

Towcester Camera Club



Programme of Events Spring & Summer 2008



Now in its 7th year, Towcester Camera Club is going from strength to strength.

Potential new members are always welcome to come to our club meetings to see what we are about. There is no charge for a first visit. Membership is open to anyone who has an interest in photography; you don't even need to own a camera! We meet every other Wednesday at 7.30 for an 8pm start and finish at about 10pm. Our usual meeting place is the Methodist Hall at Greens Norton but this season, four meetings (marked * below) are being held instead, at Braden Village Hall. (Maps for both venues are on the back page).

*Jan 16	David White	More Photoshop Magic
*Jan 30	Dave Stewart	Prints that please me
*Feb 13	Tim Hulbert	Wanderings in Tanzania & A Perspective on life in another camera club
Feb 27	Casual Evening	Angles on 4 legs & My Best Candid
Mar 12	Danny Green	Wildlife through the Seasons
Mar 26	Paul Howard	Newspaper Work
Apr 9	Casual Evening	Versatility Challenge
Apr 23	Robert C Wallis	Photography from a business point of view. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- How I handle my own photographs- a demonstration of the various processes I use
May 7	Dave Phillips	Demonstration of mounting techniques
May 21	AGM	& Member led Technical Evening
Jun 4	Roger Tapp	A Miscellany with a bias towards landscapes
Jun 18	Casual Evening	I'll show you mine if you'll show me yours
July 2	Technical Evening	A presentation by our own members
*July 16	Gary Schaeffer	The Cooper Collection: Three Generations of Northampton Photographers @1870-1970

Meetings vary from the very informal member participation sessions to demonstrations of some really impressive and technically challenging aspects of modern photography. The club also exhibits members' work locally and we occasionally participate in competitions against other clubs (and we have recently been quite successful!). Sometimes, in addition to the usual meetings, we arrange group outings to potentially photogenic places, although you can never guarantee the weather!

Put simply, our main aim is to help each other to enjoy photography. We have a variety of levels of photographic knowledge within the club; some members are very highly experienced while others are only just starting to learn the basics. Members are usually surprisingly keen to share their work with others though, and all can learn new ways to improve their skills.....perhaps the friendly atmosphere helps.

David is a Photoshop enthusiast and trains people commercially to use Photoshop. He has previously visited the club on several occasions to share some of his incredible depth of knowledge of Photoshop techniques. As we all very well know, you can't ever get too much of a good thing, so we have asked him to come back and tell us some more!



For anybody who has not yet seen David in full flow, believe me you are really in for a treat. He is a proper Photoshop whiz!! He obviously loves what he does and has a remarkable way of making it all look so easy. You'll agree that it is actually easy, once he has shown you what it can do and how to do it! This should be an evening to whet the appetites of those members who wish to attend the Photoshop training sessions that we have planned for early this year.

Dave Stewart has over 30 years of professional photographic experience, initially part time doing portrait sittings, social events, and commercial and school photography. He developed a special interest in extreme action sports photography and has a great love of vintage aircraft. More recently, and now on a full time professional basis, his work is specialising in creative portrait and wedding photography.

With such a wide interest range, his chosen topic 'Prints that please me' could prove to be an extremely varied selection! This, together with Dave's willingness to share details of his techniques, means that there will surely be something for everybody to learn, whatever your own interest may be.



**February Tim Hulbert
13th**

**'Wanderings in Tanzania' &
'A perspective on life in another camera club'**

Last year our club Chairman Tim Hulbert, left us and Northamptonshire, and moved South. I think he must have missed us all so much that he has agreed to return as a speaker! Tim was a very popular leading member of the club for a number of years, I'm sure many of you will enjoy hearing what he has been up to. Having recently taken his camera on an exotic holiday he'd like to share the resulting photographs with us. We'll hear what else he learnt too when he joined his local camera club. Is the grass always greener...?.

**February Casual
27th Evening**

'Angles on 4 legs' and 'My Best Candid's'

This is an opportunity to be as imaginative as you like. Bring in your photographic interpretations of the above titles. Images can be brought in on memory sticks, CDs or as prints. Use all of your skills to produce some interesting pictures. There may be a prize at stake!

**March Danny Green
12th**

'Wildlife through the seasons'

We are privileged to have as our speaker, Danny Green, winner of the Urban & Garden Wildlife category of the Shell Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2007 Competition.



Danny runs his own photography business, specialising in weddings and commercial photography which allows him the time to indulge in his deep passion, wildlife photography. Danny says that, although quality images are more difficult to produce in this country than in exotic locations, he actually prefers working in the UK. He relishes the challenge of producing something different. Part of his secret is detailed understanding of the behaviour of his subject and its natural environment.

