

Competition Dates

Hand-in	Competition	Judging
-	U B the Judge Open print	2/9/25
16/9/25	No. 1: People + Open	30/9/25
21/10/25	No. 2: Open + Landscape	4/11/25
	Battle of Sedgemoor	2/12/25
2/12/25	Titchener Competition	16/12/25
6/1/26	No. 3: Creative + Open	20/1/26
3/2/26	No. 4: Open + Architecture	17/2/26
	Frome Wessex CC Battle	27/2/26
24/2/26	Challengers Competition	10/3/26
3/3/26	Battle of the Sexes Competition	17/3/26
7/4/26	Picture of the Year	21/4/26
	Chard CC Battle (TBC)	5/5/26

Please see the competition rules and entry guide on the club website to ensure you comply with entry conditions.

Digital entries should be submitted via PhotoEntry at <https://compent.photoentry.uk.compent/>.

For print competitions you must submit a digital copy of each print to PhotoEntry to aid administration.

The External Competition Secretary will circulate details of external competition opportunities.

2025 – 2026 Committee

<i>Chair</i>	John Law LRPS
<i>Vice Chair</i>	Carolyn Moore LRPS
<i>Secretary</i>	Sharon Lewis
<i>Treasurer</i>	Sue Dyson
<i>Programme Secretary</i>	Adam Humphrey
<i>Exhibitions Secretary</i>	Geoff Corris
<i>Internal Competition Secretary</i>	Carolyn Moore LRPS
<i>External Competition Secretary</i>	-- Vacant --
<i>Property Manager</i>	Janet Miles LRPS CPAGB BPE2* AFIAP
<i>Publicity & Minutes Secretary</i>	Catherine Alexander
<i>Webmaster</i>	Tony Small

Current annual membership fees

Full single membership	£40
Family membership	£70
Students	£20

Members entrance fee per night (including refreshments)	£4
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Visitors/non-members entrance fee per night (including refreshments)	£5
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Paid-up members are entitled to enter all internal competitions, participate in external competitions and borrow club equipment.

The Club is affiliated to the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain and the Western Counties Photographic Federation.



www.midsomersetcameraclub.org.uk

2025 - 2026 PROGRAMME

Mid Somerset Camera Club is a friendly group with an enthusiasm for photography. Members have varying levels of ability but all have a desire to learn and to share their knowledge and experience with others.

We offer a warm welcome to photographers of all levels from beginners to professionals.

We meet on Tuesday evenings from September to May; meetings run from 7:30 pm to 9:45 pm at the Victoria Club, Leigh Road, Street, BA16 0HB

To get in touch use the website contact page or email us at: msscsecretary25@gmail.com

A Google Calendar version of the programme is available on request.

Please join our Facebook community - search Mid Somerset Camera Club.

Programme: September 2025 – May 2026

September 2025

- 2 **New Season Welcome & U B the Judge**
Welcome & introductions followed by an informal U B the Judge small print competition for unmounted prints up to 18cm by 13cm entered on the night
- 9 **Getting Competition Ready**
A multi-activity clinic to encourage competition entries with demos & reviews to help members to submit their best entries
- 16 **Guest Speaker: Peter Orr Polar Photography**
Dramatic landscapes and wildlife from the polar regions where the air is fresh, the landscape is a wilderness and the wildlife is unique www.instagram.com/orrpix/ **Hand-in for Competition 1**
- 23 **Club Speaker: John Law Exploring AI**
Examining what AI offers the club photographer, why and how to use it to improve our images, including demonstrations and hands-on activities
- 30 **Competition 1: People (Print) + Open (DPI)**
Enter a max of 2 prints with People/Portrait/Street as the subject and a max of 2 DPIs on any subject judged by Peter Hyett [B]

October 2025

- 7 **Activity: Image Share & Review**
Janet will walk through her ARPS panel after which we share our own images and provide supportive review and critique assisted by our mentors
- 14 **Guest Speaker: Lynne Blount Colouring Outside the Lines**
New techniques for experimental, impressionistic and abstract image making from this RPS Monograph Author <https://lynnblount.com/> [Z]
- 21 **Club Speaker: Janet Miles Photographing Trees & Woods**
and subsequent treatment through post processing to bring out the best in this challenging subject **Hand-in for Competition 2**
- 28 **Activity: Composition Workshop**
Practical composition exercises to strengthen members awareness and skills, focussing purely on composition [B]

