

# TANDRIDGE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

## NOVEMBER 2007 NEWS UPDATE

We start this month with a couple of reminders: It's not too late to get your ticket for the **SPA Photo Fest 2007 on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December**. See Marcus for a ticket, but be quick they are selling fast. And:

Entries for the **SPA 2008 Exhibition are due in January**. December will flash by, so don't leave it to the last minute to sort out your entries! See the TPS September Newsletter\* for the details and an entry form – and please let me know if you intend to enter. \* The September Newsletter it's still available on the TPS Website.

### **CHINESE WHISPERS II?**

Anyone interested in another round of Chinese Whispers?

(For newer members – This is a photographic version of the Chinese Whispers game, where, instead of people whispering a sentence to one another along a line, participants take a photograph and pass that along the line. The each person attempts to take a photo 'inspired' by the one they received. When all members have produced a photo, the 'chain' is assembled for viewing. We ran this in 2006, and most members who participated enjoyed the challenge.)

If enough members are interested (do let me know asap) we will start another round. But, if we do, I suggest we make a few changes to speed up the process:

- 1) Drop the prints and keep it all digital.
- 2) Put a time limit on producing the new image – you **MUST** pass on an image in 3 days. If you are unable to produce a new image you pass-on the one you received.
- 3) We ask a non participating member to select the original image – say from a magazine or paper.
- 4) Only run one chain at a time.

### **OUT AND ABOUT**

#### **Life on Ice**

An Exhibition of photographs taken by Matthew Felton ARPS, a member of Woking PS, in the **Antarctic and Arctic** - the extraordinary frozen landscapes and fascinating wildlife of Antarctica and Alaska.

Venue: **The Lightbox, Woking** GU21 4AA From: **November 2nd to January 3rd**. Entrance free. Opening hours: Tues - Sat 10:00 to 17:00 and Sun 11:00 to 17:00. See: <http://tinyurl.com/ys8wu6>

#### **Tooth and Claw**

**East Grinstead RSPB** are having a talk called **Tooth & Claw**: living alongside Britain's predators, on **Wednesday 28th November**. The presentation consists of 2 x 35-40 min sessions all images taken by Pete Cairns or Mark Hamblin

The talk will be at: Large Parish Hall, De La Warr Road, East Grinstead  
7.30 for 8.00pm start Entrance Fee £2.50

For more details about tooth & claw, see website: <http://www.toothandclaw.org.uk>

## **RPS NATURE GROUP DAY IN THE SOUTH EAST**

The Royal Photographic Society Nature Group will be holding a Day in the South East on: **Saturday 1st March 2008**, 10.00am to 4.30pm,  
at: **Bowl Water, Near Lamberhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 8BJ**

PROGRAMME to include:

### **Guest Speakers:**

Dawn Osborn FRPS - 'Wildlife of the Falkland Islands'  
Mervyn Seltzer ARPS - 'The Galapagos - the Enchanted Isles'  
Colin Page - 'Landscapes, Flora and Flora of Romney Marsh, Rye and the South Downs'

### **Members' Lecturettes**

**A selection of recent successful A & F panels** - including an 'F' panel from Dawn Osborn FRPS, and 'A' panels from Chuck Eccleston ARPS and John Hunt ARPS.

Teas and coffee are available in the Centre Restaurant. Lunches may also be obtained in the Restaurant; or, alternatively, you may bring your own.

**Tickets at £15** available now.

Please apply to Kath Bull ARPS, Tel: 01892 663751, e-mail: [kath.bull@virgin.net](mailto:kath.bull@virgin.net)



## **EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS**

### **International Garden Photographer of the Year 2008**

International Garden Photographer of the Year 2008 - Main cash prizes announced.

The overall winner for the Best Single Image will be awarded £5000 cash prize and the title Garden Photographer of the Year.

The Best Portfolio will receive £5000 including £2000 Calumet\* vouchers.

The full range of additional cash and equipment prizes for winners and runners-up for each of the categories and Young Garden Photographer of the Year will be announced shortly. Register now at **[www.gpoty.org](http://www.gpoty.org)** to be the first to know.

The top 100 winning and commended images will be shown at a purpose-built outdoor exhibition in Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, London from May to September 2008 to an audience of hundreds of thousands of viewers.

**Entries close on 31.1.08** and participants can enter single images or themed portfolios in each of the following categories:

- Plant Portraits
- Garden Views
- My Garden
- Life in the Garden
- Trees

Andrew Lawson, Judge and Director of the Garden Photographer of the Year said, "We're delighted to have such stunning prizes and we're particularly pleased to be able to reward the sustained work of portfolios as well as single images. The prize fund of £10,000 recognises flower and garden photography as the equal of landscape, travel and natural history photography, which already have their own competitions".

