



## Newsletter

April 2013

### Arne Field Trip

Several members went to the Arne Nature Reserve near Corfe Castle for a photofest courtesy of Karen Sanders' wonderful organization. Although the weather was not very conducive to creative photography the trip was well enjoyed and I am sure one or two "super shots" will appear soon.



### Porth Nanven

Just in case anyone is thinking of going to Porth Nanven to take pics of the stones on the beach we thought we should let you know that Alan Stone has been recently and the whole beach is covered in seaweed, making it almost unrecognisable - maybe a good reason to go - or not!

**Introductory  
Offer £149**

## Reptiles and Raptors Photography Weekend

**Normal Price  
£399**



*Places limited.  
Book now!  
18th / 19th May 2013  
Reptiles and Raptors  
on Dartmoor*

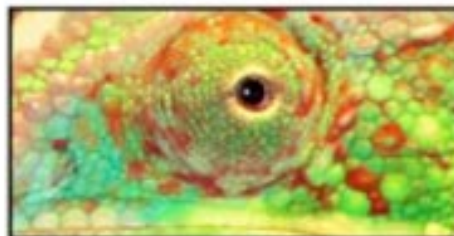
#### ACCOMMODATION

- En-suite bedrooms
- Coffees / teas, light lunch both days & breakfast on Sunday included.
- All hotel facilities including indoor heated swimming pool, 10 acres of grounds and health club

Based at the [Tisington Country House Hotel](#), near Haytor Rocks on Dartmoor this 2 day experience will allow people who love photography the opportunity to get up close to a range of reptiles and birds of prey in glorious surroundings.

These experiences are suitable for everyone who loves photography, whether a beginner or more advanced. Numbers are restricted to 7 participants to ensure you get the most out of your time.

A professional photographer will be on hand throughout the weekend and an experienced falconer and reptile handler will be available to create the opportunity for the best action or close-up shots.



*To book your place email:  
[enquiry@dartmoorreptiles.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@dartmoorreptiles.co.uk)  
07779 999562*

## Coming Photo Opportunities

### Main Line Steam Tours 2013

Listing of all main line steam excursions.

Main Site: <http://uksteam.info/tours/trs13.htm>

### Airshow Calendar 2013

Main Site: <http://www.airshows.org.uk/calendar.html>

## Local events & dates

- 13 June - RNAS Yeovilton
- 24 June - RNAS Culdrose Air Day - Helston, Cornwall
- 20/21 July - Royal International Air Tattoo 2013 - RAF Fairford, Gloucestershire - The world's biggest military airshow attracting participants from all corners of the globe for over eight hours of flying and extensive static displays.
- 17/18 August - Wings & Wheels - Dunkeswell
- 24 August - Dawlish Airshow
- 29 August/1st September- Bournemouth Air Festival - Bournemouth Seafront

## A Message from Force (if you wanted a change from Photography).....

Entry is now open for the FORCE Events at Powderham Castle taking place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2013. We are delighted to advise that prices will remain the same as last year:

### **RUNNING**

£10 for the 10k multi-terrain run

£5 for the 5k multi-terrain run

£10 for the field family run (2 adults and up to 4 children; £2 per additional child)

[www.forcecancercharity.co.uk/fundraising-and-events/force-and-francis-clark-10k-5k-family-runs-2013](http://www.forcecancercharity.co.uk/fundraising-and-events/force-and-francis-clark-10k-5k-family-runs-2013)

### **MOUNTAIN BIKE**

£10 for the 10k mountain bike ride

£5 for the new 5k mountain bike ride

<http://forcecancercharity.co.uk/fundraising-and-events/force-and-gilbert-stephens-mountain-bike-ride-2013>

Sign up today; and **please** tell all your friends about it – join in the fun once more!

All serious runners, fun runners and fancy dress runners wanted... This year there will be prizes for:

- Most sponsorship monies raised (by 30 September 2013) - across all events
- Best Fancy Dress - male / female - in the 10k or 5k run
- Best Fancy Dress - boy / girl - in the family run

We look forward to seeing you all again on the day.

## **..... and again from Force**

.....that time of year is once again looming near when we have the FORCE bike ride. This year the date is Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>.

It would be wonderful, as usual, if we could possibly ask your members to consider supporting the event with some photography?

