



HIGHLIGHT – Newsletter of the Alton Camera Club

February 2019

Upcoming Programme

6th February: SCPF PDI League, Division 4

Judge: Jon Mitchell. 56 PDIs from various clubs in the Southern Counties region. Alton CC versus Bognor Regis CC, Guernsey CC, Newbury CC, Oakley CC, Viewfinders of Romsey CC, Wimborne CC.

13th February: An Evening with Pete Whieldon

An entertaining talk where Pete will be showing his stunning wildlife shots.

20th February: Practical Studio Evening

Studio portraiture using a variety of lighting. To get the best out of the evening you will need to bring your camera. *Models are always needed for these evenings.*

27th February: PDI Competition: League Round 4, and Challenge theme: 'Abstract'

Third round of the League competition and the challenge competition. Judge: Jeff Lawrence

As usual, email entries to pdi@altoncameraclub.org.uk by the preceding Sunday.

6th March: Show & Tell – What's the Story?

This is once again hosted by Steve Gregory. It's an opportunity to talk through a set of images you have created that tell an interesting story. The approach will be informal and *is not a competition*, although at the end there will be a small prize for the most original or interesting submission.

Here are some ideas:

- * Show several different pictures on a particular theme that you quite like, and discuss which might make the most satisfying shot.
- * Show a picture that has already scored well and show the steps you went through to make it 'competition ready' (also perhaps you can show the ones you rejected for comparison).
- * Show one image that you have different ideas to post-process and discuss which alternative has improved the original (e.g. different crops).
- * Show a group of pictures on a particular theme that 'tell their own story' on a subject. Perhaps recalling an event, a holiday location, an interesting subject etc.

The evening will be interactive and the more light hearted the better!

- * The images won't be scored because the idea is to talk around them in a relaxed way.
- * Tell us about what you like about your images: remember that photography is about what gives you pleasure and judges are typically very subjective. Art is not a science!

- * Comments from the audience may be invited, if you want them!
- * This does not need to be your best work, or to competition standard. Show us something different!
- * To ensure we have enough images, members can submit a second set if they wish but there may not be time to show both if we get plenty of images.

Submitting sets of PDIs

- * Submit a set of 3-6 images illustrating their chosen theme.
- * They must be sent to pdi@altoncameraclub.org.uk by Sunday evening 3rd March.
- * PDIs should be resized to the usual 1600x1200 format as per the [instructions on the website](#) which helps make sure they are suitable for projection. (This is not essential, but will improve the quality of the images.)
- * For your first panel please use the format:
`name_title_A1.jpg,`
`name_title_A2.jpg,`
`name_title_A3.jpg,`
`name_title_A4.jpg etc.`
- * If you submit a second, then:
`name_title_B1.jpg etc.`
- * We will ensure everyone who submits images shows at least one group so make sure your preferred group is the 'A' set.

Please Steve Gregory know if you are considering submitting a panel.

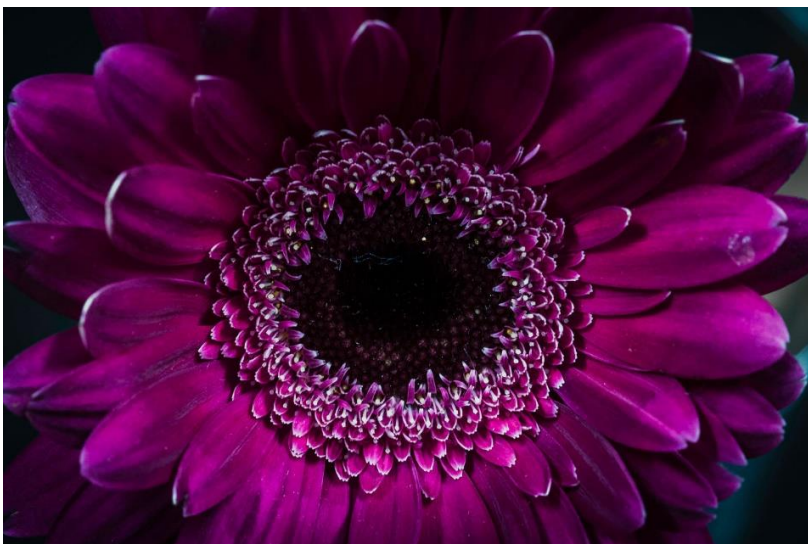
13th March: Print Challenge

The subject for the print challenge is 'Yellow'. Images can be either colour or monochrome.

Macro Workshop

Thanks to Jed Thornley for organising this.

A few members were able to take some attractive and interesting images like these below from Ben Holloway:



Talks at other clubs

Monday 4th February at 8pm - The invisible World of Infrared Photography - a talk by **Darren Nisbett**. At **Oakley Camera Club**: St Leonard's Centre, Rectory Road, Oakley RG23 7ED. £3 on the door.

oakleycameraclub.weebly.com

Tuesday 5th February, 7:30pm - Viewfinders of Romsey would like to invite our members to a talk by **Terry Donnelly**. Starts at Jubilee Hall, New Road, Timsbury, SO51 0NH. Fee for visitors is £3 on the door. Terry is a professional freelance photographer from Liverpool, working in sport, PR, editorial and promotions. He is an ambassador for Sony and Fotospeed. Sony will have an exhibition of products during the evening.

Thursday 7th February at 7:45pm, Farnborough Camera Club are hosting **Rachael Talibart**. She will be presenting her illustrated talk titled **Tides and Tempest**. This is at FCC's new venue: Cody Sports and Social Club, The Fairway, Farnborough GU14 0LP. £5 on the door.

farnboroughcameraclub.org

Hampshire Photo Workshops

At The Gallery, Glendale Farm, Whiteparish SP5 2QW

'Know your camera' Saturday 16th February 2019 A unique opportunity for those of you new to photography and those still a little unsure of their camera controls. This workshop is in association with HPW of Hampshire which is led by Keven Sandall and Keith Woodhouse, will provide a great balance between technical and practical advice on camera craft skills for beginners and intermediates.

<https://gallery.mailchimp.com/a35abe21eb078665722e412f1/files/498ae1d2-be42-4784-a880-06097ccca6f5/CameraCraftSkillsA4.pdf>

'Portrait to Print' Saturday 27th April 2019 A unique opportunity for those of you new to studio photography and those still a little unsure of their camera controls. This workshop is in association with HPW of Hampshire which is led by Keven Sandall and Keith Woodhouse, will provide a great balance between technical and practical advice on flash and continuous lighting techniques.

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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, South Kensington, until 30th June 2019 - Adult £13.50, concessions £10.50

Arrivals and Departures

Please can we remind club members to try and arrive prior to 19:30 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.

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 at just £2.50 each – see Dave Hedley.

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.

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.

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.