

Hexham & District Photographic Society
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ASSIGNMENTS

Please remember to bring along your prints from the Rugby and Alnmouth assignments by 8th September as the assignment night is being held on 22nd September. Please also remember to bring your comments about the work. Up to 4 prints for each assignment. Remember that if you have been on any assignment you do need to contribute with prints and comments.

Bob is leading an assignment to Beamish Museum on **Thursday, 3rd September 2009**, meeting in the main car park for 9:50am. .

Great North Steam Fair - 3rd to 6th September

Relive the golden days of steam. Visiting locomotives are in steam at the Beamish Railway Station and Colliery and much more besides.

With vintage vehicles, steam rollers, traction engines, stationary engines, the magnificent colliery winding engine and guest appearances of fabulous machines.

An excellent event for steam and transport enthusiasts alike.

The cost of entry is £16 per person or £13 for seniors over 60. If we can make a group of 15 or more then the rate is £11 and £10 per person. If anyone wants to pay the full day rate then they can, for the same price, have a full years unlimited pass to Beamish. This is something new that Beamish have introduced this year and it is certainly well worth it as there are a number of future events at Beamish.

Website <http://www.beamish.org.uk/Home.aspx>

Bob is making this assignment a little different by asking that all images from this assignment be in Monochrome. FIAP Monochrome definition is as follows:

"A black and white work fitting from the very dark grey (black) to the very clear grey (white) is a monochrome work with the various shades of grey. A black & white work toned entirely in a single colour will remain a monochrome work."

Please email Bob if you are going. Email address is: stevenbob@btinternet.com

Details of forthcoming assignments will be announced at the weekly meetings and on the notice board.

TEA ROTA

I now have volunteers for the tea/coffee for the first two weeks of the season. A rota will be on the notice board for the rest of the season.

COMPETITION

Northumberland Wildlife Trust Annual Competition has recently been announced. Details of the competition can be found at www.nwt.org.uk closing date is 31 October.

FOR SALE

The following photographic equipment is for sale. Sensible offers will be considered. Please contact Keith Robertson on 01661 872373 if you are interested. Keith is selling it on behalf of a friend.

Nikon 18-35 F3.4/ 4.5 Lens 8 months old

Nikon 28-105 F3.5/4.5 Very Good Condition

Nikon 28mm F2.8

Nikon F5 camera with SB grip

Nikon SB28 Flash Gun

Sunpack Hammerhead Flashgun

Manfrotto Lightweight Tripod

WORLD PHEASANT ORGANISATION

I have been contacted by Natalie Clark, Conservation Officer of the World Pheasant Organization who would be interested in images of the local countryside and game birds specially red grouse, black grouse, capercaillie and ptarmigan to be used in their newsletters and annual reports. Her email is as follows:

"I am contacting you on behalf of the World Pheasant Association (WPA). WPA is a registered charity and international organization which aims to develop and promote the conservation of a group of birds known as the Galliformes (or 'game birds'). These 300 species strong groups are found all over the world and include the pheasants, partridges, quail and their relatives. The group are highly threatened (25% considered to be at risk of extinction) compared with all birds (approximately 12% are at risk) and are closely affiliated to human societies, particularly in many cultures and religions. Also, the humble chicken has derived from a pheasant (the red jungle fowl)!

WPA has recently moved from Hampshire to the north east and we are now based in a Newcastle University building on Close House Estate in Heddon on the Wall. We are very keen to promote the region through our work and are already working with One North East to see how this can be possible. To do this to the best of our ability, we are looking for photographs of the local countryside that we can use (for example in our Annual Review and newsletter) to show how beautiful our new surroundings are. I have seen a couple of photographs on your website which portray this very well and I wondered if any of your members would be willing to supply us with some pictures? We do not have the budget to be able to pay for images, I'm afraid, but I hope that display in an internationally read publication, as well as the promotion of the north east, will tempt some of your members to help us with this request!

If you would like to know more information about our organization, please do not hesitate to contact me or visit our website www.pheasant.org."

Natalie can be contacted at 0845 241 0929 or 01661 853397 or email Natalie.clark@pheasant.org.uk if you want to let her have any of your images.

NEW SEASON

I am sure that you do not need reminding that the new season starts on Tuesday, 8th September where we will be entertained by Bob Turner and Alan McCormick with their images from a "Year in the Life of a Photographer"

I look forward to seeing you all.

Carol