# WEST HADDON PHOTO CLUB

## 2027 PROGRAMME

## January

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

**21st - Knowledge Night – Finding the Beauty in Nature – Chris Upton**
A new year, but not a new face. We welcome back Chris Upton to present another of his talks; this time he explains how to best capture the beauty of the landscape and the world around us.

**28th - Show & Tell - Theme: Textures**
Sometimes it's how a subject looks, rather than the subject itself that attracts us as photographers. Wood grain, rusty iron, tree bark, amongst others, all have unique and attractive features, and we're sure we'll see many others in our Show and Tell.

## February

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

**18th - Show & Tell - Theme: Machinery**
Welcome to the Machinery theme. This month we're asking our members to show us their images of all things mechanical. The scope is enormous, as is the scale, from steam engines to watches, so we expect to see a wide range of subjects. This month there's a print option – members may submit up to 3 prints in lieu of digital images.

**25th - Talk – Fashion to Event by Khandie Rees**
Fashion, portraiture and event photography are genres we've not covered before, so we've invited Khandie to fill this gap. This year Kandie was a guest speaker at the Photography and Video Show and some of her work can be seen on her website.

## March

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

**18th - Show & Tell - Theme: Black and White**
Many of the most moving and memorable photos are in black and white; stripped of colour they allow us to concentrate on the subject. Conversely the lack of colour can also communicate a restful mood. With no restriction on subjects we're looking forward to see what out members submit.

**25th - Talk - Where I Photograph British Wildlife – Malcolm Hupman**
Wildlife photography is a perennial favourite with many of us wanting to capture a memorable photo. To achieve this one of the most important elements is to know where to find wildlife. Malcolm Hupman points out that location, time of year and the weather will all influence what you are likely to see. Using images with location, date and equipment details Malcolm will help improve your wildlife photography.

## April

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

**22nd - Show & Tell - Theme: Animals**
If you attended last month's talk by Malcolm Hupman you will have known where to go to make a photo for this month's theme of Animals. Our members are widely travelled, so we expect to see photos of charismatic macrofauna, but invertebrates are animals too, and more likely to be found in your back garden. This month there's a print option – members may submit up to 3 prints in lieu of digital images.

**29th - Talk – The Wider World of Photography, Part 3 – Ashley Franklin**
Ashley Franklin is a regular visitor to WHPC and for good reason, we've left his previous two Wider World of Photography talks enthused, inspired and considerably better informed. He's set the bar high for Part Three and we're in no doubt he'll deliver – we're looking forward to it.

## May

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

**20th - Show & Tell - Theme: Signs**
Signs: they're everywhere. Useful, informative, bossy, bewildering, there's plenty of choice of subjects for this month's theme of Signs. Look for the bizarre, the defaced or the (unintentionally) amusing.

**27th - Knowledge Night – Skills Surgery**
Our Skills Surgeries usually cover a range of subjects, so it's a great opportunity to ask the questions on how, why and what that can't be addressed at our Show and tell meetings.

## June

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

**17th - Show & Tell - Theme: Street Art/ Graffiti**
One person's street art is another's graffiti – brightening our environment or defacing it. This month's theme of Street Art/ Graffiti at prove divisive, we just hope it generates some great photos. There's a print option this month – members may submit up to 3 prints in lieu of digital images.

**24th – Talk – Landscape Photography Thoughts & Techniques – Sarah Howard**
Along with wildlife, landscape photography is one of the most popular genres. We're pleased, therefore, to welcome Sarah Howard, a Cotswold-based landscape photographer, to give us a talk. As the title suggests, she'll be providing us with her thoughts on how to approach this rewarding genre and the best techniques to employ.

## July

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

**22nd - Show & Tell – Theme: Broken**
It's broken – two words that often lead to feelings of frustration or disappointment. This month's theme is challenging our members to embrace Broken- the dilapidated, the derelict and use it to produce up to three photos for our Show and tell meeting.

**29th – Photo Walk**
With light evenings and better weather (no guarantee, mind) we usually plan a photo walk for our members and those of other local photo clubs. This is a great opportunity to talk and exchange tips with other like-minded photographers. The location will be announced closer to the time.

## August

**11th & 25th - Click & Natter**
An informal get-together for a chat over coffee at The Pytchley in West Haddon.

**August Challenge - TBA**
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. The topic for this year will be announced closer to the time.

## September

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

**16th - Show & Tell - Theme: Power**
One of the definitions of power is 'physical strength or force exerted or capable of being exerted'. Does this help with creating images for this month's theme? Possibly not, but by choosing subjects that imply this: e.g. waves, lightening, wind, it will convey the meaning. There's a print option this month – members may submit up to 3 prints in lieu of digital images.

**23rd - Talk – Through the Years – Warren Alani**
It's a pleasure to welcome along another new speaker to give us a presentation. This month it's Warren Alani, a Northamptonshire-based photographer whose work has been internationally recognised. Warren will be presenting his 'Through The Years' talk, a demonstration of storytelling through the still image, featuring powerful and striking images.

## October

**6th - Click & Natter**
An informal get-together to chat over coffee at The Pytchley in West Haddon.

**9th & 10th - Photo Show**
Now in its 13th year, this is our headline event of our programme. 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.

**14th - Show & Tell - Theme: Urban – Steel, Glass & Concrete**
The built environment is the subject for this month's theme. Many striking structures have been created using steel, glass and concrete (and many excrescences too). Sometimes it's the finer details that are the most photogenic. We're looking forward to what photos our members submit.

**21st – Knowledge Night – TBA**
We're still in the planning stage for this month's Knowledge Night. Details will be provided closer to the date.

**28th – Open Evening**
We'll be opening the doors of our usual meeting venue – West Haddon 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

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

**18th - Show & Tell - Theme: Backlit**
Backlit, or contre-jour (literally, against the light) is a photographic technique that can provide some dramatic images, and is our theme for November. Shooting into the light can be tricky and often results in very contrasty images with dark shadows, but it's fun to try. There's a print option this month – members may submit up to 3 prints in lieu of digital images.

**25th – Talk – TBA**
Planning is still underway to obtain a speaker for this month. When there's more information it will be shared here.

## December

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

**16th - Show & Tell - Theme: Images of the Year**
The last meeting of the year features members' favourite three photos they've taken in 2027. There's a print option this month – members may submit up to 3 prints in lieu of digital images. Instead of our usual Image of the Month section we'll be having some festive nibbles and drinks. We'll also hold our AGM.

**TBA – Members' Christmas Meal**

An opportunity for the whole club to come together one final time this year to share a meal at The Pytchley.