



West Haddon Photo Club

2025 Programme

January

8th – Click & Natter

An informal members' get-together for a chat over coffee at The Pytchley in West Haddon.

16th - Show & Tell - Theme: Leading Lines

Our first Show and Tell meeting of the year uses as its theme the compositional device of Leading Lines. This is a way of drawing the viewer's attention into an image and directing it to the subject. There's an option this month to submit up to three prints in lieu of digital images.

23rd - Knowledge Night - My Photographic Journey by David Kallmeier

We've invited David Kallmeier to give us an illustrated talk on how his photography started and has developed as his skills have increased. David's known for his beautiful macro and still life photos, so we're in for a treat. He will explain how he takes his photos, including techniques and equipment.

February

12th - Click & Natter

An informal members' get-together for a chat over coffee at The Pytchley in West Haddon.

20th - Show & Tell - Theme: Peace and Tranquillity

Who doesn't wish for a bit of peace and tranquillity in this world? This month we're hoping our members will be able to submit up to three images that will help instil some stillness and calm.

27th - Knowledge Night - My Photographic Journey by Tony Teague

Tony Teague will describe his photographic journey with plenty of photos. Tony's well-known for his interest in trains in general and railway photography in particular, and will show some of his superb images as he explains how he's developed his technique to achieve them.

March

12th - Click & Natter

An informal members' get-together for a chat over coffee at The Pytchley in West Haddon.

20th - Show & Tell - Theme: Street Life

There's plenty of subjects to photograph on the street and that's why it's a popular genre – taking in people, buildings, and the interaction of these subjects with each other. There's an option this month to submit up to three prints in lieu of digital images.

27th - Talk - Wider World of Photography by Ashley Franklin

For our first in person talk this year we welcome Ashley Franklin to present a talk exploring the history, style and impact that different genres photography have had. Ashley will illustrate his talk with the work of some photo greats. There'll be plenty here to inspire us in our own work.

April

9th - Click & Natter

An informal members' get-together for a chat over coffee at The Pytchley in West Haddon.

17th - Show & Tell - Theme: Rock

We're turning up the volume to 11 for this month's theme of Rock. Whether it's photos of mountains or music it's covered this month and we're sure our members will find many other interpretations in the images they submit.

24th - Talk - Beyond Auto Mode by Bob Brind-Sarch

One of the aims of West Haddon Photo Club is to encourage people to explore the creative opportunities of their cameras by switching away from the Auto Mode. So we've invited nature photographer Bob Brind-Sarch to give his talk 'From the ordinary to the extraordinary part 1 – Beyond Auto Mode – Taking creative control of your camera', which pretty much sums up the aim.

May

7th - Click & Natter

An informal members' get-together for a chat over coffee at The Pytchley in West Haddon.

15th - Show & Tell - Theme: Scapes

Landscapes, cityscapes, starscapes, beachscapes - they'll all be at home in May's theme of 'Scapes'. Why not use the advice given in Bob Brind-Sarch's talk last month to take your camera out of Auto and take some stunning images? There's an option this month to submit up to three prints in lieu of digital images.

22nd - Talk - ICM by Janie Chapman

ICM, or intentional camera movement, is a popular technique that introduces deliberate blurring into photos to produce an artistic and dreamy effect. Many of us spent a great deal of effort trying to avoid blurry pictures, but Janie will show us how to embrace camera movement to add a new element into our compositions.

June

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An informal members' get-together for a chat over coffee at The Pytchley in West Haddon.

19th - Show & Tell - Theme: Corners, Nooks and Crannies

Corners, nooks and crannies are often the resting place for dust and cobwebs, but we're sure our members will be able to produce images containing something much more interesting.

26th - Talk - People & Places by Colin Trowe-Poole

Working in monochrome, Colin Trowe-Poole produces striking fine-art images. He says he makes photos, '...with strong narrative power... that remains consistent irrespective of the photos I am taking. Often the subjects I photograph already have a strong story telling/documentary element'. Colin will illustrate his talk with examples of his work, some of which can be seen on his website.

July

6th – Rainsbrook Valley Railway Photoshoot Outing

We're privileged to have been invited along to a Members' Running Day at the Rainsbrook Valley Railway by the Rugby Model Engineering Society. RMES operate several lengthy stretches of track in 7.1/4, 5, 3.1/2 and 2,1/2 inch gauges and open to the public monthly on Sundays during the summer. We'll be able to go on a private running day, which should give us the opportunity for relatively unfettered access to photograph the track and trains, subject to safety constraints. More details will be provided closer to the date.

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17th - Show & Tell - Theme: Built To Last

They don't build things like that nowadays. We are surrounded by buildings, structures and objects that have lasted much longer than their creators expected, so there should be plenty of inspiration for this month's theme. There's an option this month to submit up to three prints in lieu of digital images.

August

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August Challenge

There are no Show and Tell or Knowledge Night meetings during August, instead we have an August Challenge. This is where we set our members a theme and challenge them to take up to three photos in the period between our July and September meetings. This year it's Faces in Places (Pareidolia) - the illusion of faces appearing in objects. A common example is when windows and a door in a building can be seen as eyes and a mouth.

September

10th - Click & Natter

An informal members' get-together for a chat over coffee at The Pytchley in West Haddon.

18th - Show & Tell - Theme: Colour

This month's theme of Colour should give our members plenty of scope for their images. As this is the first meeting after our summer break we're sure we'll see colourful photos taken whilst the members have been on their travels and outings.

25th - Knowledge Night

Planning is still underway for September's Knowledge Night. When details have been firmed up they will appear here and will be emailed to our members and everyone on our mailing list. If you want to be kept abreast of our activities send an email to events@whphoto.club and we'll add you to the list.

October

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An informal members' get-together for a chat over coffee at The Pytchley in West Haddon.

11th & 12th - Photo Show

Our headline event of the year. Photo Show provides a unique opportunity for local photographers and those from neighbouring counties to showcase their work to the public. There'll be an exhibition of prints throughout our venue in the lovely All Saints' church in West Haddon, as well as a rolling display of digital images.

16th - Show & Tell - Theme: Shadows

Shadows. Not the instrumental pop group from the 1960s but the dark area caused by something obstructing a light source and the theme for this month's Show and Tell. Shadows can be used to frame a subject, directing the viewer's attention, or to inject an element of mystery and pose questions. There's an option this month to submit up to three prints in lieu of digital images.

23rd – Talk – Creating Audio-Visual Presentations by Kevan Brassington

Audio-visual, or AV, presentations are the marrying of images and sound in an appealing package that you can display on the click of a mouse button. Kevan, our erstwhile chairman, has created many of these, not least for some of our Photo Shows, and he will explain how to create one.

November

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An informal members' get-together for a chat over coffee at The Pytchley in West Haddon.

20th - Show & Tell - Theme: Mirrored

The use of mirrors, or something that reflects, is an often-used compositional tool in photography. It can be used to give the illusion of space, to capture candid scenes or to convey feelings of calm and serenity by using reflections in water in landscapes.

27th - Knowledge Night

We're still planning a subject for October's Knowledge Night and will update our programme when more details are known. If you want to be kept abreast of our activities send an email to events@whphoto.club and we'll add you to the list.

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18th - Show & Tell - Theme: Images of the Year

With this Show and tell meeting so close to Christmas and the end of the year we're asking our members to submit their favourite three photos they've taken in 2025 but not already submitted. There's an option this month to submit up to three prints in lieu of digital images. Instead of the Image of the Month section we'll be having some festive nibbles and drinks.