



The GDPU Newsletter, Spring 2009



Image by GDPU club member from the 2008 Spring Weekend in Skye. This Newsletter has details of the 2009 Autumn Weekend, Uig, Skye. Book early to avoid disappointment.

It's hard to believe that Christmas and New Year holidays are over and that we are fast approaching the onset of spring, despite having been through one of our longest and snowiest winters, and there is still some time left to capture snow and the

winter light!

This year, 2009 presents us with a slightly different feel due to the current financial crisis and concerns of people as to their future. However, this year also presents us with new opportunities as amateur photographers. Much publicised is the year of Homecoming and there are lots of events planned that should give us the opportunity to go out and take some wonderful photographs. It's also a time perhaps to consider travelling around Scotland, to capture some of the spectacular scenery and record life in modern Scotland.

This brings me to what the GDPU can offer its membership. As you will read in more detail in other sections of this newsletter, the GDPU has a full and heavy schedule of events planned for 2009, but the success of these is very much dependent on the support and response you give to them. To this end I would encourage all to consider at least one GDPU event this year. There is something for everyone and I am sure you will find an event that takes your fancy.

Stan Miller,
GDPU President

CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING FEATURE ITEMS:

- GDPU DIGITAL EXHIBITION
- NEW LANARK VILLAGE WORKSHOP DAY 2009
- GDPU ISLAY TOUR
- UIG SKYE SYHA WEEKEND
- ANNUAL PRINCESS SQUARE PRINTS EXHIBITION
- DIGITAL WORKSHOP DAY
- GDPU JUDGES LIST
- GDPU MATTERS ...

GDPU Annual Prints Exhibition

One of the major event on the GDPU Calendar, the regionally renowned and locally successful GDPU Annual Print Exhibition will be held in Princess Square, Glasgow. The exhibition runs for 2 weeks, from Friday 6th to Sunday 22nd March.

This exhibition has proved to be a great success with the public over the last

several years, achieved in no small part due to the support of the member clubs that provide the work on display and the stewards that man the display throughout. Once again this year the exhibition has on display much that the amateur photographers from the central belt of Scotland can be proud of. Well done to all

with work on display.

This year more than ever the exhibition needs the support of the GDPU member clubs, through provision of stewards. Please provide names and preferred dates and times to exhibition contacts: see Web Site.

Also see Web Site for 2009 results, all sections



Image by GDPU club member
See GDPU Web Site for your local Club Contact Details

GDPU Workshop 2009 Day



Image by Richard Childs, speaker at the GDPU Workshop 2009.

See Richard's Web Site for more of his inspirational images:

www.richardchildsphotography.co.uk

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The GDPU is pleased to announce Workshop 2009 at New Lanark Village on Sunday 19th April 2009.

This is a practical day (so be sure to bring your camera with you), under the guidance of four experienced photographers, and comprised of four photo technique sessions (rota basis):

- The Seeing Eye: Richard Childs
- Nature in Close Up: Karen Berry
- Portraiture: Colin Wilkinson
- Post Image Processing: Alastair Knox

There will be a closing lecture by Richard Childs, a renowned photographer based in Oban - his work ranks with that of Joe Cornish and David Ward.

Entry allows you to attend each of the workshop sessions in turn, in groups. The intent is that each will allow you to capture images not normally available in a camera club environment.

The price is £40 for all four workshop sessions, lecture, buffet lunch, and tea/coffee through the day. The workshop is due to be held outside (weather permitting), and

in the School Building and Church Hall.

The day starts from 9.30am until 5.00pm. As some walking around the village is envisaged, please bring suitable outdoor clothing and strong footwear - pay attention to the weather forecast.

Places are limited so book early to ensure your place on what promises to be an excellent day. Details of this workshop and booking form are now available on the GDPU website: www.gdpu.co.uk/workshopsgeneral.htm.

GDPU SYHA Weekend Dates & Locations for 2009

Spring 2009, Torridon:

Amongst the most spectacular regions in the UK, nestling at the foot of Liathach, the hostel is within easy travel to Loch Maree, Loch Torridon and other spectacular areas of North West Scotland. From Friday 27 February to Monday 2 March: **Fully Booked**.

Autumn 2009, Skye:

This magical island of ever changing light provides the keen photographer with ample opportunity to capture some of the islands special magic. Staying at Uig SYHA hostel gives you the opportunity to explore various parts of the Island at your own pace.

From Friday 30th October to Monday 2nd November, the 3 nights accommodation costs £40.

The stay at the hostel is on self-catering basis with places allocated on a first-come first-booked basis, so book early to avoid disappointment.

Judges Workshop Day



Who would be a Judge, you? Why not come along and find out ...

A GDPU Judges Workshop Day is under preparation and will be held in the first half of 2009. If you think you have the makings of a photographic judge, then why not put your name down and find

out. This will be a full day seminar designed to explain what makes a good judge as well as allowing you the opportunity to show what you can do.