I think that ideally it would be great to have people positioned as follows:

- Topsham Rugby Club – 7:30am to 8:30am
- Bickleigh Mill / Trout pub area – 8:30am to 9am
- Photos between Dulverton and top of Comers Gate – some village shots with cyclists coming through Dulverton as well as top of Exmoor would be nice – 10am to midday
- South Molton Honey Farm stop – we can ask our marshalls to take photos there
- Morchard Road –a corporate is supporting this stop this year and has talked about bringing their photographer with them...

Thank you so much and I look forward to hearing if anyone is available

If you are interested in this project let Sarah know at:-

[Sarah Daniels – MinstF\(Cert\)](#)

[Fund-raising Manager](#)

[FORCE Cancer Charity](#)

[Corner House](#)

[Barrack Road](#)

[Exeter EX2 5DW](#)

[Phone: 01392 402875](#)

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[Registered Charity Number: 1140676](#)

## **.... and if you are interested in the history of photography**

There will be an illustrated talk by Dr. James Ryan of Exeter University talking on photography & exploration from Victorian times to modern day space missions, showing how these photos have been both for scientific research & art. It will take place on 9th May 2013, 7.30pm, Lypstone Village Hall, £3 open to all.

## Thursday Evenings in the summer.

At the end of this month we shall end the formal part of our annual programme but, as the old hands will know, we will have regular informal outings through the summer. Bryan Radford is co-ordinating our outings and already has the following on his list. There are some all day outings and regular Thursday evening outings. So far the following have been organised:-

### Thursday Evenings:

13 June	Bryan Radford and Mehran Ellis	Otter and Butterfly Farm
20 June	Bryan Radford and Mehran Ellis	Otter and Butterfly Farm
4 July	Di Pell and Jane White	Shaldon <b>or</b> Dartington Gardens
18 July	Brian Rees	Bicton Gardens (Queen Tribute Band)
1 August	Jenny Phillips	Cathedral Roof <b>or</b> Teignmouth (Mackerel Fishing)
15 August	Richard Sercome	? Venue
29 August	Ted Traer	Killerton Gardens <b>or</b> The Watermill

### Weekends

Saturday 1 June	Brian Rees	Abbotsbury Swannery
Saturday 15 June	Kelvin Cude	Round Robin (Paignton, Totnes, Dartmouth)
Saturday 29 June or Sunday 30 June	David Snowden	North Devon <b>or</b> North Cornwall
Saturday 13 July	Bryan Radford	South Hams - ending with a Barbecue at Caravan
Saturday 27 July or Sunday 28 July	Adrian Harris	? Venue
Saturday 10 August or Sunday 11 August	<b>Volunteer Required</b>	Suggestion - RHS Rosemoor
Saturday 24 August or Sunday 25 August	<b>Volunteer Required</b>	Suggestion - Fairground Heritage Museum

As you can see there are several gaps so if you feel you have a good idea get in touch with Bryan at Bryan Radford [bryan.radford.t21@btinternet.com](mailto:bryan.radford.t21@btinternet.com)

## Abbotsbury Swannery – Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>

This trip has been timed to coincide with the hatching of the cygnets which takes place from mid May to mid June. If at least ten people are interested in this trip we can get a group rate of £12 per person which entitles entry to the Swannery and the Tropical Gardens. Otherwise a “passport” ticket for all three sites (Swannery, Gardens and Children’s Farm) is available for £15 (£14 for seniors). Please contact me, Brian Rees, if you are interested in this trip [brianjrees@me.com](mailto:brianjrees@me.com)

## Exeter Camera Club - Dropbox



### (With thanks to John Baker)

As announced at a recent club meeting it has been decided that the club will re-introduce a Dropbox facility for members. Dropbox is a highly flexible piece of very useful software, in summary it allows you to:

