

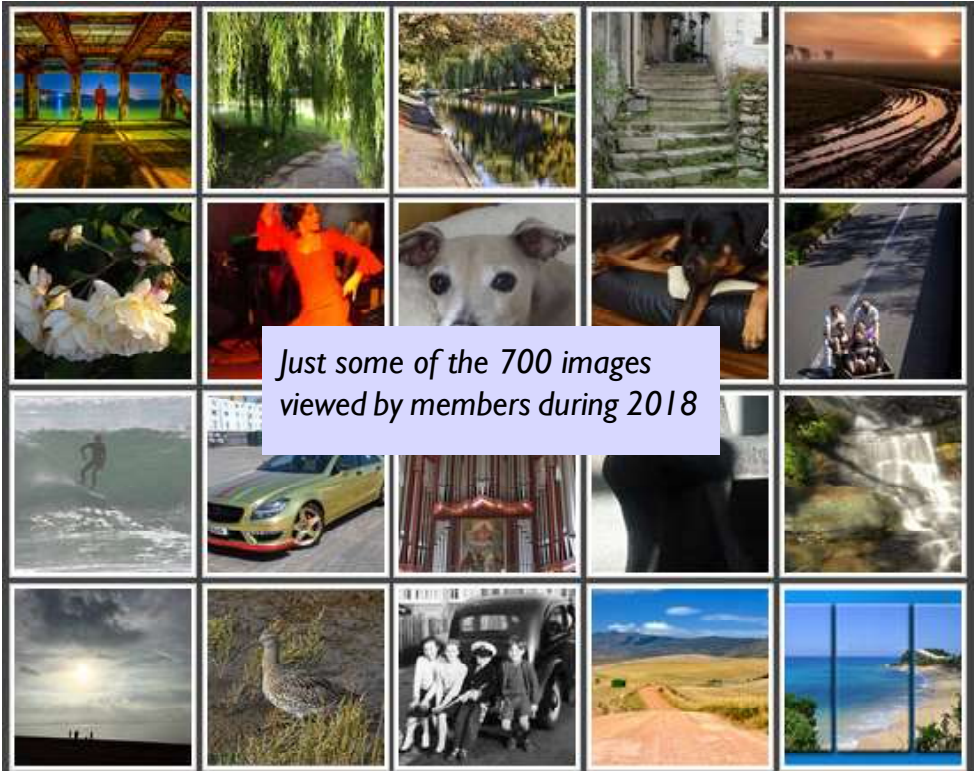


# HYTHE DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

## 2018 Annual Report

# A GREAT START!

- 56 club members
- 12 projects completed
- 3 invited speakers
- 8 presentations by members
- 2 workshop evenings
- 4 photoshoots
- 90 Facebook members
- 2 exhibitions



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2018

The club was formed in January 2018, succeeding the Saltwood Camera Club, which had been a community initiative by the local parish church. I am delighted to report that Hythe District Photographic Club has been enthusiastically received and supported, far exceeding all expectations.

This is, of no doubt, been through the efforts of the organising committee, formed from the previous club, and I thank (in no particular order) Trevor, Rose, James, Kate, Neil, and Phil. It has involved many hours for each one especially with early problems of finding a suitable and reliable venue.

But, of course, it has also been successful because of the members themselves in their enthusiastic support and participation of its activities. At the time of this report we have 56 members and club meetings every month saw an average attendance of around 30. And we grateful for the support we have had from Devices (the camera shop in Hythe) who have sponsored the cost of the publicity posters every month, and the traders who display the posters.

An aim of the club is to encourage the use of our cameras, tablets, or smartphones, by setting a project each month and sharing our results at the following meeting. Projects during the year included: what is it?; clouds, stars, and weather; smartphone/tablet challenge; Kent wildlife and nature; landscapes and seascapes; architecture; militaria; flotsam and jetsam; three of a kind; and, transport.

In addition to viewing the results of those, members are invited to submit one other photograph to be viewed in our PlusONE section at each meeting.

We also enjoyed viewing the results of several photoshoots held during the year at: Folkestone harbour, Brenzett Aeronautical Museum, Biddenden Vineyard, and a mini-photoshoot for a '15-minute challenge' at Hythe beach.

Members have had the opportunity each month to choose the project and PlusONE photograph that best represents the subject or just the one they like best. These were then published on the club's website as Photographs of the Month.

In December, Kent professional photographer Sue Chapman, ARPS CPAG, reviewed more than 100 of the 700 photographs submitted

during the year. While we avoid competitions Sue did choose her 'Photograph of the Year' and congratulations go to Caroline Winter for her "Golden Tracks" photograph.

We have enjoyed talks and presentations by invited guests, on subjects ranging from architecture, Kent wildlife, and military history, and by members on photographic-related subjects.

On two evenings we had workshops on using smartphones and tablets, getting the best from your camera, and photo-editing software and techniques. Members have also benefitted from the workshops given by Tom Lloyd and Andy Smith in-between club meetings.

In June, we held an exhibition of members' photographs in Hythe library which was well attended and many complimentary comments received. We were also invited to have a small exhibition by Hythe twin town Berck sur Mer at their Arts Festival.

We created a website <[www.hythedistrictphotographicclub.jimdo.com](http://www.hythedistrictphotographicclub.jimdo.com)> which now contains all the photographs submitted during the year. It is updated after every club meeting and also used by members to select their Photograph of the Month. Our Facebook page has been well used by its 92 contributors.

Finance: We benefitted by the transfer of funds of £412.57 from the Saltwood club. Income during the year amounted to £1358.29, and expenditure was £1401.70, giving a balance of £369.16. Copies of the accounts are available on request.

Finally, on a personal note, after instigating and leading three photographic clubs over the past 15 years, I have decided it's time to step down as chairman. I do so in the full confidence that the new chairperson, committee, and the members themselves, will continue to build on this excellent start to the Hythe District Photographic Club.

Eddie Manly  
Chairman

December 2018

# And a peep at plans for 2019



HYTHE DISTRICT  
PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

A CLUB CREATED BY YOU, FOR YOU

Project proposals 2019:

**Food, Castles/Monuments, Lines/Shapes & Circles, Patterns in Nature, Spring Flowers, Name that Tune [Beatles song book], Humorous, [What makes you smile], Faces, Town of Hythe [guided tour], Nature on the Beach...**



Photo-shoot proposals 2019

**Kite Festival, Berck-sur-Mer** (*between 6<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> April*)

**Poperinge** [*twin town visit*]

**Pegwell Bay, The Town of Hythe...**

Workshop proposals 2019

**Framing, composition, post processing, smartphones & tablets, A/V slideshows, basic training sessions...**