This water vole picture took him two years to capture! Come and find out some more secrets behind Danny's stunning photography.

www.dannygreenphotography.com



Paul Howard Photography has been in business since 1983. Paul has undertaken many varied photographic assignments, both freelance and commissions, serving National and Local newspapers as well as public and private organisations of all sizes. He will give us an insight into his interesting career as a press photographer



www.paulhowardphotography.com

**April Casual
9th Evening**

Versatility Challenge

This is always a very popular member participation session. You are invited to submit your photographs based on a list of about 10 set topics. The topics will have been given to you beforehand, with plenty of time for you to produce your photographs. There is always an element of fun involved in this challenge and it is an excellent opportunity for giving and receiving constructive criticism.

**April Robert C.
23rd Wallis**

**'Photography from a business point of view'
'How I handle my own photographs
- a demonstration of the various processes I use'**

Robert C Wallis is the owner of the Hayrack Gallery at the Old Dairy Farm Craft Centre at Upper Stowe. The Gallery is a very impressive showcase for his own work and also has a wide selection of art & craft pieces, which he personally sources from various artists. After initially studying Fine Art, Robert found he preferred the technical processes involved in printmaking and photography. His earliest work combined photography, painting and printmaking in 'mixed-media' pieces. Today, Robert combines elements of traditional techniques and materials with the exciting developments offered through digital processing and printing. His main inspirations are landscape and the environment. He will share with us some of his 25 years experience in the retail trade and will explain what techniques he uses to create a saleable photographic product.



www.hayrackgallery.co.uk

May 7th Dave Phillips Demonstration of mounting techniques using Frameco mount cutter



The club owns a professional and simple to use mount cutter, which is available for all our members to use. It is nothing like the one in this picture; however, we have noticed that some members still appear to be frightened of it!!

We have asked the suppliers of the mount cutter, Frameco if they could provide a demonstration of their cutter in action. Dave Phillips has agreed to come and show us what can be achieved.

Dave is a keen amateur photographer himself who started mounting & framing about 3 years ago. He regularly does exhibitions and demonstrations for Frameco,



He will show basic mount cutting techniques and also some fancy creative cutting for those of you who have gone past the 'frightened of it' stage!

www.clubframeco.com

May 21st AGM & Member-led Technical Session



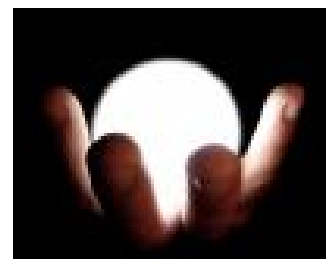
All members are encouraged to come along to the AGM.

It is your club, come and have your say in how things are run.



After the AGM formalities are over, we will move on to a member-led technical session. We do have a tremendous wealth of expertise amongst our members; this will be an ideal opportunity for some of that wisdom to be shared.

I have a couple of people in mind who might be willing to do this, but have yet to ask them, so no names/topics just yet! However, if you would like to share some of your knowledge and you think I might not ask you.....why not come and tell me?!!



**June Roger Tapp
4th**

'A Miscellany with a bias towards landscapes'



Landscapes are a favourite subject for many photographers but often the results achieved can be somewhat disappointing.....

Roger Tapp is very well known as an excellent landscape photographer and he is actively involved in helping enthusiastic photographers to improve their skills.

He will guide us through a selection of his own photographs; both digitally and as prints and we will learn what we can do to make a potentially average picture into something really outstanding.



**June Casual
18th Evening**

'I'll show you mine if you'll show me yours'



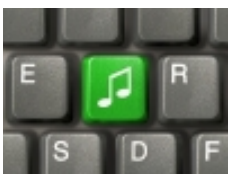
We need volunteers for this one! A few (maybe 4 or 5) members will bring in 5 pictures each. They will have got together the week beforehand and all swapped their pictures so each person has someone else's pictures to judge. The pictures will then be shown with a constructive commentary being given by the person who has had them to judge. It is always an interesting exercise to see somebody else's point of view.

**July Technical
2nd Evening**

Audio Visuals



A demonstration of audio visuals, presented by two of our own extremely talented members.



Learn all about the software, the pictures, the sound, and the techniques....and much, much more.



July Gary
16th Schaeffer

'The Cooper Collection: Three Generations
of Northampton Photographers @1870-1970.'

Back again by overwhelmingly popular request, Gary Schaeffer, Director of Popperfoto.com will show us another fascinating selection of photographs from the UK's largest and oldest privately held photographic collection.