The Workshop costs nothing

except your time, and if you are successful, you will become part of the GDPU accredited list of judges. If you are interested, watch the GDPU Web Site for details and Booking Form.

GDPU Islay Tour

The GDPU has arranged for a tour of the Island of Islay, staying at the Port Charlotte SYHA hostel.

Islay is one of the Southern Hebrides and is commonly called the Queen of the Islands. With 8 distilleries, stunning scenery, amazing wildlife and friendly people. Islay is a five star destination and the GDPU is pleased to announce a special Islay Island photographic tour.

The tour is for 5 days, staying for 4 nights on the island, based at the mod-

ern and comfortable Port Charlotte SYHA hostel overlooking Loch Indaal.

Included in the package is pick-up/drop-off at agreed locations, transport to/from Islay (including ferry), transport on the island, and shared SYHA hostel accommodation (exclusive use of GDPU party).

The tour is on a self catering basis, with meals/food excluded. There are a number of catering options in Port Charlotte, or you can prepare your own food in the hostel.

There is a fully planned schedule of locations for the tour, including optional visits to distilleries.

Any costs associated with insurance, entrance charges to paid venues are not included.

The tour of the Island is from Friday 4 to Tuesday 8 September 2009.

Places are limited to 10 so if you are interested in attending this tour please see the GDPU Web Site for detailed itinerary, booking form.



Port Charlotte, Islay

See the GDPU Web Site for latest details on this exciting Tour Weekend

GDPU Digital Exhibition 2009

The GDPU is devoted to the development and promotion of club photography, with membership primarily from the central belt of Scotland. The Scottish Digital Salon was launched in 2007 and received a fabulous response from photographers throughout Scotland, not only the central belt. Subsequently the idea to open the competition up to all photogra-

phers in the UK was formed.

In mid 2008 the application to become an exhibition with BPE accreditation was successful and consequently the title has been changed to the GDPU Digital Exhibition. The exhibition website provides club members the information to enable participation.

See: www.gdpudigital.org.

Entry Closing Date is Saturday 9th May 2009.

The entries for the GDPU Digital Exhibition 2009 will be judged on Sunday 31st May 2009, at the rooms of Queens Park Camera Club, Glasgow.

The selections will be made by: Des Clinton FRPS AFIAP, Jane Black ARPS Hon. PAGB, and Les Ayres ARPS MPAGB APAGB AFIAP

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Digital Workshop Day

The GDPU is hosting a Digital Workshop Day with David Rowley on Saturday 30th May 2009. David is one of the UK's best

known Photoshop workers and the GDPU welcome him back for what promises to be another entertaining and informative

day - part of the GDPU Digital Exhibition weekend. The venue is the Queens Park CC, Glasgow, with a fee of £18.



Image by a GDPU Club Member.

See the GDPU Web Site Gallery for more member's images



Image from a Livingston Camera Club Member

Articles Wanted:

Would you like to see something about your club feature in a future GDPU Newsletter?

If you would like to submit an article or publicise an event then submit via the Publicity Contact - see the Web site for details.

Suggestions and feedback also welcomed.



GDPU on the WEB:
WWW.GDPU.CO.UK

Featuring Livingston Camera Club

The Livingston Camera Club started in the late 1980's when a small group of enthusiastic amateur photographers who wanted to improve their knowledge of the camera got together to develop their photographic technique. Today, with an annual membership of more than 70, the original aims are still very much the driving force of the club.

Today's members come from all around Livingston, as well as East Calder, West Calder, Uphall, and even further a field. The membership is made up of all ages, female and male, and photographers of all experience levels, using both traditional film and digital equipment and media.

The club's syllabus runs from September though May each year and includes presentations and practical sessions intended to stimulate individual creativity. For those who wish to show their images, there is a busy schedule of competitions and exhibitions to get involved in. The club has a fully equipped Digital and Traditional Dark Room available to all club members. The syllabus and members gallery is on the clubs WEB site www.livingstoncameraclub.co.uk.

The club boasts a lively bunch of members and if you consider joining or visiting, you are assured of a warm welcome. Why not come along and try the club for size.

GDPU Judges List

The GDPU Judges List is currently being reviewed and updated and should be available for use in the next camera club season. If you want to join the list watch out for news on the Judges Workshop planned for 2009

GDPU Competition Rules

Please be aware and please take care ... each round of the league are GDPU affiliated judges. Failure to adhere to the competition rules could mean that the organising / host club will be disqualified from the competition regardless of the scores given by the judge. Please see the GDPU Web Site for all the competition rules and entry qualifications.

GDPU Annual General Meeting (AGM)

That time of year again is fast approaching, the GDPU AGM is due on Tuesday 14th April 2009. The meeting will be held at East Kilbride Arts Centre, at 7:30pm. Hope to see you all there. As ever volunteers to join the committee and influence the future of the GDPU are most welcome.