



## HIGHLIGHT – Newsletter of the Alton Camera Club

January 2019

# Happy New Year

## **New Year's Membership discount – just £25**

The membership fee for someone joining in the new year is now half-price: only £25. There are still many more excellent talks, practical evenings, workshops and competitions to enjoy in the second half of the season.

## **Upcoming Programme**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>: No meeting**

**9<sup>th</sup>: PDI Competition: League Round 3, PDI Themed Challenge 2: 'Christmas'**

Judge: Caroline Colegate ARPS APAGB

The challenge theme of 'Christmas' was suggested by Sue Snelson. Remember to email in your entries by preceding Sunday - 6<sup>th</sup> January.

**16<sup>th</sup>: Three-way Audio-visual evening**

With our friends from Ludshott PC and Windlesham & Camberley CC. Enjoy a variety of work, new and old, from award-winning photographers.

*The third PDI themed challenge will be chosen at this meeting.*

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>: Workshop – Macro and close-up photography**

Beginners, members/non-members welcome. Your camera is essential and bringing along something to photograph is a good idea. A variety of different lighting techniques will be on show.

Approx. £5 to cover room hire and tea/coffee included.

**23<sup>rd</sup>: It's All in the Mind - Photo Psychology**

With Ken Scott ARPS.

**30<sup>th</sup>: Print Competition: League Round 3 and Kay Stickland Portrait Competition**

Third round of the League competition and the print portrait competition. Judge: Matthew White

Entries by preceding Sunday.

## SCPF Exhibition 2019

We were 11<sup>th</sup> out of 30 in the PDIs and 32<sup>nd</sup> equal out of 36 in the Prints. 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 5<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (not Sundays).

The preview evening is on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 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.

## Arrivals and Departures

Please can we remind club members to try and arrive prior to 19.30 hours to avoid disruption or distractions during talks and judging sessions, and likewise can we ask that members avoid leaving during the middle of a talk or judging session. We appreciate this is not always possible, due to personal circumstances, but please endeavour to make your best effort.

## Exhibitions

### The Origins of Photography in Salisbury - exhibition at The Salisbury Museum

This exhibition provides an overview of the rise of photography in Salisbury during the first decade or so of the medium's existence up to the end of the First World War. While amateur photography began in and around the city during the 1840s, it was following the 1851 Great Exhibition that commercial photography took off in Salisbury. The exhibition will examine the photographers of the 1850s and 1860s and the subject matter and photographic formats they exploited.

<https://salisburymuseum.org.uk/whats-on/exhibitions/origins-photography-salisbury-1839-1919>

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

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

**Landscape Photographer of the Year:** Waterloo Station, until 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – admission free

## easyfundraising

Whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be collecting free donations for Alton Camera Club. ***We have raised almost £300 so far.***

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.

## **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 – see Dave Hedley. We also are looking to get mounts with square apertures.

## **Refreshments**

A big thank you to all those that have helped out during the first half of the season.

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.

## **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.