# Club Newsletter

July 2022

The monthly newsletter of the Ludshott Photographic Club

We generally meet on the first and third Monday of each month from September to June, full details of our programme are on the website.

We meet at:

Headley Village Hall 2 Arford Road Headley Bordon Hampshire GU35 8LJ

19.45 for a 20.00 start

The Club is a member of the Surrey Photographic Association and is affiliated to the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain



Ludshott Photographic Club

# Chairmans note

Well, what a summer it is turning out to be, with a lot of fine weather across our region. I hope you have all been enjoying yourselves and not having too much issue with sleeping on the hotter nights.

Many of you may have been away on holiday/staycation and hopefully capturing those all-important photos for this year's summer competition. All the details of how to enter are on the club website <u>here</u>, with up to a maximum of 3 recent photographs in the usual PDI format. Make sure you get your entries in by Friday August the 28<sup>th</sup>.

The start of July saw the welcome return of the club BBQ, more details later in this newsletter.

Colin Whitbourn and I have been arranging the last couple of details for the 22/23 programme and a copy is included with this newsletter. Our first meeting of the new season will be in the hall on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September with a talk by Andrew Mills, more details later

Our first club competition is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October with judge David Hughes. We are kicking off with a split theme of landscape's next general, so start getting get your PDI's ready. More details in the August newsletter.

Behind the scenes, Suzy Courtnage has been beavering away making some changes to the club website and setting up all the new role-based email address, these are all listed in the side border at the end of this newsletter, if I can ask you to all start using these to contact the key functions of the club. The club handbook has also been updated is available on the website, including updates to the appendices, so have a look and update yourself.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, I look forward to seeing your photos in the competition and to seeing you all at the hall on the 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Geoff Sargent Chairman Our first meeting will be in the hall on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September.

The talk will be by

Andrew Mills MA. MEd. CertEd. C&G(Dist).

## "Composition - The Intent to Organise"

"How to construct an image that will work and how to break the rules.

Why do some pictures seem to have a natural beauty or "rightness"?

How light works in composition and how other elements such as colour, tone and texture all have a place. Why we should break the rules. "

Andrew's website can be found at <a href="https://www.photomills.co.uk/">https://www.photomills.co.uk/</a>



Andrew has written a number of articles,, one of particular interest to us as photographers that can be found here: <u>Judging Photography</u>

#### ROLL UP evenings – A new idea.

If you have had a look at the programme, you will have spotted some new Roll Up evenings in there and maybe wondered what they are about. So, once a month until the end of the year we will have the opportunity for members old and new to get together and socialise without the time constraints we have at our regular meetings. These will not in any way interfere with the regular programme; they are a "Plus"

There will be no formal agenda; it is whatever the participants want it to be or do.

Some examples of what we could do (not in the least exhaustive)

Firstly, is to have more time to get to know each other and chat about photography. Bring your equipment along, old or new, SLR or DSLR or mirror-less. Chat about why you like it, or whatever it is that you cannot work out how to do, or what all the knobs and buttons do and hopefully solve some of the mysteries found in the Menu.

Understand more about things like depth of field, focal lengths, when you need a tripod, which lenses for macro photography, portraits, landscapes, wildlife, abstract and photo stacking,

Our more experienced members in the club will be available to sit down and chat about subjects on a one to one or if several people are interested give a shout and they can join in too,

Bring your prints for a constructive critique and hopefully get on the track for a 10. PDI's, bring a USB stick with your photos on, the club laptop will be available so that we can huddle around to discuss.

Demo print mounting if requested, at another roll up.

Post processing, stand-alone software will be available to demonstrate techniques and fix issues

At the end of each roll up we will do a critique, i.e., what works, what could we do better or differently, subjects that could become a short tutorial of 15 to 20 minutes etc.

Enjoy the evenings, get to know each other better and add extra value to being a club member.

The kettle will be on, so there will be tea, coffee, and biscuits too, so come along and give it a try!