For more details on "How to Enter", please visit [www.gpoty.org](http://www.gpoty.org)



### Jet Puts Local Communities In The Picture - Local Life photography Comp.

Fuel retailer Jet has announced that it will be running a nationwide photography competition, encouraging people to capture what they love about their local area through the camera lens.

The competition runs from **October 25th to December 31st**.

Jet Local Service Stations fuel local communities up and down the country, so Jet understands a thing or two about what makes local life so special in so many different ways. Jet is asking the people of South West England to submit images that they feel truly represent their area. This is less about photographing a well known landmark, and more about capturing the spirit of the local community or region.

There are eight regional prizes to be won across two age groups: adults and under 16s.

Regional winners in the adult category of the competition will receive £250 plus a canvas, block-mounted image of their winning photograph. Regional winners of the under-16s category will receive £100 plus the canvas, block-mounted image.

The national winner in each age category will win an all expenses paid weekend in

London or York including a training session with a professional photographer, travel, accommodation and spending money.

"A good photograph can really capture the essence of a village, town or county and we're hoping to see some really original and striking work from young and old alike" commented Lindsey Grant, Marketing Manager for Business Improvement at Jet.

"We want local communities to get their cameras out and let us know what makes their area special"

"At Jet we have always prided ourselves on being part of the community in towns and villages as opposed to somewhere people merely pass through on a long journey. With this competition we hope to strengthen this link and emphasize the importance of local identity."

Entries will be judged by an expert team, including international photographer Bob Miller, winner of two gold awards from the Association of Photographers, and founder of photography agency LensModern.

For more information and to enter the competition, visit [www.jet-local.co.uk](http://www.jet-local.co.uk)

For further information please contact Ilonka Waterdrinker at Eulogy! on 020 7927 9999 or email: [jet@eulogy.co.uk](mailto:jet@eulogy.co.uk)

### Entry Guidelines

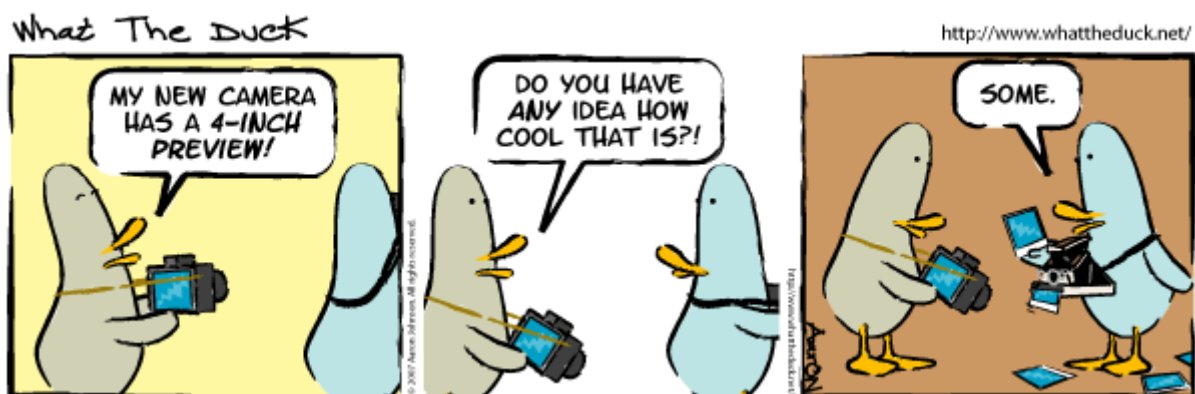
Entries can be photographs of anything that you believe captures your local life, let creativity be your guide!

A maximum of 10 entries per competitor is permitted.

- Only digital images will be accepted, and must be entered through the website.
- Images can be submitted from any digital camera.
- Images must be no bigger than 3 MB.
- Images can be cropped in size, but no other editing will be accepted.
- Entries will be accepted in both colour and black and white.
- Regional and national winners will be notified by telephone the week after the closing date of the competition.

Please contact [jetlocallife@eulogy.co.uk](mailto:jetlocallife@eulogy.co.uk) or telephone 0207 927 9970 with any questions not covered on the Website.

Upon closure of the whole competition, all of the winning entries will be available to view in the gallery on the Website.



## [THE OPEN PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY](#)

Members might be interested in this free, non-profit-making, on-line photographic society which offers numerous free services.

