Club Newsletter

September 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, I think we can say that autumn is upon us, along with the opening of our new season, which kicked off with an informative talk from **Andrew Mills** MA, MEd, CertEd, who gave us a talk on **"Composition – The Intent to Organise"** Andrew gave us his take on how to organise our photography and images to give maximum impact to the viewer. Giving some interesting thoughts on how, when, and why it is OK to break the rules sometimes.

Our second session from Glyn Dewis and the Headley Fete had to be postponed due to the passing of the Queen. It is hoped that we can get Glyn re-booked for mid-December.

Our final meeting for the month was the first of our roll-up session, more on this later. Those attending it hailed it as a success, however most of the attendees were either advanced or intermediate members, so where were our beginner members? These evenings are a great way to meet fellow members and brush up or learn a new photographic skill. There will be another roll-up next month, so please come along!

All in all, the season opened well and whilst we had a hiccup due to the passing of the Queen, the 22-23 season is off to a good start.

Autumn also gives us all the opportunity to get out for those wonderful autumn colours as the trees start to drop their leaves, the last fruits ripen and the skies get darker at night for those beautiful starry sky shots. Our Facebook page is a good place to share all you autumn photographic goodies and I for one look forward to seeing and hearing what you have been up to.

Next meeting 3rd October 2022 Brains Trust evening, hosted by Ian and John 7.45pm for 8.00 @ Headley Village Hall

Geoff Sargent Chairman

Call for volunteers

To successfully run the club, we still need volunteers for the following roles:

AV Operator

The role involves setting up the microphones and projector at the beginning of talks and competitions at the hall. Then putting everything away at the end of the meeting.

On competition nights the club laptop will also need to be setup, operating our Dicentra software on competition nights would be optional.

Full training will be given in the role will be provided

Social secretary

The role involves amongst other things, organising any of our external club events, like the summer BBQ and the Chairmans evening, plus others.

Refreshments organiser

The role involves holding the refreshments box and bringing it along to club meetings, replenishing the tea/coffee/biscuits and milk.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these roles, please contact Geoff by email at: chairman@ludshottpc.org.uk

Roll-Up Evening 26th October 2022

Some words from our members:

The "roll-up evening" on the 26th of September was an excellent opportunity for dedicated 1:1 time with senior club photographers to discuss photography, personal progress, composition, and feedback on potential competition photographs. In addition, I could rotate and spend time with several club experts, including those with expertise in wildlife and bird photography. I enjoyed conversations about potential camera upgrades, including discussing the pros and cons of DLSR and mirrorless options. Tips on photographic composition were also helpful. Additionally, Gordon Rae gave a masterclass on what makes a good photograph and what competition judges look expect. It was nice to speak to fellow club members to share and discuss ideas. Another significant advantage of roll-up evenings is a chance to talk to people outside your venture group. John Price and John Gamble gave me lots of good advice regarding the Canon mirrorless camera range. Attendance at these events should be encouraged for club photographers of all levels, either as mentors, educators or those striving to improve their skills.

Rob Ayto

I enjoyed the recent Roll UP Evening which gave us all the opportunity to chat to other members on a range of topics which is something we do not have time for on a normal club evening.

Gordon, our friendly judge, gave an excellent and very insightful run down of things that a judge looks for when marking our images. These will be things I bear in mind for future competitions.

I had the opportunity to talk with Mike our Nature expert and see some of his recent images and what equipment he uses.

Other members chatted and answered questions for Rob and I about purchasing new equipment and have offered to let us use theirs if we would like to have a try before we buy.

All in all I gained a lot of useful information and look forward to future evenings.

Suzy Courtnage

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Other News

Committee meeting

We had our first meeting of the committee for the 22-23 season on 27^{th} October.

The committee discussed setting up a couple of Special Interest Groups (SIG), one is likely to be for street photography and suggestions are welcomed for a second. Please contact a committee to discuss.

Membership is looking to be around 60 members who have renewed their membership, we then welcome two new members to the club:

Ann Todd

Ann joins us as a junior member and came along to our first meeting with her father Tom. Ann is interested in street photography and would be very interested to meet other club members who are interested in discussing and taking street photographs.

Trevor Stokes

Trevor came along to our first roll-up meeting as a trial and was pleased to be welcomed into the club, giving him the opportunity to meet with our members in an informal way. Trevor is comfortable with the operation of his Nikon camera, but is keen to further his somewhat limited creative skills.

> "I think therefore I am I'm pink therefore I'm Spam." Monty Python.

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