



HYTHE DISTRICT
PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

Karl Lagerfeld said “What I like about photographs is that they capture a moment that’s gone forever, impossible to reproduce”.

This was strongly brought home to me in the presentation that we enjoyed in October on ‘street photography’.

I always try to remind myself not to overlook or neglect mundane and commonplace scenes and subjects today because tomorrow they will have become a unique record of a bygone age.

As Robert Louis Stevenson wrote “each a glimpse... and gone forever”.

**CHAIRMANS’
ANNUAL REPORT 2023**

2023 was another busy and successful year for the club: at the year's end there were 56 full/ student members and a healthy bank balance. In addition, the club Facebook site has 191 participants and 33 WhatsApp members.

We enjoyed a wide variety of presentations during our monthly meetings :-

January	AGM + a visit to Venice with Phil Heading
February	Trips to Norway with James Willmott
March	An insight into Tom Lloyd's career in photography
April	Vintage postcards of Hythe with Stewart Weller
May	Travel photography with Tom Lloyd
June	A virtual tour of Namibia with Dirk Seyfried
July	The artwork of Banksy by Andrew Ashton
August	Paul Naylor on The Hythe Civic Society's photographic archive
September	The Romney Hythe & Dymchurch Railway by John Chapman
October	Street photography - Andrew Ashton
November	A virtual trip to Madeira with Tom, Roger and John
December	The annual review of members' photos by Tom Lloyd + Christmas buffet and a charity collection that raised a splendid £81:54 for the Pilgrim's Hospice.

PHOTOSHOOTS

A number of well-attended photoshoots were undertaken to locations as diverse as Faversham, Walmer Castle, Chatham Dockyard, Samphire Hoe, Dungeness, Canterbury and the Kent & East Sussex Railway: photographs taken on these excursions can be viewed on the club website.

<https://hythedistrictphotographicclub.jimdo.com/photoshoot-galleries/>

These were ideal opportunities to practise photographic techniques in a wide variety of locations and to socialise with other members.

WORKSHOPS

In order to hone and develop photographic skills workshops were organised on several occasions during the year covering, for example, splash photography and how to take successful portraits in either ambient or artificial lighting.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION

The club's annual exhibition was held in Hythe Library in November and was, for the first time, based on a theme - "Local Flora and Fauna". A total of 28 photographs was exhibited featuring a wide variety of local wild life and plants and the event was well-received by the public.

MEMBERS' MONTHLY PHOTOGRAPHIC SUBMISSIONS

Members submitted two images each month on a variety of themes including 'ball sports', 'bannisters and railings', 'look up' and 'take my hand' and it was always interesting to see the many and varied interpretations of these topics when we viewed them during the monthly meetings. In addition, members each submitted a photograph of their own choice as a 'PlusONE' image. There were 660 project entries (the most popular being 'railings and bannisters') and 354 'PlusONE' entries.

Members and guests voted for their favourite images each month to select a 'Photograph of the Month' and these can be viewed on the website.

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ANNUAL REVIEW

Tom Lloyd lent his extensive expertise to review a large selection of project entries plus an additional set of members' images - "My Favourite photo of 2023" as a new feature for the annual review. Tom's choice for "Photograph of the Year" was Nick Farrer's 'Bee on a purple flower'. Highly commended were Trevor Allnutt and Peter Brun and commended were Denise Langley, Phil Heading and Mary Gerard.



PUBLICITY

In August the club had a two page spread in the CommunityAd magazine which attracted two new members to the club.

Exploring Hythe District Photographic Club

Hythe is one of the most picturesque places in Kent and makes for a photographer's paradise.


One accessible way to explore local areas is through photographic clubs set up such as Hythe District Photographic Club. Not only is it a great way to take in some stunning scenes, you can also gain a wealth of knowledge engaging with other photographers.

Hythe District Photographic Club hold meetings at 7pm on the second Thursday of each month in the Sports Pavilion on South Road in Hythe, and are open to all to attend. A theme is set each month and members are invited to submit two photos related to that theme and an additional picture of a subject of their choice, these are then viewed at the following monthly meeting, and members then vote for their favourite pictures.