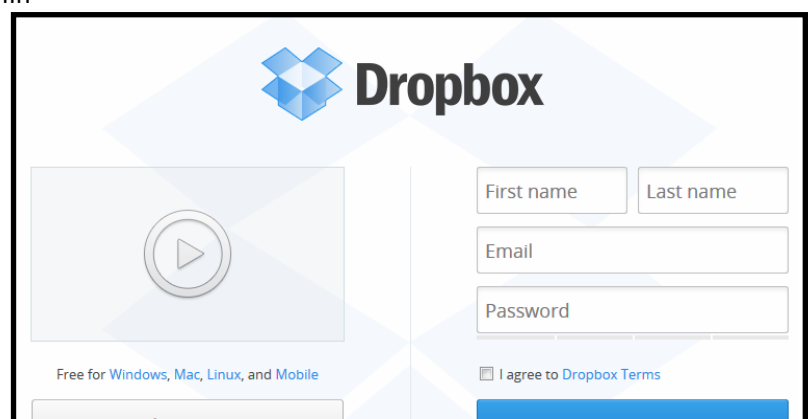
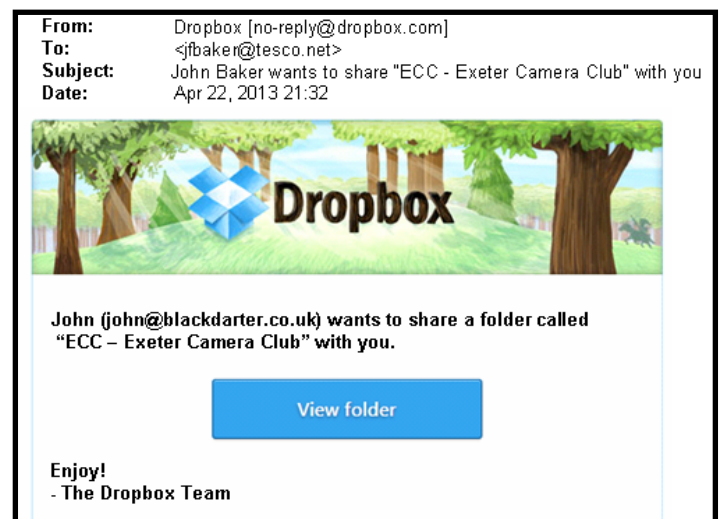
- Easily share files with selected friends.
- It also allows file sharing and synchronising between your own devices (laptop, desktop, tablet and mobile phones) and even works across different systems (Windows, Mac, Android and Linux) - simply add an item to a folder on one device and it will appear on all.
- Simple drag and drop interface makes it very easy to add, update and remove files.
- Multiple folders can be created, used privately, shared with single or multiple users or made open to all.
- Folders can be accessed directly from any internet ready device by simply visiting <http://www.dropbox.com>

**Installation and setting up** - all club members will shortly receive an email invitation to join Dropbox and allow access to the ECC Folder, once the email has been received there are several options:

- If you already have Dropbox installed, simply accept the invitation and the new folder will be added to your shared Dropbox folders.
- New users can either simply create an account (sign up), this is good if you only want to access via the website. The other option is to download the software, this gives access to a local Dropbox folder and provides notifications when files are amended within your Dropbox folders.

**Dropbox Etiquette** - using the Dropbox system is very simple, however, there are a number of things you need to be aware of:

Installation of the software gives you access to 2gb of "free" space. Inviting new Dropbox users to share your folders gives



you additional "free" space up to a maximum of 18gb.

- Please try to keep your files small and to the "club standard" - e.g. for pictures, keep the pixels on the longest side = Landscape 1,400px or Portrait 1,050 px. JPGs work and share well, wherever possible try to avoid using larger file formats such as TIFF or RAW.
- When posting files please add your name, this can help to identify your work. (e.g. "**fred\_smith\_lyme\_regis\_dsc000239.jpg**").
- "Copy, Move and Delete" - when you first start using the system be very careful when moving files - when you put information into Dropbox the system will normally "move" the file e.g. going from a laptop to Dropbox, the file will be **removed** from your laptop and moved into the Dropbox folder. Deleting Dropbox files will permanently delete files across all your devices and shared folders. Therefore try to remember to "Copy" files, this will keep a copy on both your local device and in the Dropbox.
- File formats, most picture formats and PDFs share very well across systems. Unfortunately there can be problems when working with Microsoft Word files, notably between Mac and Windows systems.
- Once Dropbox is installed and you join a shared folder, it may take a while to download all the files - you can see your progress in your Dropbox folder, a "Blue Circle" icon shows files are being transferred, a "Green Tick" shows that all files are synced and a "Red Cross" shows an inconsistent connection, e.g. when you are using a removable hard drive.
- Think before you share Dropbox between your devices, while the software is free, sharing a folder with your mobile can be extremely useful, but be careful, especially where you have to pay for your data - lots of files can be large and take time to synchronise, this usage may be outside of your normal mobile contract and may be charged!



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Western Counties Photographic Federation

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