

Photographic Group Meets 2017

Meets provide both a social and educational opportunity for members. All members are encouraged to attend whatever their photographic experience or skills. A friendly welcome awaits all-comers. For the future we seek to provide a balance of UK locations together with both minimal and full facility opportunities at a sensible cost.

Organising a meet

The future success of the PG meets programme relies significantly on willing volunteer members. There are rarely sufficient volunteer Stewards to meet demand and to provide a contingency for last minute changes. Throughout 2017 at each meet a series of Steward training sessions are planned. These are intended as a refresher for established volunteers, an introduction for new volunteers and as a taster for potential volunteers. **Reserve a place** at one of these sessions by emailing meets@photogroup.co.uk.

Booking requirements

Some meets are booking **essential** (i.e. if a booking is not made and confirmed with meets@photogroup.co.uk there is every possibility that there will be no pitch available for you on arrival). Please note there will always be a notified “**booking closed**” date that has previously been agreed with the land owner.

Others are booking **optional**. It is however very useful for planning and organisation purposes to know in advance how many units are attending. Members are therefore encouraged to advise meets@photogroup.co.uk of their attendance as far as possible **in advance**.

There is an optional **booking form** available on the website that also details EHU allocation policy when availability is restricted.

Member's fees for meets

The published per unit night fees are what members are required to pay in order to ensure that the Meet breaks even with income against expenses.

Visitors to Meets are allowed with prior agreement of Stewards. Should visitors (including members attending from nearby sites) wish to join in the Meet activities they are welcome to do so at £1 per person per day.

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Annual Exhibition	24– 29 August 2017	
Village Hall, Castle Hill Lane, Brailes, OX15 5AS http://brailesvillage.co.uk/?page_id=165 Sat Nav. Co-ordinates: Long. 54.100 Lat. -2.285 Grid reference: 430,239		
See home page of www.photogroup.co.uk for Exhibition overview. Visit “Downloads” page for rules and entry form. Spacious modern hall with kitchen, showers and toilets. Annual exhibition where all o Members can take part in the various entry classes, with all entries being appraised by an independent qualified judge. Nearby is Shipston-on-Stour with its famous Cotswold Distillery and Whichford Pottery plus the Patriot Brewery. Stratford upon Avon approx. 30 minutes drive. A chance to explore the Cotswolds.		
Grass only pitches £12 pun	EHU £15.00 pun (Limited number)	
Showers in pavilion 50p		
Stewards: Mick & Sandra Harding, Alan & Liz Howland, John & Pat Perkins.		

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Settle (Rodney's 80th Birthday)	21– 26 September 2017
<p>Knight Stainforth Camping & Caravan Park, Little Stainforth. BD24 0DP www.knightstainforth.co.uk</p> <p>Sat Nav. Coordinates: Long. 52.053 Lat. -1.552</p> <p>Grid reference: 381,467</p>	
<p>We will spend time in a beautiful part of Yorkshire where Helen and Rodney have experienced many enjoyable stays in previous years. Set in the Yorkshire Dales National Park, the park stands on the 45 acre estate, just 2 miles north of the market town of Settle and nestled on the banks of the River Ribble [where salmon are reputed to leap up the triple falls], a manor house dating back to pre-Norman times, which belonged to the Knights Templar. The park is not only ideally situated for exploring the Dales but is also within easy travelling distance of the Lakes and Herriot Country. We hope to celebrate Rodney's 80th birthday one night in a meal.</p> <p>Important Directions from Site website to avoid narrow lanes and impassable narrow bridge:</p> <p><i>Make your way to Settle via the A65.</i></p> <p><i>From the North... leave the A65 at the first junction signposted for Settle. On entering Giggleswick,. Turn left before Settle Swimming Pool, onto Stackhouse Lane, the site is 2 miles along this road.</i></p> <p><i>From the South... leave the A65 at the first roundabout signposted for Settle. Continue through Settle, ignoring the turn-off to the right signed Stainforth & Horton. Approximately 250 yards after the bridge take the next right into Stackhouse Lane, signposted for Knight Stainforth.</i></p> <p>If you use Google Maps, Route Planners or Sat Navs to help you plan your route please be sure to <u>follow the detailed written directions above</u>, once you leave the A65, to avoid narrow roads which are unsuitable for caravans and large mobile homes.</p>	
Grass only pitches £14 pun	EHU £18.00 pun
Modern toilet and shower block with showers, laundry and pot washing facilities	
Stewards: Helen & Rodney Smith, David & Dorothy Morland	

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NB SITE CHANGED FROM 11 May 17

Blackmore Wolverley	19– 24 October 2017	
Booking essential – Bookings closes midnight 2 October 2017		
C&CC Site No. 2 Hanley Swan WR8 0EE Lat: 52.094 Long -2.2758		
<p>Blackmore Club campsite enjoys a peaceful setting in the Worcestershire countryside with stunning views across to the Malvern Hills. It combines plenty of green open space with more sheltered pitches around the site perimeter. As well as clean, modern toilet blocks, the excellent on site facilities include a recreation room with pool table, dog walk and children's play area.</p> <p>One of the appeals of this award-winning site is its proximity to the Malvern Hills – an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – which offers fantastic walking and cycling opportunities on over 100 miles of paths and bridleways. In fact, so popular is the area for walking, it hosts a nine-day walking festival. If you prefer walks of the not so challenging type, the pretty village of Hanley Swan, with a choice of two pubs, is just a mile's stroll from the site.</p> <p>If you want to travel a bit further afield but leave your vehicle behind, there's a bus stop just outside the site with an hourly service to Malvern, Upton and Worcester.</p>		
HS pitches £ 9 pun	EHU £13 pun	
All hardstanding with use of Recreation Room during day. Open in evening to all campers.		
Stewards: Ken Owen plus Mick & Sandra Harding.		

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Advance notice 2018 Meets **(subject to change)**

Opening meet Alton, The Star C&CC Site	15 – 20 March 2018	<i>Council meeting</i>
Bramblewood Caravan Park Whitchurch	5 – 10 April 2018	
AGM & Festival Meet	24 – 29 May 2018	Welbourn Village Hall (Confirmed) <i>Council meeting</i>
TBC	June 2018	
TBC	July 2018	
Exhibition Meet	23 – 28 August 2018	Ruddle Centre (Provisional) <i>Council meeting</i>
East End Campsite Garton on the Wold	13 – 18 September 2018	
End of season Meet	October 2018	<i>Council meeting</i>