They also have guest speakers who make presentations on various topics and provide workshops with information on how to develop members' photographic skills.

Furthermore, they organise photo shoots in a variety of locations to enable members to socialise and to encourage them to take photos employing different approaches to their hobby. Hythe District Photographic Club also provide their services to take photographs of community events in and around the town.


You can explore the club by joining on Facebook as well as visiting hythedistrictphotographicclub.jimdo.com




Springtime in Paraker Wood




Frozen water fountain at Phillbeach Nursing Home, Tanners Hill, Hythe




Tall ship Thalassa visiting Folkestone



Statue of George Harrison, Liverpool



Stormy Sea, Hythe



Romney Hythe & Dymchurch Railway, Autumn Gala

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THE HYTHE CORONATION FESTIVAL

This was a good opportunity to support the local community in recording the various events laid on to commemorate the coronation in May. The photographs were added to the website and submitted to Hythe Town Council.



Coronation Festivities in Hythe

THANKS

Thanks are due to :-

Roger Brown for the technical work involved in receiving and collating the images ready for the meetings and for the many other technical tasks required.

Trevor Allnutt for maintaining our financial records and for organising the exhibition - and for providing the tea and biscuits for the meetings.

Tom Lloyd for undertaking the annual review, for involvement in the workshops and for many other ways in which he helps the club.

Stewart Weller for organising and co-ordinating the photoshoots and the workshops.

James Willmott for a great deal of behind-the-scenes activities concerned with, inter alia, the website, Facebook and WhatsApp group.

Jean Wilcox for sorting out and serving the refreshments for the monthly meetings.

Vicky Norton for assisting me with the shopping for and the serving of, the Christmas buffet.

Members of the committee for booking speakers, dreaming up ever more challenging and imaginative themes, making sure that that we are insured and have a functioning website and other tasks that are carried out to ensure that the club continues to thrive.

To everyone who submitted photos, attended meetings and voted for their favourite photographs each month.

INTO THE FUTURE

2024 promises to be an interesting and fruitful time for the club. We have some interesting and stimulating speakers planned starting in February with an illustrated talk on nocturnal, celestial photography. Some challenging themes have been selected and these are listed on the website: moreover, I have booked space in the library for our exhibition in September.


We are always open to ideas for locations for photoshoots and for topics for workshops.

The **Hythe Venetian Fête** will take place in August and there will be other interesting opportunities for community involvement during the year.

*John Chapman
Chairman
3rd January 2024*

Club Programme 2023

HYPHE DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB



Photograph © Phil Heading

Thursday 12th January 2023 at 7:00pm
(doors open at 6:30pm)

Annual General Meeting

Guest Speaker
Phil Heading
Four Thirds to Venice
Travels with my Olympus
Project Review
Headwear

Beginners to experts - all welcome!
Refreshments available
Admission charge £3

Hythe Sports Pavilion, South Road, Hythe, CT21 6AR

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Photograph © James Willmott

Thursday 9th February 2023 at 7:00pm
(doors open at 6:30pm)

Guest Speaker
James Willmott
Norway
Land of Trolls, Fjords & Green Lights

Project Review
Illumination


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Thursday 9th March 2023 at 7:00pm
(doors open at 6:30pm)

Guest Speaker
Tom Lloyd ABIPP, ARPS
The Road to Better Photography

Project Review
Night Scenes


Beginners to experts - all welcome!
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Thursday 13th April 2023 at 7:00pm
(doors open at 6:30pm)

Guest Speaker
Stewart Weller
Folkestone to Hythe in Old Postcards

Project Review
Food


Beginners to experts - all welcome!
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Thursday, 11th May, 2023, 7.00pm
(Doors open - 6.30pm)

Guest Speaker
Tom Lloyd ABIPP, ARPS
Travel Photography

Project Review
Portraits


Beginners to experts - all welcome!
Refreshments available
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Thursday, 8th June, 2023, 7.00pm
(Doors open - 6.30pm)

Guest Speaker
Dirk Seyfried
Namibia

Project Review
Bannisters and Railings

Beginners to experts - all welcome!
Refreshments available
Admission charge £3

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Thursday, 13th July, 2023, 7.00pm
(Doors open - 6.30pm)

Guest Speaker
Andrew Ashton
Banksy and Street Art

Project Review
Ball Sports

Beginners to experts - all welcome!
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Thursday, 10th August, 2023, 7.00pm
(Doors open - 6.30pm)

Guest Speaker
Paul Naylor
Old photos from the Hythe Civic Society Archive

Project Review
Take My Hand

Beginners to experts - all welcome!
Refreshments available
Admission charge £3

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Thursday, 14th September, 2023, 7.00pm
(Doors open - 6.30pm)

Guest Speaker
John Chapman
The Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway

Project Review
Look Up!


