

# Towcester Camera Club

## Programme of Events Autumn 2007

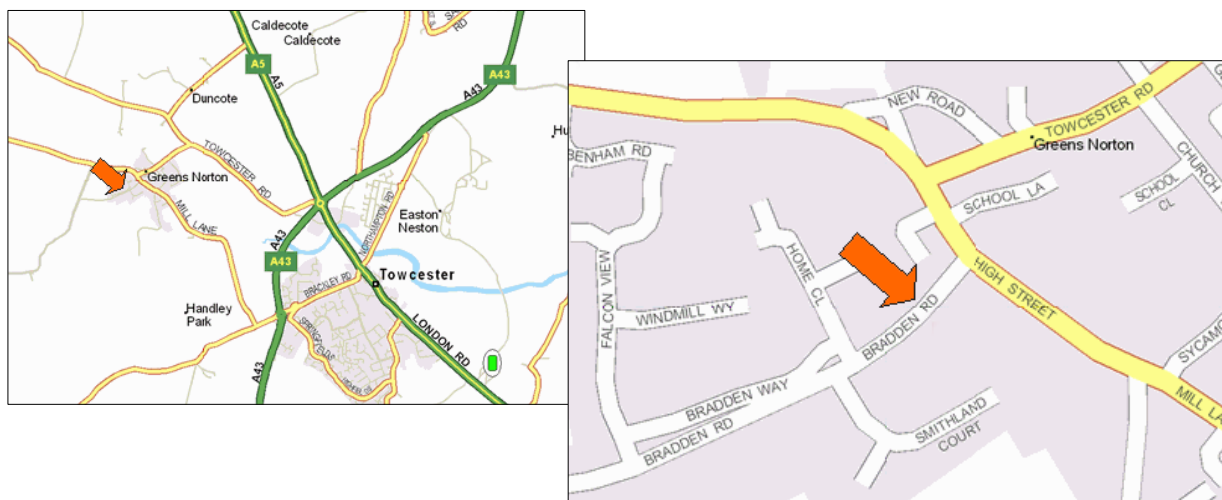


Towcester Camera Club was formed in 2001 to cater for anyone with an interest in photography in and around the Towcester, south Northants and north Bucks area.

We are a small and friendly group with currently about 28 members.

Visitors and new members are always welcome at our club meetings, which are held every other Wednesday at 7.30pm for an 8pm start and usually last about 2 hours.

Meetings are normally held in the Methodist Meeting Room, Bradden Road, Greens Norton, Northants. See Map below.



Membership is open to anyone who has an interest in photography. You don't even have to own a camera. You will be made most welcome at one of our club nights, as a visitor or prospective member. If you would like to see if this club is for you please just turn up, we warmly welcome visitors.

You may already be an accomplished photographer and want to share your photographs and ideas with other like minded people, or maybe you are new to photography and want to learn more about ways to improve your skills, or possibly you have never taken a photograph but are looking for a new and challenging interest, perhaps we can help.

Our programme – copy for second half of 2007 overleaf - includes practical evenings where you can try your hand at a variety of different subjects such as still life photography, digital imaging, including image manipulation using a PC or studio photography using flash and tungsten lights (we have our own). We have lectures by experts in particular fields of photography and plenty of opportunities to show and discuss your photographs at our set subject evenings. We also organise photographic outings in the Summer months.

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For more information please go to <http://www.towcestercameraclub.co.uk/>  
or contact Bob Brind-Surch (Chairman) Tel: 01327 352505

## Programme of Events - Autumn 2007

August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Show us your Summer Reflections
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	'Winter Steam in China' – Images of steam locomotives working in extreme weather conditions
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	A Serious Selection Session for Olney and Terry Chapman Competitions
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Panoramic Techniques
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	"Towcester beats Olney on Home ground!"
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Popperfoto
November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Desert Island Dreams
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	RAVE - Rushden Audio Visual Enthusiasts
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Past, Christmas Present(s!) and Christmas Future



Our Autumn programme includes lectures by experts in particular fields of photography; new techniques for manipulating digital images and exciting methods of image presentation. There are also plenty of opportunities to show and discuss your own photographs on our set subject evenings and a whole wealth of invaluable tips to be picked up informally during the refreshments breaks.

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## Detailed Programme of Events Autumn 2007

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August  
29<sup>th</sup>

Casual  
Evening

Show us your Summer Reflections

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Who can resist the chance to show off an exotic holiday or a special day out?

This is the first meeting after the long summer break so very many frames will have been captured since we last met.

Please bring your favourite photos of the past few months, either on paper or memory stick and we will all share our summer experiences, whether the memories were stunning or disastrous.

For newcomers this is an ideal opportunity to come and meet the club members and join in with a session which is very low-key and totally unthreatening.

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September  
12<sup>th</sup>

David  
Eatwell

**'Winter Steam in China' - Images of steam locomotives working in extreme weather conditions**

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David Eatwell is an experienced and well-known traveller, author and photographer of steam locomotives, both at home and overseas.

David's many published articles, always on steam-related subjects and always illustrated

with his own photographs, have been appearing fairly regularly in the railway press since 1973 when *Railway World* magazine printed a short (and humorous!) piece demonstrating the different designs of railway level-crossing signs in Britain and abroad. Not a world-shattering subject, one is forced to admit, but it was the precursor of dozens of further articles for all the major British magazines, plus some foreign publications as well.

The books David has compiled and written feature subjects as diverse as the railways of Bedfordshire in steam days (two), steam in Cuba (two) and the preserved steam locomotives of Great Britain (three).



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September  
26<sup>th</sup>

Casual  
evening

## A Serious Selection Session

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This club does not generally go in for competitions in a big way but we do have a regular annual 'friendly' competition with Olney Camera Club (on 24<sup>th</sup> Oct).

