

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 PG Council is currently reviewing policy and considerations necessary for setting members fees. Keep an eye on the website and emails going forward.

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Oswestry 16 – 21 March 2017 – Meet report in preparation

Bakewell 20 – 25 April 2017 – Fully booked

AGM and Festival Meet	25 – 30 May 2017	
Bromsberrow Village Hall, Allbright Lane R8 1RU www.bromsberrowvillagehall.weebly.com		
See www.photogroup.co.uk Home page for programme.		
Grass only pitches £9.50 pun	EHU (6 only) £14.50 pun	Both plus £1pppn
All refuse to be taken home.		
Stewards: Alan & Liz Howland plus Mick & Sandra Harding		

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Lyndon Top	22 – 27 June 2017	
Lyndon Road Rutland LE15 8RN		
<p>This is a popular and extensive grass site overlooking the shores of one of Europe's largest beautiful man-made lakes, Rutland Water. Rainbow and brown trout abound with Fishing Lodge giving tuition and courses. The Nature Reserve covers 350 acres plus a good bird watching centre. There is a 21 mile cycle track [can hire bikes], Butterfly and Aquatic Centre. The Rutland Belle gives pleasure cruises on the lake. Expect a welcoming reception from Arthur and Maddie with assurances of an enjoyable Meet. The site is located on the right of the access road to the Osprey Centre (a CL precedes it on the left). We are advised that the adjacent Golf Club Café (in walking distance) provides breakfasts, lunches and afternoon teas for non-members and that a local Indian takeaway will deliver to site. There is also a reputable fish and chip shop just 5 miles away.</p>		
Grass only pitches £9.00pun	EHU -none	
No Toilets or Showers. For tent campers and camper vans without own sanitation there is a small toilet block with coded lock). Plenty of stand pipes for drinking water and two chemical disposal points.		
Stewards: Ray & Pauline Milnthorpe		

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River Laver	20 – 25 July 2017	
River Laver Holiday Park, Studley Road, HG4 2QR www.riverlaver.co.uk		
<p>We have a large rally field with easy riverside walks from the site and into Studley or Ripon. Ample electric hook-ups (10amp) but no toilets or showers as we are on the rally field not the holiday park. Rubbish to be taken away (we will do a rubbish disposal run half-way through the meet).</p> <p>The small city of Ripon is 1 mile level walk from the site and has many attractions including its beautiful cathedral which is floodlit at night. Ripon also has 3 museums (The Workhouse, the Police Museum and the Court House) and a canal which has the distinction of being the most northerly point on the British canal network. Every night at 9pm the Hornblower is available for photographs and chat in the market place.</p> <p>Fountains Abbey is very close at hand and its adjoining parkland of Studley Royal is within easy walk of the rally field. David Morland has offered to conduct a guided walk through the park to photograph the famous seven bridges. Jervaulx Abbey, famous for its wild flowers, is an easy drive away. Other nearby attractions include Brimham Rocks, Newby Hall, and the nearby spar town of Harrogate.</p> <p>The dates of our rally coincide with the 1940's weekend at Leyburn – about 30 minutes drive away. This is one of the lesser known re-enactment venues and so much less crowded than some others; you will be able to move around and take photographs in comfort, especially in the mornings. Parking is also usually easy. We have tried to arrange a programme to suit all tastes. We have 2 speakers booked using the local village hall. On Friday evening, local photographer John Elvin is presenting his unique experiences at Fountains Abbey. On Saturday we play host to Jed Wee, a professional photographer who is gaining a great reputation amongst camera clubs in the North east. His presentation – Camera Electica – is an impressive tour through many of the main genre of photography from sport to landscape and from portraits to night shots. I've seen it; I heartily recommend it. On one of the evenings David is planning to bring along a moth trap – possibly accompanied by a moth expert if available. That should be one for the macro fans.</p>		
Grass only pitches £11.50 pun	EHU £16.50 pun	
<p>Sorry site not suitable for tents and strictly NO GROUNDSHEETS.</p> <p>Drinking water and chemical disposal with no access to toilets/showers. All refuse to be taken home. Can use laundry. Basic shop and Calor gas.</p> <p>10 amp power EHU</p> <p>Advance booking advisable: meets@photogroup.co.uk</p>		

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Stewards: Christine Whitehead, David & Dorothy Morland

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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		
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: Urgently required to assist Mick & Sandra Harding.		

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Settle (Rodney's 80th Birthday)	21– 26 September 2017	
Knight Stainforth Camping & Caravan Park, Little Stainforth. BD24 0DP www.knightstainforth.co.uk		
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 80 th birthday one night in a meal.		
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

AGM & Festival Meet	24 – 29 May 2018	Welbourn Village Hall (Confirmed)
Exhibition Meet	23 – 28 August 2018	Ruddle Centre (Provisional)