

Hexham & District Photographic Society  
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**CHRISTMAS BUFFET**

The Christmas buffet will be on Tuesday, 22 December 2009 and it will be in Newton Community Hall. If you haven't already signed up please do so quickly as we are in the process of organizing the catering.

The cost is £7 per person and this includes food and drink.

Please let me have the money as soon as possible please.

**ASSIGNMENTS**

**PICKERING**

**The images from this assignment will be shown on 19th January; please let Alan have your images and comments by no later than 15<sup>th</sup> December.**

**The next assignment is on 7<sup>th</sup> November at Gilsland Spa Hotel**

Roy will meet at the Gilsland Spa car park 10:00, there should not be any problems in parking; it will also be handy for people to use facilities (toilets, coffee, food & drink). We will then process down a steep path towards the river Irthing (strong shoes or boots would be advisable), going on through a small wood which leads to the bridge, from there we will split up if people wish, I will lead a party on to the Kissing Stones (made famous by Sir Walter Scott).

We will meet back at the car park at 12:00 & go to the Spa for refreshments & discuss about the assignment, if some people would wish to carry on they would be more than welcome to do so.

**The images from this assignment will also be shown on 19<sup>th</sup> January and Roy will need the images and comments by 15<sup>th</sup> December.**

Our "roving reporter" has sent the following report from the recent **Pickering Assignment**.

Never have I seen so many people in one street as I did on Saturday when we met for the Pickering Assignment. It was a wonder we were able to find each other, but I think most of us got the chance to say at least Hello.

The first people we bumped into got a big WOW...Lord Roy and his wife Lady Mary in full costume and looking very elegant, Roy was made to strip off his camera and pose for several lesser clad members. Everywhere we looked people were really dressed for the part and I imagine if for some reason you were to faint when you came to you would have surely felt you were back in Wartime Britain you may have got even more of a shock if your eyes had alighted on a German Officer.

Everywhere we walked there were people who were only too willing to be photographed and it was more of a challenge to get a secret candid where they looked even more natural. If

you were not into photographing people there were plenty of jeeps, cars, carts with magazines of the period, dogs and even not so sexy underwear. The station was a great place to try for shots. As you were only allowed on one side of the station if you were in costume, it meant that from the other platform you had the opportunity of getting authentic shots of any number of characters on the other side. The singer Lola Lamour gave a fabulous concert singing all the old wartime favourites.

I imagine there will be many different kinds of shots from this assignment and I am sure you will enjoy them all in January.

### **AUCTION NIGHT**

Our biennial Auction night takes place on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009. We are very honoured to have the services of one of the premier auctioneers in the Tyne Valley who has many years experience and who will entertain you as well as sell your items.

For those of you new to the club auction night the objective is to sell your unwanted items; both photographic and non photographic. You can donate these items so that the club takes the money or you can have the club sell them for you with 10% of the auction price going to the club.

It is a fun evening with opportunities to buy and sell.

So sort out any items that you want to sell and bring them along on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

### **HEXHAM PHOTOGRAPHIC WEBSITE GALLERY**

Bob mentioned on Tuesday night that he wants members to submit some of their images for the Gallery of the club's website. There are currently only 21 members displaying their work so please send up to 20 images to Bob or if you already have work on the Gallery and want to update it please send images to Bob on a CD or via email. Size 1024 x 768 max at 300 dpi saved as a jpg file quality 10.

### **WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR EXHIBITION.**

The following link to the images from this year's photographic exhibition at the Natural History Museum: <http://www.nhm.ac.uk/visit-us/whats-on/temporary-exhibitions/wpy/>

### **SALE OF OUTDOOR CLOTHING**

Ashton Outdoors, an outdoor clothing and equipment company are having a sale of outdoor clothing on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> November in the Masonic Hall, Haltwhistle. There will be bargains galore just the thing to keep you warm when out photographing. The opening hours will be:  
18<sup>th</sup> November 12pm - 8pm  
19<sup>th</sup> November 10am - 6pm

Carol