



Whitley Bay Photographic Society

Information for New Members

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Welcome

Members of Whitley Bay Photographic Society meet in a friendly atmosphere to enjoy a wide range of photographic activities.

We are photographic enthusiasts who discuss pictures and techniques on a very informal level. We do not discuss equipment as we see this as an unimportant aspect of our hobby. It's the pictures that matter. However, we do have some members with very expensive equipment as well as those using inexpensive compacts and smart phones as well as a wide range of software, all with very good results.

To enhance our knowledge, we enjoy a very diverse programme.

Programme Overview

The programme is a mixture of talks by invited speakers, competition nights, club evenings, technical nights, social outings, and exchange visits.

Talks

Talks, covering a wide range, are given by invited speakers, who may be external to the club or one of our own members, focusing on photographic topics, supported by Projected Digital Images (PDI) and/or prints.

Club Evenings, Members Favourite Images, 20 x 20 or show a panel & tabletop.

These evenings are for the members to showcase their own work. They are shown in PDI format and give members the opportunity to share some of their work with others.

A number of these nights are advertised in the club programme and all the monthly summer meetings are also given over to Club Evenings.

They are open to all and it's entirely up to you what you show. This may be some new technique you have been trying; or a few photos of your latest holiday location; or an interesting, themed element from your current or previous work.

Club Evenings are a popular format and there are often a lot of members wishing to participate.

Do join in! It's your evening. Remember, you will not be judged. These sessions are for enjoyment.

Members AVs and Pictures to Music

We normally have two evenings during the season, specifically for members AVs.

The first is the opportunity for longer project-based AVs, usually with commentary, as well as shorter ones where the images are set to music.

The second is Pictures to Music which is specifically for short sequences, where suitable images are projected with a chosen piece of music.

Technical Nights

We regular have technical evenings, some members meet to show their work and discuss the technical side of photography. The subject of these discussions is decided by the members and could be a 'how to' session, demonstration on a technique or just problem solving.

Social Outings, Pictures from Outings

Each month a Photographic trip is organised. The members must make their own way to the venue and pay any costs, but it's a forum of like-minded people taking photographs where ideas are shared and passed around. The pictures can then be shown to other members on the appropriate night.

Exchange Visits

During the season, we have "Club Exchange" visits, when the visiting club entertains the home club. A great platform to exchange ideas.

Competitions

Competitions should be seen as an enjoyable learning curve in improving your photography. However, entering any competition is not mandatory. It doesn't matter what camera you use; a good picture will always be a success.

New members generally enter the "Club" category of the competitions as the standard they are judged on is not as onerous as the advanced category. Members can use this to develop their skill before moving up into the higher category.

Why Join Our Photographic Society?

Billions of photos are taken each day around the world for a variety of reasons on an exhaustive range of equipment. The vast majority of those taking the photographs are very happy with the results and the way they are displayed. Sometimes, people want to know how it can be improved or make it more dramatic to stand out from your friends images.

This is where our society comes in. We are not teachers who will bombard you with instructions but simply photographic enthusiasts who will give you information and advice to enhance your images.

You will also have access to our library which is stocked with new books on photography.

Remember, it doesn't matter what camera you use, it's what you do with it that will produce great images.

The club season typically runs on Tuesday nights from September to April, with the final evening devoted to the Annual General Meeting. We also have members nights on the first Tuesday of each month during the summer. **You are welcome to come along on any club evening.**

Technical/Practical nights also take place on a monthly basis throughout the year, where we discuss and try various photographic techniques and subjects. These are normally held on Thursday evenings.

The current subscription is £50 for full membership, however new members will enjoy the first month free of charge to allow you to see if we are the sort of organisation that suits your requirements. You will not be allowed to enter any competitions during this trial period. If you decide to become a full member, your membership fee will be £6.25 for each remaining month of the season which ends of April.

Students and Under 18s members will be receive an 80% discount with the same conditions.

We meet at Earsdon & Wellfield Community Association, Church Way, Earsdon, Whitley Bay. NE25 9JY with the programme starting at 7:30pm. The presentations finish approximately 9:00pm when members can enjoy good conversation over tea/coffee and biscuits.

Access

There is disabled access to our room as well as the toilet facilities.

Parking

There is room for 20 cars in the community car park, however, we must share this facility with other users on the night, so it will be first come, first serve. There is also parking on front street, and we are reliably informed, there parking at the Cannon Public house which is closed on Tuesdays. What we asked is don't upset the neighbours and park with consideration.

Public Transport

Alas, we have no control of this & Earsdon is poorly served by buses.

Buses 51, 57A & 351 are the only feasible buses to our venue, while the only service home would be 57A.

[Come along and use you free membership period to have a chat which might change your photographic life.](#)

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