WEST HADDON PHOTO CLUB

2026 PROGRAMME

January

14th – Click & Natter
An informal get-together for a chat over coffee at The Pytchley in West Haddon.

22nd - Knowledge Night – Architecture Through the Viewfinder – Martine Hamilton-Knight
To save you from venturing out into a cold, dark night our first talk for 2026 is over Zoom. Whilst we're all familiar with architectural photography from estate agents' brochures, Martine will explain how to elevate this from simple snaps of bathrooms to fine art.

29th - Show & Tell - Theme: Pointed, AGM
Pointed - this is our first theme of 2026. This month we have the opportunity to submit images of almost any subject as long as they're pointy or pointing, 'cos that's the point of the theme. This meeting we'll also have our AGM.

February

11th - Click & Natter
An informal get-together for a chat over coffee at The Pytchley in West Haddon.

19th - Show & Tell - Theme: Sculptures / Monuments
Often in surprising places and sometimes taking strange forms, sculptures and monuments are our theme this month. It's estimated in the UK of statues depicting historical figures 86% were of males, will our members' images reflect this? Members may submit up to 3 prints in lieu of digital images.

26th - Knowledge Night - My Photographic Journey – Alastair Bell
Alastair is well-known for his love of older film cameras and using film when taking photos. We're sure he'll illustrate his photographic journey with plenty of examples.

March

11th - Click & Natter
An informal get-together for a chat over coffee at The Pytchley in West Haddon.

19th - Show & Tell - Theme: Forests, Woods and Paths
Some of the most enchanting images shown at our Show and Tell meetings have been of forests and woods, so we are eagerly anticipating our members' images this month. If trees aren't your thing, then you can follow your own path...

26th - Talk - Wider World of Photography Part 2 by Ashley Franklin
We welcome back Ashley Franklin to present part two of his 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. His last talk was most popular so we're looking forward to this one.

April

8th - Click & Natter
An informal get-together for a chat over coffee at The Pytchley in West Haddon.

16th - Show & Tell - Theme: Time
Time – an abstract concept, yet so central to all our lives. It's our theme this month so, somehow our members need to depict this in their submissions. We hope our members find time to take some photos and submit them in time. Members may submit up to 3 prints in lieu of digital images.

23rd - Talk – Mindful Photography by Paul Sanders
WHPC has been fortunate to have had talks by some excellent photographers and Paul is certainly one of them. We've invited him back, this time in person, to present his talk on Mindful Photography which is sure to include some sublime and thoughtful images.

28th – Papplewick Pumping Station Visit
Dating from the 1880's, this is an extraordinary site, a fine Victorian structure containing two James Watt beam engines and highly decorated cast iron beams and pillars - the epitome of Victorian embellishment. Tickets are £8 for members; please email events@whphoto.club if you want to come along.

May

13th - Click & Natter
An informal get-together for a chat over coffee at The Pytchley in West Haddon.

21st - Show & Tell - Theme: Calendar Shots
Every year WHPC produces its own calendar which is very popular and usually sells out at Photo Show. We're using this month's Show and Tell meeting to encourage members to submit suitable images for our 2027 calendar.

28th - Talk – My Kit and How I Use It – by Carol Hartfree
Carol is a Fujifilm Ambassador who's been obsessed about photography since her 20's and her website showcases some of her projects. Some of our members have been on and enjoyed photowalks that she's led, so we're looking forward to hear her talk.

June

10th - Click & Natter
An informal get-together for a chat over coffee at The Pytchley in West Haddon.

18th - Show & Tell - Theme: Planes, Trains and Automobiles
Could this month's theme be in any way related to the fact that our chairman is a very keen (and accomplished) photographer of trains? A scurrilous rumour! When we've had this theme in the past it's been very popular and we're looking forward to seeing the images our members submit. Members may submit up to 3 prints in lieu of digital images.

