

Chiltern U3A

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

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DECEMBER 2006 NEWSLETTER

The third meeting of the Group on Friday 1st December saw more than 30 members in attendance. Members brought a small sample of their own flower studies inspired by Jim Lukmanji's presentation at the previous meeting. Lighting, pictorial presentation, focal definition, colour balance, background, framing and cropping were all discussed and tips given. In addition we were treated to both common and latin names for many of the blooms on display confirming the broad knowledge base of our members.

Many of the pictures shown were stunning and served to confirm the skills and abilities of a number of members which is available to the Group as we develop and refine our future meeting format.

FLASH photography was featured in a short tutorial as preparation for the Christmas period when happy indoor faces will no doubt be much recorded for family albums.

The PICTURE subjects for the January meeting reflect this and are to be FESTIVE SEASON, WINTER and PETS, when one of either subject from individual members will be shown and discussed.

PICASA digital imaging software was to be a short tutorial feature but was thwarted by lack of time. It will feature in January as will an introduction to "getting off auto and onto manual" camera settings.

BEGINNERS QUESTIONS has been 'billed' as a feature but so far has not featured strongly but it will, meanwhile if any member has a pressing problem/question please let me know at the start of the meeting and I will match them with an "answer provider" during the break.

QUESTIONNAIRE, referred to in the November Newsletter, a run through of the two part TICK BOX questions was given and a request made for individual returns to be submitted as two side, single A4 sheets, at the JANUARY meeting, please. (Download blanks from Chiltern U3A website)

TEA, sorry, we have not organized this very well BUT a properly provisioned tea break will be included as a feature from January. I am told a modest charge will be made to fund supplies.

JANUARY Meeting Friday 5th January 2007, 2-30pm Pottery Room.

1st Half, TUTORIALS on Exposure/Camera Settings, Picasa, PLEASE BRING CAMERA'S,
2nd Half, MEMBER'S PICTURES, choice of one each Festive Season, Winter, Pets (on Flash Drives for preference please)

FEBRUARY Meeting. Friday 2nd February 2007, 2-30pm, Pottery Room.

1st Half, IS PHOTOGRAPHY ART? Member discussion with PICTURES to support your case.

2nd Half, QUESTIONNAIRE, what has it told us, where do we want to go, who can help us to get there, when should we do it?