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## SEPTEMBER 2011

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**3<sup>rd</sup> (Sat) BLISWORTH** is the destination today. Whether beside the canal or the lanes of the village itself. Meet in the bus station for bus SC 88 at 1.20pm,\*. **SW**

**6<sup>th</sup> (Tue) MICROSCOPE TOPICS, BRING, SHOW & TELL** Have you any interesting samples, unusual slides or pieces of equipment you can bring and share with the group? If so do come along to this, our first meeting of the season. New members and beginners welcome. **MIC**

**7<sup>th</sup> (Wed) THE 2010 PAGB PRINT AND PROJECTED IMAGE EXHIBITIONS** An opportunity to see and appreciate the images submitted to this national competition and exhibition. 8.00pm start **PHO**

**8<sup>th</sup> (Thu) MUSHROOMS, TOADSTOOLS AND FUNGI** by Seán Karley. Expert botanist Seán will give an illustrated and informative presentation on these mycological wonders. 2.30pm start **GEN**

**10<sup>th</sup> (Sat) HARPOLE SCARECROW FESTIVAL** is the walk today. Meet in the bus station for bus SC D3 at 11.03am,\*. Take a picnic or sample the village's fare. **SW**

**11<sup>th</sup> (Sun) WEATHER WORKSHOP** We will discuss the weather events and trends of the last month, and look forward to next month's weather. 2.30pm start. **MET**

**12<sup>th</sup> (Mon) TELESCOPIC TOPICS** Section members can showcase their interests and results. With a chance to discuss observations, events and theories over a cup of tea and biscuits. Guests welcome. **AST**

**14<sup>th</sup> (Wed) OPEN HOUSE** The rooms will be open for members and guests to study the literature and exhibits. Tea, coffee, and biscuits available. 10.30am to 2.30pm

**14<sup>th</sup> (Wed) SET SUBJECT COMPETITION "REFLECTIONS"** A themed competition for three projected digital images and/or prints. 8.00pm start **PHO**

**15<sup>th</sup> (Thu) THAT IS HEAVY! OR DO I MEAN DENSE?** How to measure the density of rocks and minerals, fossils, coins, whisky, and anything else. (Well, almost anything else.) This is mainly a practical evening; please bring something you would like to measure. By Seán Karley. We will also consider the programme for 2012. **GEO**

**17<sup>th</sup> (Sat) The village of OLNEY and/or EMBERTON COUNTRY PARK** is the venue today. Bring a picnic if fine or refreshments area available at Olney. Meet in the bus station for bus SC 41 at 10.30am,\*. **SW**

**21<sup>st</sup> (Wed) OF MUD, THIGHS AND MEN WITH FUNNY SHAPED BALLS - A PITCHSIDE VIEW OF SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY** by Claire Jones. Claire is the club photographer at Northampton Saints Rugby Club.

In this talk, Claire will share some of her favourite photos and give some insight what it is like to work and compete with some of the most skilled sports photographers in the world. 8.00pm start **PHO**

**24<sup>th</sup> (Sat) A walk from RECTORY FARM TO GREAT BILLING** this Saturday. No tea stop on this walk so bring a drink. Meet in bus station for bus FN 2 at 1.28pm,\*. **SW**

**26<sup>th</sup> (Mon) A FIRE IN THE SKY** by Andy Lound. Andy needs no introduction. Join us for another of his famous dramatic lectures on the Tunguska explosion of 1908. **AST**

**27<sup>th</sup> (Tue) VICTORIAN & EDWARDIAN CONTAINERS** by Nigel Stokes. Nigel describes the development of glass and ceramic containers and closures, vital for the growth in transport and storage of drinks and foodstuffs, illustrated with examples from his extensive collection. **ARC**

**28<sup>th</sup> (Wed) UNDERWOOD CUP** Pictorial image competition for three projected images, digital and/or slide. Round 1 of 3 8.00pm start **PHO**

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## OCTOBER 2011

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**1<sup>st</sup> (Sat)** Today we meet up with members of the **MILTON MALSOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY** who will give us a guided tour around their village. Meet in the bus station for bus SC 88 at 1.20pm,\*. Refreshments available. **SW**

**3<sup>rd</sup> (Mon) CURATION GROUP** We will be curating our Sands Collection. This collection was started by Gordon Osborne, and is thought to be the largest collection of sands in private hands in the world. 10.30am to 12.30pm

