

Chiltern U3A  
**PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP**

**NEWSLETTER**

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The 2<sup>nd</sup> February Meeting reviewed the ANALYSIS of the Members Questionnaire in which information was sought to aid the structure and programming of forthcoming Group Meetings.

A high response has been distilled into the attached data expressed as **percentages** of respondents input.

Conclusions highlight several features that received heavy support; these will be reflected in the forthcoming monthly meetings.

As a general structure meetings will comprise:-

**2-30 to 3-15pm Members Pictures** on a set subject with a “free choice” of subject on the third month of each quarter.

Critical BUT helpful appraisal will be made both from the floor and by a nominated member with a specific interest/knowledge of the chosen subject.

**3-15 to 3-45pm TEA BREAK and COLLOQUIUM**

An “**EXPERT’S TABLE**” will be set up on which 3 experienced members will deal with queries on a one to one basis e.g. “how and why do I set ISO numbers” ? “How do I store images effectively on my PC” ? “How do I move images and save changes” ? etc, etc.

While the “experts” deal with specifics, members will be encouraged to converse and share knowledge and experience through informal discussion.

**3-45 to 4-30pm Topical Feature.**

Each month we will address a different topic of interest as identified by the Questionnaire.

**FEBRUARY TOPIC.**

“**Is Photography Art**” ? Concluded that the photographic ‘*process and equipment*’ was like so many other ‘*tools of the trade*’, a means to an end which might be used to express an ARTISTIC IMAGE or MERELY RECORD. It was also concluded that “*right first time, every time*” and “*digitally manipulated*” images were of equal artistic merit.

Two criteria were suggested as personal critiques **ART IS IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER** and **WOULD I WANT TO HANG IT ON MY WALL.**

Members now have the opportunity to share their personal vision of “photographic art” by bringing their chosen representative images to the MARCH Group Meeting.

**NEXT MEETING.**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2-30pm Pottery Room.**

**SET SUBJECT:-** 2 pictures (maximum) per member, **MY PHOTOGRAPHIC ART.**

**TOPIC:-** Digital ‘tweaking’ using PICASA.