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Thursday, 12th October, 2023, 7.00pm
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Guest Speaker
Andrew Ashton
Street Photography

Project Review
Leading Lines

Beginners to experts - all welcome!
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Thursday, 9th November, 2023, 7.00pm
(Doors open - 6.30pm)

Guest Speakers
John Taylor & Roger Brown
Madeira
Our Awfully Big Adventure

Project Review
Balance

Beginners to experts - all welcome!
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Thursday, 14th December, 2023, 7.00pm
(Doors open - 6.30pm)

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Guest Speaker
Tom Lloyd ABIPP, ARPS
The Annual Review

Collection of voluntary donations for Pilgrims Hospices
 **Pilgrims Hospices**
followed by
Festive Refreshments

Beginners to experts - all welcome!

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Members' Choice - Project Photographs of the Month 2023

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE PROJECT 'PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH' - JANUARY 2023
'HEADWEAR'



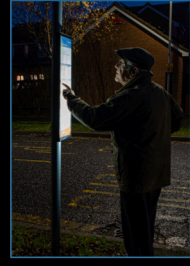
John Taylor - Jacob in Clockwork Character Made

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE PROJECT 'PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH' - JANUARY 2023
'HEADWEAR'



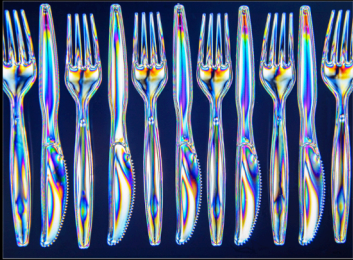
Chris Farrell - You've Been Fostered

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE PROJECT 'PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH' - FEBRUARY 2023
'ILLUMINATION'



Peter Brun - Bus Times by Torch-light

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE PROJECT 'PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH' - FEBRUARY 2023
'ILLUMINATION'



Trevor Allnutt - Plastic Fantastic

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE PROJECT 'PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH' - MARCH 2023
'NIGHT SCENES'



Ashley Judd - Canterbury

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'NIGHT SCENES'



Ashley Judd - Folkestone Harbour

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'NIGHT SCENES'



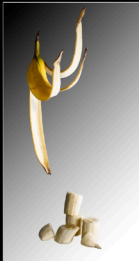
Trevor Allnutt - Stars Over Elymne Castle

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE PROJECT 'PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH' - APRIL 2023
'FOOD'



Carol Drew - Cooking up a Feast

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'FOOD'



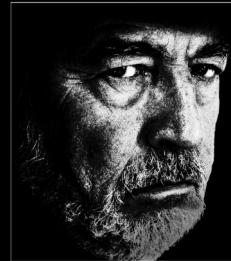
Tom Lloyd - Bananas

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE PROJECT 'PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH' - APRIL 2023
'FOOD'



Trevor Allnutt - Vegy Variety

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE PROJECT 'PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH' - MAY 2023
'PORTRAIT'



Roger Brown - Miserable Old Bugger

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE PROJECT 'PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH' - MAY 2023
'PORTRAIT'



Stewart Weller - Ineke

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE PROJECT 'PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH' - JUNE 2023
'BANNISTERS & RAILINGS'



Laurence Childers - Railing Tree

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE PROJECT 'PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH' - JUNE 2023
'BANNISTERS & RAILINGS'



Phil Heading - All at Sea

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE PROJECT 'PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH' - JUNE 2023
'BANNISTERS & RAILINGS'



John Collins - Designer Bannisters

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE PROJECT 'PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH' - JUNE 2023
'BANNISTERS & RAILINGS'



