



## HIGHLIGHT – Newsletter of the Alton Camera Club

# February 2019

### Upcoming Programme

#### 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### 13<sup>th</sup> February: An Evening with Pete Whieldon

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

#### 20<sup>th</sup> 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.*

#### 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:pdi@altoncameraclub.org.uk) by the preceding Sunday.

### 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

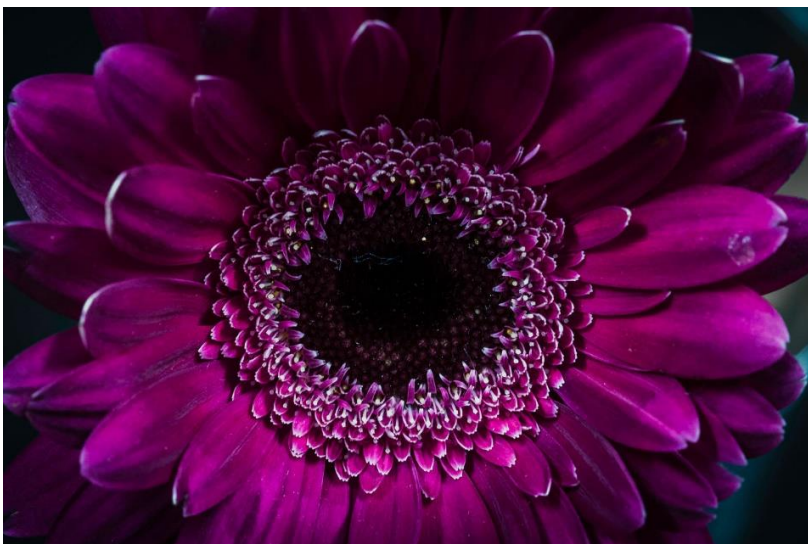
### 13<sup>th</sup> March: Print Challenge

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](http://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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/a35abe21eb078665722e412f1/files/e4b5ba58-9ce8-42ab-8144-ef5176aed14f/Portrait to Print A4 1.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/a35abe21eb078665722e412f1/files/e4b5ba58-9ce8-42ab-8144-ef5176aed14f/Portrait%20to%20Print%20A4%201.pdf)

## Exhibitions

**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, South Kensington, until 30<sup>th</sup> 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.