OPS offers:

- masses of information on all aspects of photography;
- on-line evaluation of images to help win competitions;
- a programme of photographic book publishing for amateur photographers;
- an annual on-line photographic exhibition;
- free photographic discussion forums;
- free web-hosting space for personal and specialist image galleries (a small one-off set-up fee applies); and
- free web-hosting space for successful distinction galleries.

The new website has already received over half a million hits in its short life, and is attracting interest from all over the English-speaking world.

The new website is at: [www.openphotographicsociety.org](http://www.openphotographicsociety.org)

Regards,  
Rod Macmillan FRPS FRGS  
President of OPS



## **INVISIBLESHIELD™**

InvisibleShield produce a large range of screen protectors for Digital Cameras and many other devices. See: <http://www.shieldzone.com/>

It's a US company and their protectors for cameras are \$10-12 each and the good news is that they ship FREE to the UK.

The blurb on their website says:

'Made from a unique material originally created for the military to protect the leading edges of helicopter blades, the invisibleSHIELD™ offers protection that other screen protectors, covers, skins, or cases just can't match. With over 1,000 copyrighted, precision-cut designs for a variety of gadgets, including iPods, smartphones, and cell phones, you can protect all your devices from scratches.

The invisibleSHIELD isn't just another screen protector. Custom-cut Full Body Shields, available for many devices, offer protection for your entire device. With this patent-pending full-body contour wrap, your device will always look like it did the day you bought it.

Can't find an invisibleSHIELD for your device? No problem - we'll custom design one for you.

If you aren't completely satisfied with the coverage of the invisibleSHIELD, you can return it within 30 days for a full refund. And if the invisibleSHIELD ever scratches, we will replace it for free, for life. So what do you have to lose other than those unsightly scratches?'

## **PHOTOCHEATSHEETS**

Can you remember all the info in your Camera's 300 page User Guide? If not, and you have one of these Cameras (or Flashguns):

### **NIKON Coolpix**

P3/P4	8800	8700	8400	7600	5700	5400	4600-5600	5900-7900	5200	5000
4500	4300	995	990	885	880	775				

### **NIKON DSLR**

D1X	D1H	D100	D2XS/D2X	D2HS/D2H	D200	D40X /D40	D50	D70S/D70	D80
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### **NIKON Film**

F6	F5	F100	N90S	N75	N80	N70	N65	MF-28 Multifunction Back
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### **NIKON Speedlight**

SB-800 Speedlight	SB-600 Speedlight	SB-80DX Speedlight	SB-50DX Speedlight	SB-28/DX Speedlight
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### **CANON Compact**

PowerShot G9	PowerShot G7	Canon PowerShot TX1	PowerShot S5 IS	PowerShot S3 IS
PowerShot S2 IS	PowerShot Pro1			

### **CANON DSLR**

EOS 1DS Mark II	EOS 1D M III	EOS 1D MII N	EOS 1D Mark II	EOS 1DS	EOS 40D	EOS 30D
EOS 5D	EOS 20D	EOS 10D	EOS Digital Rebel XTi 400D	EOS Digital Rebel XT 350D		
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### **CANON Speedlight**

580EX Speedlight	550EX Speedlight	420EX Speedlight	430EX Speedlight
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### **FUJI Compact**

Finepix S9000/S9500

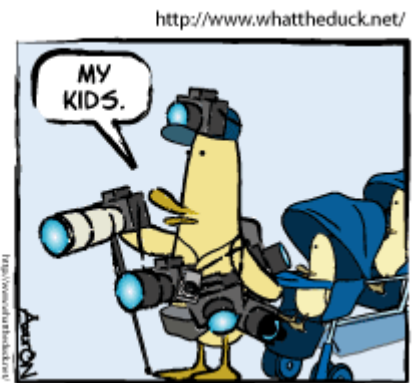
### **FUJI DSLR**

S5 Pro Digital SLR	S3 Pro Digital SLR	S2 Pro Digital SLR
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then PhotoCheatSheets, available at: [www.photocheatsheets.com](http://www.photocheatsheets.com) might just be the answer.

These handy guides are reasonably priced and are very useful to keep in your bag to jog you memory. Let me know if you would like to see what they are like and I'll bring a sample along to a meeting. Highly recommended!

What The Duck



Thanks, and Happy snapping,

*Steve*

*17th November 2007*

*ps Don't forget, this is YOUR News Update, and I welcome any contributions from members. Send me your: comments, idea's, articles, events, exhibition details, etc. Send all contributions to: [tps@elms42.freemove.co.uk](mailto:tps@elms42.freemove.co.uk)*