pictures) and a built in flash.

It also has a Nikon branded shoulder strap, a quick release strap and a Hama pan and tilt tripod.

An absolute bargain at 350€

Checkout the reviews on YouTube

Contact Dave Hardy tel. 642227023

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MEETING DATES

always the third
Thursday of the month

JAN 19th

FEB 16th

MAR 16th

APR 13th

MAY 18th

JUN 15th

JUL 20th

AUG 17th

SEP 21st

OCT 19th

NOV 16th

DEC 21st

Well Folks -
that's it for this
month. I hope you
enjoyed what I
hope will be a
regular monthly
bulletin for
members. Your
views and
comments are
welcomed as
would
suggestions/
topics for inclusion
in future issues.
See you all soon

Trev