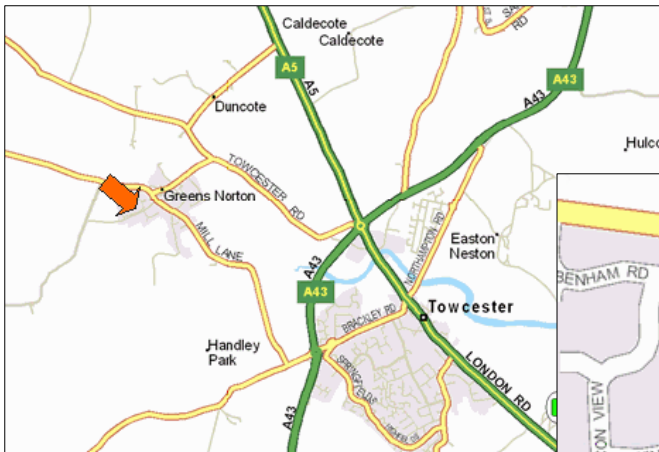


Some of the pictures we'll see are of the old Northampton town and various scenes from around the county, many of which no longer exist.

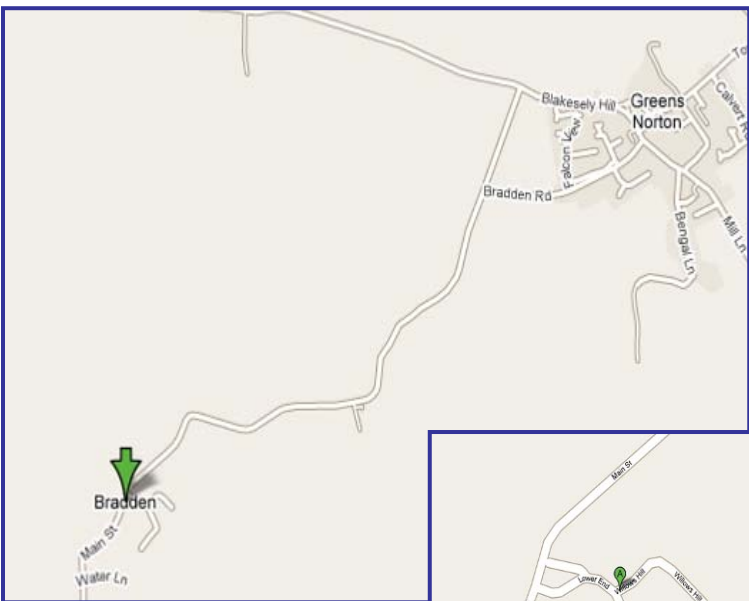
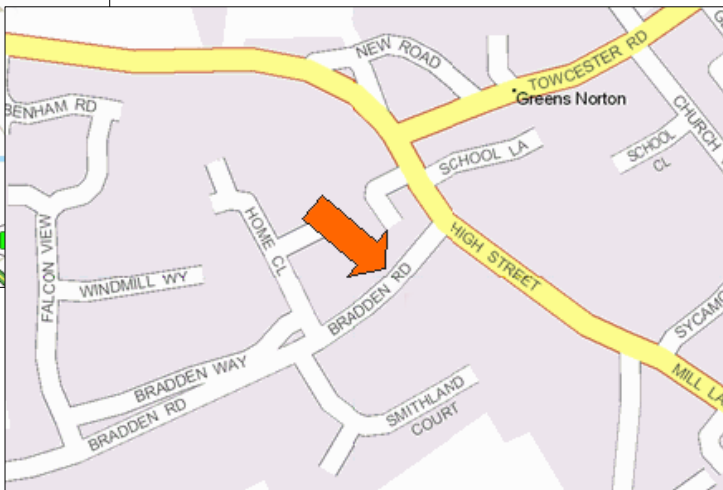
If you missed the Gary Schaeffer evening last season you've got another chance now to witness his unique fact-packed delivery and to see some incredible photographs from the extensive Popperfoto collection. It will certainly be an evening to remember.

www.popperfoto.com

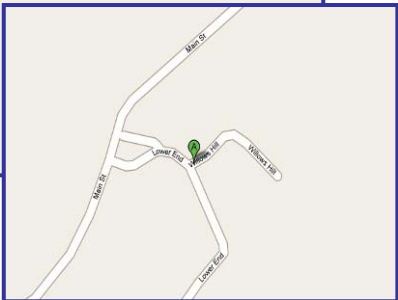
Maps of Our Venues this Season.



Greens Norton Methodist Hall



Bradden Village Hall



**Note: We are at
Bradden Village Hall
Jan 16th, Jan 30th,
Feb 13th & July 16th**



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