**3<sup>rd</sup> (Mon) PHOTOGRAPHIC PRACTICAL EVENING** Informal meeting, see 12<sup>th</sup> October for details 8.00pm **PHO**

**4<sup>th</sup> (Tue) MY FAVOURITE MICROSCOPE** Mike Gibson will present an illustrated talk delving into the background and history behind the development of the renowned Russian-built "Lomo Biolam" range of microscopes and accessories. We will also have an opportunity to look at and use several of these microscopes. **MIC**

**5<sup>th</sup> (Wed) PHOTOGRAPHING EAST AFRICAN MIGRATIONS** by Geoff Eison. The annual Wildebeest migration from the Serengeti to the Maasai Mara is an amazing spectacle. In this talk, Geoff portrays the journey and dangers faced by the wildebeest - and his strategy for capturing the migration in still images. 8.00pm start **PHO**

**6<sup>th</sup> (Thu) MEMORIES OF SUMMER** Seen any interesting or strange plants over the last year? Bring in a few pictures (any format) for identification etc. We will also plan our section's programme for 2012. **BOT**

**8<sup>th</sup> (Sat)** The route today is **ARBOURS TO WESTON FAVELL CENTRE** Meet in the bus Station for bus SC 16 at 1.20pm,\*. Tea at the Weston Favell Centre. **SW**

**9<sup>th</sup> (Sun) WEATHER WORKSHOP** See 11<sup>th</sup> September.

**10<sup>th</sup> (Mon) MARS** by Dr Richard McKim. Dr. McKim is the BAA Mars Section Director. He will bring us up to date with the latest observation of Mars and how best to observe the upcoming apparition of the planet. **AST**

**12<sup>th</sup> (Wed) OPEN HOUSE** see 14<sup>th</sup> September

**12<sup>th</sup> (Wed) PHOTOGRAPHIC PRACTICAL EVENING** An informal practical evening where you decide the agenda at the meeting, using our studio flash kit, guidance in Photoshop or bring your own laptop or camera etc, if you have specific queries. Also Badby challenge at Dunchurch Photographic Society. 8.00pm start **PHO**

**13<sup>th</sup> (Thu) THE GREAT BLIZZARD OF 1891** Memories of the severest storm to hit the West Country in over 100 years, plus **METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE WEATHER FORECASTS IN THE 1930S**. 2.30pm start **GEN**

**15<sup>th</sup> (Sat) RUGBY** is our destination. We will have lunch in the town before walking to Caldecott Park where we can attempt to identify some of the 300 trees planted there. Meet in the bus station for bus SC 96 at 10.45am,\*. **SW**

**17<sup>th</sup> (Mon) CURATION GROUP** see 3<sup>rd</sup> October

**19<sup>th</sup> (Wed) WHAT THE JUDGE LOOKS FOR** by Brian Pere. Ever wondered why certain pictures win and yours do not? Brian will guide us through the reasons some pictures do better than others, covering composition, exposure, lighting and presentation. 8.00pm start **PHO**

**20<sup>th</sup> (Thu) REGIONALLY IMPORTANT GEOLOGICAL SITES** by Dr. Diana Sutherland who will talk to us about the work of the local RIGS Group. **GEO**

**22<sup>nd</sup> (Sat)** A new venue today is **WALGRAVE**, where we can view the site of the Medieval manor. Meet in the bus station for bus SC 39 at 1.30pm,\*. **SW**

**25<sup>th</sup> (Tue) CANAL WOMEN AT WAR – IDLE OR OTHERWISE** by Tim Coghlan, Managing Director of Civic Trust Award winning Braunston Marina and regular magazine contributor, describes the lives of the "Idle Women" who worked the canals during WW2. **ARC**

**26<sup>th</sup> (Wed) PRINT COMPETITIONS** Monochrome General and Monochrome Portrait competitions. Jubilee Cup, colour print competition, and tinted monochrome prints. Round 1 of 3 8.00pm start **PHO**

**29<sup>th</sup> (Sat) BEDFORD** is in our sights today: lunch in the town or have a picnic beside the river if it is warm enough. Meet in the bus Station for bus SC 41 at 10.30am,\*. **SW**

**31<sup>st</sup> (Mon) CURATION GROUP** see 3<sup>rd</sup> October

**31<sup>st</sup> (Mon) METEORITES** by Dr Victoria Pearson. Dr Pearson is a lecturer in Analytical Sciences at the Open University and will bring us the latest developments in the field of meteorites. **AST**