



HIGHLIGHT – Newsletter of the Alton Camera Club

April 2019

Upcoming Programme

3rd April: Season Critique

A review of our images from this season. Members are invited to reveal and discuss how they achieved their images; where, when, how they were taken and any post-processing. Please bring your prints, PDIs or AVs to the evening. Audience participation is expected.

3rd April: Triangular Print Battle

This is an away match hosted between Alton CC, Basingstoke CC and Aldershot, Farnham & Fleet Camera Club. Alton are the current holders and this year it is hosted by AF&FCC at Hale. Fifteen prints from each club – ours will be those that represented the club at the SCPF Championships. *Please note that they start slightly later than us at 8pm.* The judge is Roy Lambeth DPAGB AFIAP.

10th April: His & Hers

Judge: Roy Budden. 30 PDIs each from the girls and the boys.

17th April: Easter Break

No Meeting – how about going out and creating some images.

Tuesday 23rd April: Match an Image

At Havant CC. If you have any unusual images, please email to [Clive](#) as soon as possible.

24th April: No meeting

Friday 26th April: Presentation Evening

The three-course meal at the Alton House Hotel is £33 per person. Please return your menu choices with payment to your Chairman as soon as possible and, **by the latest, Wednesday 10th of April.** [The menu choices' form is available on the club website.](#) Trophies will be awarded by our Guest of Honour Cllr Derek Gardner, Mayor of Alton.

The dinner is a marvellous opportunity to dress smartly and celebrate the many successes of the season, as well as socialise with fellow Club members and their guests in a friendly and relaxed manner. After the meal, a selection of the best images from each competition is shown to music before each trophy is awarded. Raffle donations are accepted on the evening. Members are encouraged to bring friends and family.



SCPF Championships 2019

Our highest scoring image was a 14 in the prints for "Coming For You" by Jed Thornley. This was overshadowed however, by a judge's silver medal for another print: "The GodBarber" by Wendy Davies.

Wendy is pictured right receiving her medal from judge Judith Parry DPAGB AFIAP HonPAGB.

In PDIs Alton were 23rd out of 28 clubs (average 10.27). In the Prints we were 16th out of 21 (average 10.67). Marks were in the range 9 to 15.



Newbury Plate

This invitation print match was won by Alton CC for the first time since 2011.

The judge was Jeff Lawrence of Bracknell CC and the competing clubs were Abergavenny CC, Alton CC, Andover CC, Beaulieu CG, Hungerford CC, Newbury CC, Ordnance Survey PS, Wantage CC and Wimborne CC.

Alton's highest scoring image, and our only 10, was Simon Richards's "The Lives Of Many Were Taken To Allow New Ones To Blossom". Competition instigator Mike Harding presented the plate to Clive.



Member of the Year

This trophy is awarded at the end of the season to an individual who has contributed the most in service to the club. Many valuable services to the Club are made faithfully and quietly behind the scenes and not in an aura of publicity.

Members are invited to nominate a recipient and state their reason for the nomination, but the final decision is made by the Committee. If it is felt that no achievement is sufficiently outstanding, then no award will be made for that year. This trophy can be awarded jointly. The award will be presented at Presentation Evening. Please consider carefully and nominate a recipient: email your nominations, including the reason for your choice, to your [chairman](#) by 8th April at the latest.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM on the 1st of May is your opportunity to have your say in the running of the club. Proposals need a proposer and seconder and must be received by the secretary seven days in advance of the AGM. This is so that they can be posted on the website and members have time to consider their implications.

We are always looking for new talent on the committee and if you have time to help serve your club then please contact either your chairman or secretary who will be able to appraise you of the opportunities and commitments that are required. Without this essential team we would not have a club so please give it some consideration.

Nomad Print Boxes

Please order from Eric by Friday 26th April – collection can be arranged from Eric around mid-May; there is no discount but with no delivery charge there is a substantial saving.

Further details on the [SCPF website where you can order and pay](#).

PAGB's e-News

Twice a month the PAGB sends out its own newsletter with details of awards and exhibitions. Affiliated clubs' members are well represented with each issue containing several highly acclaimed images.

Here is the [current issue \(e-news 227\)](#). Sign up to receive it here: <http://www.pagbnews.co.uk>

Exhibitions

Viewpoints: The Focus Group photography exhibition at the Assembly Rooms, North St, Chichester. **6th, 8th-13th April (not Sunday) 9am-4:30pm.**

Southampton Camera Club International Exhibition of Photography will be on display at West Quay Shopping Centre from **9am on Friday 5th until 4pm Sunday 7th-13th April**. It is one of the largest photographic salons, accepting both print and digital entries, in the UK.

diane arbus: in the beginning at the Hayward Gallery, London **until 6th May**. Adult: £15.50

Don McCullin Retrospective at the Tate Britain, Millbank, London **until 6th May**. Adult: £18

2019 Sony World Photography Awards Exhibition at Somerset House, London **18th April until 6th May**. Adult: £14 (weekends & public holidays) or £10 (weekdays)

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

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 over £300 so far.*

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including **eBay**, **National Trust** and **Sainsbury's** amongst others; it doesn't cost you a penny extra! Our best earners are **John Lewis & Partners**, **Amazon** and **TUI**.

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.

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.

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.