This time we will devote a whole evening to the print selection process and we may even make use of some high-tech interactive voting equipment to make sure that our choices produce opposition-beating results!

We will also be selecting entries for the Terry Chapman Memorial Competition (held on 27<sup>th</sup> Oct).

Please bring as many photos as you like. On this occasion could we please ask that they are presented as prints (not necessarily mounted, until they are selected) rather than on a memory stick?

The club's mount cutter will be available for any member wishing to use it.

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October  
10<sup>th</sup>

Dr Karl N. Harrison  
Panoramic Techniques

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Dr Karl Harrison is an IT Coordinator and Training Officer, based at the University of Oxford and he specialises in 360° panoramas. He brings us a technical demonstration of how he does it using various 'stitching' software products. He also knows a few tricks which produce very impressive wide view panoramic results from relatively inexpensive equipment.

Come and learn how you could get a wider view of your own world.

Imagine the view of Oxford below and then imagine being able to **move around it**. This is going to be an extremely exciting evening – don't miss it.



Take a look at some of his work beforehand to get some idea of what a treat we are in for. <http://www.chem.ox.ac.uk/oxfordtour/>

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October  
24<sup>th</sup>

Annual  
Print  
Battle

“Towcester beats Olney on Home ground!”

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As in previous years, we will muster our best fighting spirit for a light-hearted evening of rivalry to show Olney Camera Club what we are really made of.

Mr Robert C Wallis from ‘The Hayrack Gallery’ at Old Dairy Farm Craft Centre, Upper Stowe will be judging the top quality prints, 20 from each club, which will be shown to the audience.

On this occasion we are hosting the event and this time it surely must be our turn to triumph! .....Or maybe the opposition is not that friendly?!!

Whether they are friendly or not we will extend a very warm welcome to all members of Olney Camera Club. Come and see what happens.....



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November  
7<sup>th</sup>

Gary  
Shaeffer

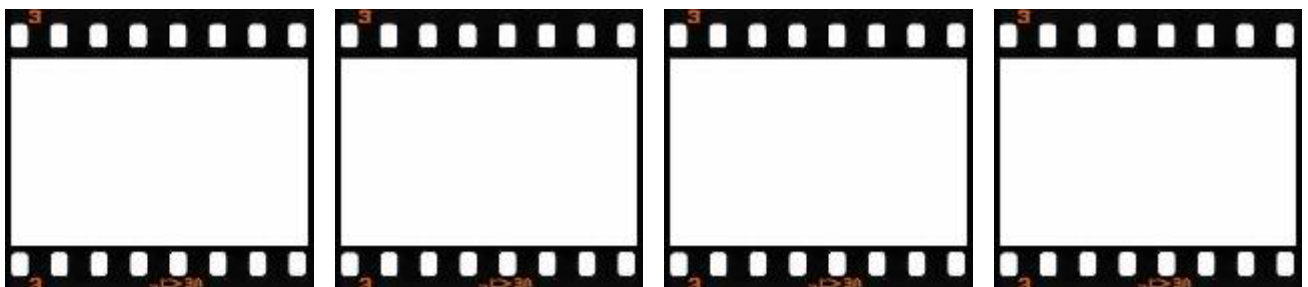
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Photography is a wonderful way of recording history. Many of us use our own photos to remember the people and events which shape our lives. Being able to share these personal records with others gives the viewer a unique insight into the photographer’s mind.



Gary Shaeffer is a Director of POPPERFOTO.COM, the U.K.’s largest & oldest, privately held photographic collection. The collection was established in 1934 and covers 150 years of photographic history. Gary is an extremely entertaining speaker with a very privileged access to some remarkable sets of images as the library holds in excess of 14 million images. This evening he will delight us with a selection of photographs and anecdotes titled “Herbert G. Ponting: Photographer of the Edwardian World & Scott’s Last Voyage to Antarctica”.



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November  
21<sup>st</sup>

Casual  
evening

## Desert Island Dreams

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Imagine that you are alone on a remote desert island (well, why not in the depths of a British November?!)



...But, before you were sent there, you were lucky enough to have time to select just 5 of your own photographs to take with you. Which would you choose and why?

Members are invited to volunteer to bring and share their 5 most treasured photographs and to explain their significance.

Within your 5, one must be 'family' and one must be 'a significant experience'.

Paper tissues will be available if required! Be prepared for an evening of deep soul-searching revelations.

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December  
5<sup>th</sup>

Jack &  
Margaret  
Lee

## RAVE - Rushden Audio Visual Enthusiasts

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An evening of digital audio visual techniques shown by Jack & Margaret Lee of RAVE (Rushden Audio Visual Enthusiasts).

They will show a selection of their group's AVs, together with a demonstration of how to put together the picture and sound parts of an Audio Visual.

Roll up and learn all about a technique which transforms the process of showing your pictures to an audience into all round entertainment.

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December  
19<sup>th</sup>

Casual  
evening

Christmas Past, Christmas Present(s!)  
and Christmas Future

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You may interpret the title however you like.  
Really it's just any old excuse for a party!  
All are very welcome.

Your own photographs make a great and  
original Christmas present or can be made  
into very special Christmas cards. If anyone  
has used photographs in this way it would  
be interesting to see some samples of what  
you came up with and to share ideas and  
resources.



Bring your Christmas themed pictures anyway and we will fill the air with  
constructive comments, all in keeping with the goodwill of the season, while  
we share a few festive nibbles and good cheer.





**URGENTLY WANTED! More flashes of inspiration!**

This is your club and your programme.  
Please send any suggestions, bright ideas or comments regarding future events  
which would be of interest to members to:

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