

# SHAFTESBURY CAMERA CLUB

## Programme 2025-2026

*(Dates in red are deadlines for competition entries, not meetings)*

**Thursday 11th. September**

**Guest Speaker: Alison Webber**

**Subject: The Cloak of Conformity and the Corset of Expectation**

Alison is a neurodivergent artist based in Dorset who combines her passion for photography with her passion for painting. She has created the 'Artistic Fusion' project which tells the story of how her journey into the world of art has split into two parallel pathways.

*Thursday September 18th.*

*Uploads for in house meeting*

**Thursday 25th. September**

**In House meeting**

**Part 1.** Any 10x20s (PDI slide show of 10 images, 20 seconds per image on any subject with dialogue or captions) of members summer work.

Discuss members cameras, software they use and encourage members to add their images to the members gallery on the web site

**Part 2.** Hands up Competition number 1, Subject Travel/Holiday. Choose topic for number 2

*Thursday 2nd. October*

*Print titles and PDI uploads for Shuffell Trophy 1st. round*

**Thursday 9th. October**

**The Shuffell Trophy, 1st. round**

**Subject: Open.** 2 PDIs / 2 prints per member.

**Judge: Malcolm McNaughton**

*Thursday 16th. October*

*PDI uploads for Match an Image*

**Thursday 23rd. October**

**Guest speaker: Jim Pascoe**

**Subject: Black and White**

Jim and his wife Nicky are professional photographers running their business full-time since 1998. They are well known in the local area for their unbounded enthusiasm for photographing people! This includes weddings, family and commercial portraiture, schools, and most recently ballet dancers

**Thursday 30th. October**

**Match an Image Competition (at home)**

**Clubs:** Blandford, Ringwood and Shaftesbury

**Judge: Mike Weeks**

*Thursday 6th. November*

*Print titles and PDI uploads for Shuffell Trophy 2nd. round*

**Thursday 13th. November**

**The Shuffell Trophy, 2nd. round**

**Subject: Open Monochrome.** 2 PDIs / 2 prints per member

**Judge: Jim Pascoe**

**Thursday 27th. November**

**Guest Speaker: Jeanette London**

**Subject: Smartphone Photography**

Jeanette is the founder and Creative Director of Jet Black Squares. Combining her former teaching career in the East End of London with a more recent corporate photography business of 13 years, she has created a hub for everything creative surrounding the smartphone. Her passion is showing people of all ages how to get the best photos from their phone; she believes that photography should be available to everyone and not just those who have a 'fancy camera'. Her infectious enthusiasm is evident for all to see, whether teaching the CEO of an international company, presenting to a conference of 100+ clients within the travel industry or an 85-year-old grandma.

**Thursday 11th. December**

**In House: Flash photography workshop with Mike Weeks**

If participating you will need camera, flash and tripod if you have one.

**Thursday 18th. December**

**Christmas social for members and their partners**

Food and drink, Quiz, raffle and more.

*Thursday 1st. January 2026*

*Print titles and PDI uploads for Shuffell Trophy 3rd. round*

**Thursday 8th. January 2026**

**The Shuffell Trophy, 3rd. round**

**Subject: Open.** 2 PDIs / 2 prints

**Judge: Tony Oliver**

**Thursday 22nd. January**

**Guest Speaker via Zoom: Kevin Pigney**

**Subject: Passion for Wildlife**

Kevin is a professional photographer based near Cambridge, East Anglia with a passion for outdoor photography, including wildlife/nature, macro and landscapes/seascapes. He regularly does presentations both in person and via Zoom to clubs and societies throughout the UK and beyond. When in person he loves to display prints as he thinks they really bring an image to life. He also runs workshops and online sessions including post-production lessons. See [kipphotography.myportfolio.com](http://kipphotography.myportfolio.com) for further details.

**Thursday 29th. January**

**Guest Speakers: Penny and Spike Piddock**

**Subject: Completely in the Dark, Light Painting**

A fun, practical session in the clubroom with your cameras for the dark nights. Bring your cameras!

*Thursday 5th. February*

*PDI uploads for Hands Up competition number 2*

*PDI uploads for the Ladies v Gents*

**Thursday 12th. February**

**In House meeting:**

**Part 1:** Discuss DPIC results and view images. Choose images for the Bradford Abbas Shield competition

**Part 2:** Hands up competition number 2

**Thursday 26th. February**

**In house: Ladies v Gents**

**Subject: Movement**

**Judge: Mike Weeks**

*PDI uploads for the two judge critique evening*

**Thursday 12th. March**

**In House: Two judge critique evening with Huw Alban and Norman Marsh**

**Tuesday 24th. March**

**The annual Bradford Abbas Shield competition**

**Subject: Farmers and Farming**

**Clubs:** Sherborne Bradford Abbas, Yeovil, Wincanton, South Petherton and ourselves, 10 PDIs per club

**Thursday 26th. March**

**Guest Speaker: John and Di Tisley**

**Subject: The Danube Delta**

John and Di visited this fascinating area in 2024. The size of Wales, it can only effectively be explored by water. During their stay they saw a huge variety of bird and mammal species in some superb light. The evenings format will be John showing his prints and Di her PDI's interspersed with a few AV's.

*Thursday 2nd. April*

*Print titles and PDI uploads for the Gold Hill Cup competition*

*Print titles for Annual Exhibition*

**Thursday 9th. April**

**PDI and Print of the Year: Open to Members who have had placements in the Shuffell Trophy**

**The Gold Hill Cup** is open to members who have not had a 1st., 2nd. or 3rd. place in the Shuffell Trophy.

**Only 2 prints and/or 2 PDIs per member**

**Judge: Laura Pearce**

**Thursday 23rd. April**

**The Shaftesbury Camera Club PDI Shaston Challenge**

**Clubs:** Ringwood, Blandford and ourselves

**Subject: Open**

**Judge: Peter Woodhouse**

*Hand in Prints for Exhibition*

**Thursday 30th. April (3rd. meeting of the month)**

**AGM and prize giving**

**Saturday 2nd. May – Friday 8th. May**

**Members Annual Exhibition in Gold Hill Museum**

**Thursday 14th. May**

**End of Season speaker: Barry Webb**

Barry is an award winning macro photographer based in Buckinghamshire. He has concentrated on recording and photographing slime moulds (Myxomycetes) since 2020. His presentation shows the photographic techniques that reveal the unseen beauty of these tiny organisms, and ends with a display of his RPS Fellowship panel of prints.