

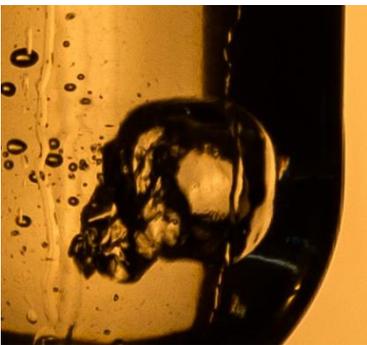


HIGHLIGHT – Newsletter of the Alton Camera Club

December 2018

“Practical Alchemy” evening – based on Gavin Hoey’s talk

This proved very popular and thanks again to all who participated but especially to Geoff for organising it. There will be another practical evening on the 20th February where we’ll be doing studio portraiture. *Pix below are from: David Quick, Barry Clark, Graham Dewey, Dave Hedley.*



Upcoming Programme

Wednesday 5th: High Dynamic Range (HDR) Processing

Speaker: Roger Crocombe ARPS

A welcome return for Roger who will give us all the ins and outs of merging multiple images to expand the light gathering range of our cameras.

12th: SCPF Print League, Division 4

Judge: Alison Cawley ARPS EFIAP DPAGB BPE1*

Expect an evening with a wide variety of excellent images. There’ll be 64 prints from clubs in the Southern Counties region. Alton CC versus Andover CC, Blandford CC, Boscombe CC, Burghfield CC, Hungerford CC, Locksheath & Sarisbury CC, Petersfield PS.

19th: Safari Results, Penrith & District CC Images & Social Evening

Results of the Safari treasure hunt in May and judging of Penrith & District Camera Club's images. There will be mince pies in place of the usual biscuits. If you brought family along to the Safari you can also bring them along to see everyone's images and find out who the winners are.

26th December and 2nd January: Christmas and New Year break - No meetings

The first meeting of next year will be the PDI competitions.

PDI Challenge: 'Christmas'

A rather apt subject for the time of year, the second PDI challenge subject of 'Christmas' was drawn out of the 'hat' by the Chairman last Wednesday.

Once again, it came from a suggestion by Sue Snelson. Images will be judged by Caroline Colgate on the 9th of January.



Field trips

On Sunday 18th November there was a great turn out at King's Pond from beginners to experienced photographers. Members were lucky with the weather which was bright and sunny. Members said they all thoroughly enjoyed it. (Pix: Jed)



Next trip - Sunday 2nd December - Winchester Christmas Market: One of the best Christmas Markets in Europe because of its unique location, high-quality exhibitors and bustling atmosphere. Wonderful Christmas gifts, decorations and festive foods can be found in abundance, with a delightful Food Court, British Crafts Village, and over 100 chalets to explore.

Meet at Anstey Park at 14:30. (The market is open until 18:30.)

Many members will realise that this market, or the Alton Yuletide Festival on the same day, would be ideal for getting your images for the PDI challenge.

Contact Jed: fieldtrips@altoncameraclub.org.uk



easyfundraising

Another gentle reminder before you do your Christmas shopping. Whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be collecting free donations for Alton Camera Club.

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including **Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline** and **Sainsbury's**; it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/altoncameraclub/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to **easyfundraising** first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause *for no extra cost whatsoever!*

There are no catches or hidden charges and the Club is really grateful for your donations.

Membership discount

Don't forget that the membership fee for someone joining in the new year is half-price: only £25. So, if you know anyone getting a new camera from Santa point them in our direction. There are still many more excellent talks, practical evenings, workshops and competitions to enjoy.

SCPF Exhibition 2019

Sadly, we didn't pick up any awards from the exhibition judging this time around. All the Prints and PDIs will be on display at Salisbury Library from 5th to 26th January 2019 (not Sundays).

The preview evening is on Friday the 4th where you can enjoy a glass of wine with some nibbles and see all the images from over thirty clubs. The Guest of Honour on that evening will be the President of the PAGB, Gordon Jenkins Hon PAGB who will be presenting the trophies and certificates.

Adobe Lightroom 6

You might not have realised it but it is still possible to purchase a standalone version of Lightroom 6 from Adobe. It won't receive any updates and doesn't have Photoshop or all the features of the cloud version. Then again it doesn't take £10+ off you every month and performance should be improved if you have a good graphics card in your computer.

Links for purchase at £113 or upgrade £65 can be found at:

<https://owenbillcliffe.co.uk/lightroom-6-standalone-upgrade/> (read carefully)

After installing go to Help/Updates to install the latest drivers. *(Thanks, Kelvin)*

Refreshments

If you are volunteering to do the teas and coffees, please remember that the raw materials for the evening - tea, coffee, milk and biscuits/snacks - will be provided. Kit-kats and other confectionery are proving popular – if you'd like the range increased please chat with Sue Snelson.

Exhibitions

Chichester Camera Club – A Celebration of People and Places (to celebrate their 125 years since formation): Novium Museum, Chichester until 10th March 2019. Admission free, donations welcome

Wildlife Photographer of the Year: Natural History Museum, until 30th June 2019 - Adult £13.50, concessions £10.50

Landscape Photographer of the Year: Waterloo Station, 19th Nov until 3rd Feb – admission free

Print mounts

These are the standard 50cm by 40cm window mounts for A4 and A3 prints in off-white and a few in black. We have plenty in stock, in both landscape and portrait orientations, at just £2.50 each (Black Wednesday offer: A pair for just £5) – see Dave Hedley.

Parking

Please park on London Road; preferably down the hill facing Alton and avoid parking in the narrow Church Rd.

Sorry, but as we have only a couple of spaces, the parking at the hall can only be for disabled parking, the judge/speaker and anyone bringing cumbersome equipment.