**Annual Exhibition 2017**

**Special Pre-Exhibition Club meeting, Thursday 27 July,** **7.30pm at Tangmere**

This is a final reminder that all Members are invited to this meeting, which is to discuss final arrangements for the Annual Exhibition and to issue Certificates of Acceptance and Certificates of Merit.

This will also be the last opportunity for Members to vote for ‘Best or Most Improved Photographer’ (Coath Cup) and for the person who has given outstanding ‘Services to the Club’ (Edmunds Cup) throughout the 2016/17 season.

Cup and Trophy winners will receive their Certificates at the Preview Meeting in the Assembly Room on 4 August (7.00pm for 7.30pm). If you are a cup/trophy winner, but unable to attend on 4 August, it would be a great help if you could let me know and arrange for someone to collect your award on your behalf.

 **Volunteers for Stewarding and Kitchen**

It is just over 2 weeks to the start of the Annual Exhibition. I am very grateful to all members who have already volunteered for stewarding and kitchen duties and the response to my recent email for more volunteers has been encouraging.  However,to ensure the Exhibition is fully staffed **there are still 14 stewarding slots that remain to be filled**. So, this is an urgent plea for more members to come forward to support the Annual Exhibition and make it a success.

 Sessions cover a maximum of 90 minutes. Key tasks for stewarding include selling the Exhibition catalogue (£1 per copy), providing a ‘meet and greet’ service to visitors and answering questions about Club activities. The Exhibition is our annual showcase and is also our main source of recruitment of new members, so it is important that the Club presents itself in the best possible way.

In addition to 3 stewards, we need one volunteer per session to sell tea/coffee and cakes. Income from catalogue and kitchen sales will make an important contribution to covering the costs of staging the Annual Exhibition. Mike Hancock has volunteered to organise the daily tea, coffee and cake supplies, but **we still need 20 more volunteers for the kitchen** to ensure the kitchen can remain open every Exhibition day, so please do sign up to help.

I would like to have the Stewarding and Kitchen Rota fully completed by the date of the pre- exhibition meeting. The Exhibition rota is attached, so please let me know which of the vacant and under-staffed sessions you are able to cover **by** **Monday 24thJuly.** Please contact Wojtek on: wzb@me.com

**Helpers for the Buffet on 4 August**

Sheila Tester has, once again, very kindly agreed to co-ordinate the refreshments on the Exhibition Preview Evening on 4thAugust to which all Club members, partners and external guests are invited. Sheila still needs **3 more volunteers** to help her set up tables, arrange food and help with clearing up afterwards. She would like members to bring with them at the Preview Meeting on 4 August 'finger food', including savoury and sweet dishes. Food can be shop purchased, or if you would like to prepare and cook something at home that would be very welcome. The other option would be a small monetary donation to Sheila at the Club meeting on 27 July and she will buy something on your behalf. We usually have a wonderful selection of food from you all and our guests are always impressed with our hospitality.

Please contact Sheila direct on: sheilatester50@googlemail.com

**The Raffle**

Finally, Carmel Lynch has very kindly agreed to organise the raffle on 4 August. The raffle is another important source of income to help us cover costs. Donations of good quality prizes for the raffle would be very much appreciated (bottles of wine are particularly popular). Carmel would be grateful to receive raffle contributions at our meeting on 27 July, or by 7.00pm on the 4 August.

Wojtek Boden

Annual Exhibition Secretary