Ashley Judd - Railings on the top of the Eas Cliff Hall

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE PROJECT 'PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH' - JULY 2023
'BALL SPORTS'



Phil Heading - Clean Bowled

Members' Choice - Project Photographs of the Month 2023

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH - JULY 2023

"BALL SPORTS"



Tom Lloyd - Boules 2

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH - AUGUST 2023

"TAKE MY HAND"



Phil Heading - Migrant Crisis

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH - AUGUST 2023

"TAKE MY HAND"



Stewart Weller - Paws in Time

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH - SEPTEMBER 2023

"LOOK UP"



Brian Webster - Look Up There!

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH - SEPTEMBER 2023

"LOOK UP"



Roger Brown - Look up Amy, and see how far we've come

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH - OCTOBER 2023

"READING LINES"



Mary Gerard - Colonnade at Queens House, Greenwich

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH - OCTOBER 2023

"READING LINES"



Graham Elliott - Iron Bridge in Bratislava

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH - OCTOBER 2023

"READING LINES"



Nick Farrer - In the Hole

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH - OCTOBER 2023

"READING LINES"



Ashley Judd - Harbour Arm at Sunrise

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER 2023

"BALANCE"



Roger Brown - East 1st

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER 2023

"BALANCE"



Jacqui Fowler - Amazing Balance

Members' Choice - PlusONE Photographs of the Month 2023

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE 'PLUSONE' PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MONTH - JANUARY 2023



Sandra Bushell - Sunlight Through the Yew

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE 'PLUSONE' PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MONTH - FEBRUARY 2023



Xen Stinyard - Bored

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE 'PLUSONE' PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MONTH - MARCH 2023



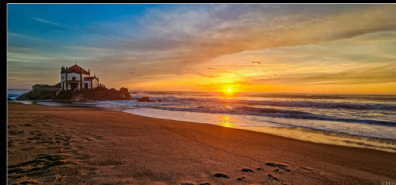
Peter Savage - Somerset Levels Murmuration

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE 'PLUSONE' PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MONTH - APRIL 2023



Peter Savage - Synchronised Shovellers

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE 'PLUSONE' PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MONTH - MAY 2023



John Taylor - Miramar Beach Chapel, Porto

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE 'PLUSONE' PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MONTH - MAY 2023



Jean Wilcock - Stromboli at Twilight

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE 'PLUSONE' PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH - JUNE 2023



Trevor Allnutt - Let's Party

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE 'PLUSONE' PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH - JUNE 2023



Stewart Weller - Lazy Sunday Morning

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE 'PLUSONE' PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH - JULY 2023



Phil Heading - Red Kite Flying

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE 'PLUSONE' PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH - JULY 2023



Stewart Weller - Poppies On The Up

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE 'PLUSONE' PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH - AUGUST 2023



David Gower - Everyone Duck

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE 'PLUSONE' PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH - AUGUST 2023



Phil Heading - A-la Banksy

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE 'PLUSONE' PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH - SEPTEMBER 2023



Sarah Parish - If life gives you lemons, make lemonade

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE 'PLUSONE' PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH - SEPTEMBER 2023



Nigel Tarry - Poppy in Marrakech

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE 'PLUSONE' PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH - OCTOBER 2023



John Taylor - Light and Shadows Under Hungerford Bridge

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE 'PLUSONE' PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH - OCTOBER 2023



John Taylor - Light and Shadows Under Hungerford Bridge

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE 'PLUSONE' PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER 2023



James Willmott - Rainbow Over The Hamble

MEMBERS' FAVOURITE 'PLUSONE' PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER 2023



Mary Gerard - A Balanced Diet

"PHOTOGRAPH OF THE YEAR 2023"



Nick Farrer - Bee on Purple Flower

"HIGHLY COMMENDED"



Trevor Allnutt - Vegy Variety

"HIGHLY COMMENDED"



Peter Brun - Bus Times by Torch-light

"COMMENDED"



Donise Langley - Foggy Day in the Forest

"COMMENDED"



Mary Gerard - Colonnade at Queens House, Greenwich

"COMMENDED"



Phil Heading - Canterbury