

YOUR LOCAL CAMERA CLUB



A Message from your Local Camera Club

You must have recently had your holiday prints or slides back. I wonder how satisfied you were with them. In the main they probably provide a happy record of your experiences and the places you visited. You are probably a bit disappointed with some of the results and wonder what went wrong. Is it your fault, you wonder, or the camera, or quite possibly the processing. You show them to your friends and they order a few reprints and that's about it. The more methodical of you, with some time to spare, manage eventually to get them arranged in that snap album which is then put away and rather neglected.

If you have any desire or interest to get a little 'beyond' this state and improve your technique and results, you may be surprised to learn that there is a friendly local camera club on your doorstep which may be the answer to some of your disappointments and may

provide the stimulus for you to transform this occasional and rather random activity into a satisfying hobby. Founded in the early 1930's, it has been meeting in the suburb since 1962. Because of its link with the suburb, it changed its name from Hendon Camera and Cine

Club to Hendon and Hampstead Garden Suburb Club in 1983.

The club's varied and interesting programme includes useful practical workshops where you can learn from the more experienced. Perhaps more important are the many evenings when you get an opportunity to observe, evaluate and enjoy prints and slides, either produced by members or by expert visiting guests. In both cases you get the benefit of discerning and helpful comment from the visiting judge or guest speaker. With this experience behind you, you will soon feel encouraged to enter your own prints or slides. There are beginners' sections, but you will be surprised how quickly 'beginners' obtain better results

than the more experienced. It all depends on how quickly you develop that 'seeing eye' and how well you apply the various lessons and techniques learnt.

You need not have any worries about not being able to develop or print your own work, although these are certainly skills that you can learn with us. Today, colour enlargements processed commercially are quite acceptable in competitions and are relatively cheap. Slides, of course, are entered just as they are returned by the processor, but, here, too, you can quickly learn useful 'masking' techniques which enhance the look of your work by cutting out unnecessary or distracting elements.

In addition to the evenings where photography in one form or another dominates, there are other evenings of entertainment either provided by special guest speakers or arranged by the members themselves. We meet on Fridays at Fellowship House at 8pm in Willifield Way, NW11, having started on September 21st. You can get a flavour of the activities by referring to the 'What's On' columns.

Why not come along, under no obligation, to two or three evenings to try us out. If you do decide to join, the membership is as follows:

Single - £12, Joint - £14, which works out at approximately 28p per meeting!

Further information may be obtained from L. Gould-Hacker (081-455 7922) or J. Wicks (081-205 6053). A.R.

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GOURMET CLUB

Gluttons and winebibbers, your attention, please! The HGS Gourmet Society is pleased to announce its first Wine and Cheese Tasting, to be held at St. Jude's Hall on Monday, 3rd December, between 7:00 and 9:00 PM. Two notable shops in Muswell Hill, The Hermitage and Cheeses, will pool their considerable resources to demonstrate that there are still unique and viable alternatives to the large anonymous supermarkets. (The Hermitage has in fact been nominated for the Decanter Wine Shop of the Year award.) The wines and cheeses will be chosen to complement each other.

Application forms are available from the secretary, HGS Gourmet Society, 12 Hutchings Walk, NW11. Although tickets will be available at the door, it will be helpful to know how many people to expect. The entrance fee is £6 to the general public, or £5 to members of the Gourmet Society. You may join in advance or on the spot, which will give you a £1 reduction in the membership fee of £5. (You must also be a member of the HGS Residents Association.) With an early start, you will be home in time for dinner - provided you can still eat - provided you can still walk!

HGS Theatre Club

No Parking... No Hassle

Why not join us?

For £5 membership we arrange a theatre outing including coach travel from and to the Suburb about once a month.

Send your £5 subscription to:
Helen Hastings, 83 Hampstead Way NW11 7LG

November outings:

Joan Collins: "Private Lives"

Derek Jacobi "Kean"

StMichael

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(WE JUST THOUGHT WE'D WHET YOUR APPETITE.)

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