25th – Knowledge Night – Skills Surgery
In a recent survey our members asked for talks about number of topics, the most popular being Long Exposure, Macro and Image Storage. During this Knowledge Night we will be holding multiple sessions to cover these subjects.

July

8th - Click & Natter
An informal get-together for a chat over coffee at The Pytchley in West Haddon.

16th - Show & Tell - Stillness
We hope our members were inspired by Paul Sanders' talk in April to create their own photos for this month's theme of Stillness. Arguably all photos are still by their nature, but we hope to see some that convey relaxation and calm.

23rd – Braunston Photo Walk
We'll be meeting in the evening at the picturesque Braunston Marina for a photo walk. There's plenty to photograph here: the marina, the canal and locks and, slightly further afield, St. Peter's church, Wolfhamcote. Oh, and there'll be a visit to the pub afterwards.

August

12th & 26th - Click & Natter
An informal get-together for a chat over coffee at The Pytchley in West Haddon.

August Challenge - A Grand Day Out
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 3 photos in the period between our July and September meetings. With 'A Grand Day Out' we want to see members' photos from their summer outings.

September

6th – Sunday Tea
West Haddon Village Hall holds a number of village teas hosted by local organisations, and it's our turn on 6th September. Please come along and support us and the Village Hall - treat it as an extra Click and Natter.

9th - Click & Natter
An informal get-together for a chat over coffee at The Pytchley in West Haddon.

17th - Show & Tell - Theme: Light(s)
Nothing is more fundamental to photography than light; the word after all is Greek for light painting. Light reflected from objects is what helps us see them and, perhaps, point a camera at them. We can also use light to direct the viewer's attention in a photo through the use of its intensity or colour. We're looking forward to seeing the imaginative use of light in our members' submissions. Members may submit up to 3 prints in lieu of digital images.

24th – Talk – Smartphone Photography by Jet Lendon
We all know modern smartphones are capable of taking great photos, but are we getting the best out of them? Jet Lendon from JetBlack Squares talk will show us how.

October

7th - Click & Natter
An informal get-together to chat over coffee at The Pytchley in West Haddon.

10th & 11th - Photo Show
Now in its 12th year, Photo Show provides a unique opportunity for local photographers to showcase their work to the public. There'll be an exhibition of prints throughout All Saints' church in West Haddon, as well as a rolling display of digital images.

15th - Show & Tell - Theme: Abstract
Is it a bird, is it a plane? It may be hard to tell with this month's theme of abstract. Everyday objects taken from strange angles are only one form of abstraction, there are many others subject only to the ingenuity and imagination of our members.

22nd - Knowledge Night – My Photographic Journey by Pyers Tucker
For the fifth of these popular talks, we've asked Pyers why he first picked up a camera, and what motivates his photography. Pyers has shown some extraordinary wildlife photos at some of our Show and Tells, so we should be in for a treat.

29th – Open Evening
We'll be opening the doors of our new meeting venue – the Village Hall – and welcoming everyone who may be interested in seeing what we do. Members will be available to answer questions about the club and photography in general.

November

11th - Click & Natter
An informal get-together for a chat over coffee at The Pytchley in West Haddon.

19th - Show & Tell - Theme: Water, Boats and Boating
In it, on it, under it, messing about with it, reflected in it – all these fit into this month's theme. Water seems to attract us and hopefully will result in some varied photos we can see during our Show and tell meeting. Members may submit up to 3 prints in lieu of digital images.

26th – Knowledge Night – Skills Surgery
Skills surgeries are an informal get-together when members have an opportunity to ask whatever photographic-related questions they wish.

December

9th - Click & Natter
An informal get-together for a chat over coffee at The Pytchley in West Haddon.

17th - Show & Tell - Theme: Images of the Year
The last meeting of the year features members' favourite three photos they've taken in 2026. Members may submit up to 3 prints in lieu of digital images.

18th – Members' Christmas Meal
An opportunity for the whole club to come together one final time this year to share a meal at The Pytchley.