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# Club summer BBQ, July 2022

Well, how lucky were we. The weather was brilliant for our club summer BBQ which made its happy return.

John and Carole Wilson very kindly opened their beautiful garden for us to enjoy a wonderful afternoon arranged by Yvonne Lindup and helpers.

The gazebos were up to shade the most amazing assortment of salads generously brought by members and partners.

The beef burgers, sausages, corn cobs and vegan foods were all cooked to perfection by Bob Cole and Mike Young.

Just when you thought it could not get any better, out came the scrumptious desserts.

We then had a raffle and a good old natter, before heading home with full stomachs, raffle prizes under our arms, and happy smiley faces."

#### **Sue Erler**

A huge thanks to Yvonne Lindup for organising the event, and to John & Carole Wilson for the use of their garden







# Around the venture groups

#### Audio-Visual Group

Audio Visual is about combining photographs to tell a story, enhancing the images with music, narration, and sound effects. Video can be included.

The Audio-Visual group came into being in 2005 and has had a steady number of members ever since. Currently we have 11 members. We meet between September and April, holding 5 or 6 meetings during this time. Since Covid we have run the meetings on Zoom, which we have found easy and convenient. At the last meeting we planned a challenge to keep us making AVs during the summer and autumn. Each member supplied six images, to be collected together for each of us to make into an interesting story. As the photos are very different this is proving to be a true challenge!

In the coming season we are looking forward to a friendly meeting with Alton Camera Club and Windlesham and Camberley CC, as well as our Jim Henson Trophy AV competition. During meetings we will be showing our work in progress, which allows other members of the group to offer help and advice, a useful learning tool. We also answer questions and have mini tutorials to clarify technical points.

We are always ready to welcome new members.

### Kathleen Bird LRPS CPAGB

#### Aspire venture group

The Aspire venture group was specifically setup in 2020 to provide a group for those who wish to pursue their first qualification be it for LRPS or CPAGB.

The group currently has 7 members meeting either over zoom or at a suitable venue either to take photographs, or to have their photographs critiqued, usually by an advanced member of the club.

In the last season we had an outing to the deer park at Petworth and a night photography session around Grayshott village. At our last meeting over Zoom, Kathleen, and Diana critiqued panels that most members of the group had submitted by way of a trial entry for a qualification. Each photograph was carefully scrutinised as if being entered for a qualification, with suitable comments and suggestions made as to improve or substitute photographs.

New members are welcome.

### **Geoff Sargent**

#### **Headley Venture Group**

The Group currently has 6 members; Kathleen Bird, David Bird, Paul Crook, Sonia Motley, Harold Russell and Ann Wright. We meet approximately every 6 weeks to share images of a subject chosen by one member of the Group. The aim of the Group is to challenge our photographic skills and to learn from each other.

Latterly, due to Covid, our meetings have been via Zoom to accommodate some of our vulnerable members and generally this has worked quite well. However, the chance to meet up socially is always fun and we took the opportunity to celebrate a member's birthday by meeting at the Chocolate Frog for a Cream Tea. Our next meeting is in September and the subject chosen is Fine Art.



Tea at the Chocolate Frog





Reflections in Blue By Sonia Motley



Sad by Kathleen Bird



Stairway to Heaven by Ann Wright

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# **Other News**

### New members

Since our last meeting we have had one new member join us. Anne Todd joins us as one of our youth members, so please welcome her to the club and we look forward to seeing you at club meetings.

### Sponsorship

Yeomans Honda at Churt, are continuing their association with the club, sponsoring us once again for our new season and we thank them.



### Membership renewals

Over the next few weeks, our membership system will start sending out the renewal notices for the next year.

"With all art expression, when something is seen, it is a vivid experience, sudden, compelling, and inevitable." — Ansel Adams, Examples: The Making of 40 Photographs

If you have any comments or items for inclusion in our next newsletter in August, please contact us at info@ludshottpc.org.uk