

Kingston Camera Club caters for photographers of all standards and ages. We welcome people with different levels of experience, and actively encourage those new to photography to join us - we recognise that everyone of us started as a beginner. We like to think that our Club is inclusive, friendly and informal, aiming to encourage members to improve and expand their photographic horizons by sharing skills, ideas and knowledge. But don't take our word for it, come along and enjoy a few evenings free of any commitment prior to making your mind up. We have 60-70 members made up of both women and men of all ages. Our Club enters competitions and both the Club and individuals have had many successes over recent years. Members are encouraged to seek distinctions from the Royal Photographic Society (RPS) and Photographic Alliance of Great Britain (PAGB) and our more experienced members are only too willing to help others in achieving these awards.

Meetings

Our Club meets on Monday evenings at 7.45 for 8.00pm at St Andrews Church Hall, Ham (TW10 5HG). Meetings are planned from September to June and fall into a number of categories.

Members' Competitions; Competitions are held regularly during the year and to make it fair we have three levels or classes; standard, intermediate and advanced. All images are entered anonymously for the judge's critique and score. Images are scored out of 10 and only those who score 9 and above are named. Our members have found that entering these competitions helps them learn and develop their photographic skills. Our competitions cover both prints and Projected Digital Images (PDI). We have 5 print and 5 PDI competitions in which you can enter any subject you like. On joining we like to place people in the most appropriate class; whilst experienced photographers can join the advanced class straight away most people start in standard or intermediate class, and move forward as they gain more skills and experience. There are trophies for the main competitions through the year and these are presented at our annual exhibition.

Talks; During the year we have a number of visiting speakers who talk about their speciality and show their work. These talks provide an opportunity to see some top-quality images and to learn more about a particular aspect of photography and/or techniques. The talks cover areas as diverse as landscape photography, astro/night photography and infrared photography.

Members' evenings; These may be discussions or workshops, usually led by experienced club members. Topics depend on the needs of members and for some workshops members may be asked to bring their cameras and have the opportunity to take some pictures.

Other Competitions:

We enter a number of inter-club competitions each year providing an excellent opportunity for our members to see images from some of the best clubs in the south-east. These include the Albany Cup, the Concorde Trophy, SPA Inter-Club competitions, and the Surrey Advertiser Rosebowl, and members are encouraged and supported to enter external competitions for individuals.

Annual Exhibition

This is an opportunity for all members of the club to publicly show their work; both prints and PDIs may be entered, and there are a number of awards given for different types of photography.

Special Interest Groups

The club has a number of 'Special Interest Groups', focussing on Architecture, Creative, Landscape, Monochrome, Nature, Sport and Street photography. Members meet to discuss ideas, learn new techniques, and have their images informally critiqued. Many groups also organise field trips/outings.

How to Join

Prospective members are welcome to attend as visitors for one or two weeks before joining. You can turn up at any meeting during the year, but would you please make yourself known to one of the committee members when you arrive so that we can welcome you and introduce you to other members.

Please get in touch via the 'contact' page on our website if you have any queries.

Our annual subscription is £70

Paul Waller, Chairman

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