November 2025

- 4 **Competition 2 Open (Print) + Landscape (DPI)**
A max of 2 prints on any subject and a max of 2 DPIs with Landscape as the subject judged by Peter Orr
- 11 **Guest Speaker: Paul Gooch**
Paul tell his story of photographing and documenting the architecture of the world heritage city of Bath <https://pauljgooch.com/>
- 18 **Guest Speaker: An Audience with Joe Cornish (Stroke Theatre)**
Joe shares notable landscape images and the passion which drives him to continue photographing the natural environment.
- 25 **Member Update & Image Share**
An update on mentoring, competitions & some novel motion photography followed by image share/critique. [B]

December 2025

- 2 **Battle of Sedgemoor**
Our annual photographic battle with Bridgwater & Yeovil camera clubs at Bridgwater. **Hand-in for Titchener Competition**
- 9 **Guest Speaker: David Clapp Travel Photography**
Real images, not manipulations or AI fabrications, from David's experience leading tours and workshops around the world <https://www.davidclapp.co.uk/>
- 16 **Titchener Trophy Competition**
A max of 2 prints and a max of 2 DPIs both on the subject of Flora & Fauna judged by John Tilsley [B]
- 23 No Meeting

January 2026

- 6 **Guest Speaker: Philip Galvan Travel Photography**
A journey through Laos, Cambodia, Burma and Vietnam. thestrollingphotographer.com/ **Hand-in for Competition 3**
- 13 **Club Speaker: Gary Clements & Carolyn Moore**
A joint presentation of wildlife photography from Costa Rica, Bulgaria and beyond, by two of our most capable club members
- 20 **Competition 3: Creative (Print) + Open (DPI)**
A max of 2 prints on the subject Creative and a max of 2 DPIs on any subject judged by Marko Dutka
- 27 **Activity: Models Night**
A practical evening with the opportunity to try people photography or improve your people photography skills *Bring your Camera* [B]

February 2026

- 3 **Guest Speaker: Robert Harvey Astro Photography**
Robert Harvey returns to the club to talk about successful astro photography with a standard camera <https://www.naturalworldphotography.net/> **Hand-in for Competition 4**
- 10 **Club Speaker: Tina Westcott**
Tina gives us an insight into her photography inspirations and personal approach to photography and shares her recent images
- 17 **Competition 4: Open (Print) + Architecture (DPI)**
A max of 2 prints on any subject and a max of 2 DPIs with Architecture as the subject judged by Mike Martin
- 24 **Activity: Food Photography**
A practical evening to increase our appetite and ability for all aspects of food photography *Bring your Camera* **Hand-in for Challengers Competition**
- 27 **Battle with Frome Wessex Photographic**
Our annual and closely fought battle with Frome Wessex club, hosted by them.

March 2026

- 3 **Guest Speaker: Greg Lovett**
Local bird and nature specialist Greg will be showing us the work from his multi-year project on Birds of Ecuador **Hand-in for Battle of the Sexes**
- 10 **Challengers Competition (DPI)**
Challengers competition for DPIs on any subject judged by club mentors, followed by members image share/review
- 17 **Battle of the Sexes**
Members are split into ladies & gents teams for this fun competition for the Dawn Pallant Trophy judged by Jane Kearney
- 24 **WCPF Travelling Print Exhibition**
We put on our judge's hat to enjoy & critique 70+ top-class image from across the Western Counties region
- 31 **Programme General Meeting**
A survey and discussion of members ideas and recommendations for inclusion in next year's programme [B]

April 2026

- 7 **Guest Speaker: Chris Hilton**
Describing himself as a visually curious photographer, Chris photographs the things that are odd, quirky, or just make him smile <https://www.visuallycuriousphotography.com/> **Hand-in for Picture of the Year**
- 14 **Club Speaker: Janet Miles Flowers**
Janet takes us through her imaginative approach to flower photography further enhanced through creative post processing
- 21 **Picture of the year Competition**
Our final competition for Picture of the Year selected from the best competition images of the club year and judged by TBC
- 28 **Activity: Macro Photography**
A practical evening of macro photography for which members will be requested to 'bring a bug' *Bring your Camera* [B]

May 2026

- 5 **Battle with Chard Camera Club**
Our annual battle with Chard CC which this year is hosted by us and judged by Peter Fry
- 12 **Guest Speaker: Gary Gough Landscape**
Examples and techniques for shooting dramatic land/seascapes presented by this professional fine art and landscape photographer <https://garygough.co.uk/>
- 17 **SUNDAY Activity: Sea, Sand and Sunset**
We meet at Lulworth Cove for prosecco & afternoon tea, shoot the many local sights, ending with some sunset shots around Durdle Door **[No club meeting 19/5/26]**
- 26 **Annual General Meeting & Award Presentations**
We start by reviewing progress, finalising the committee & setting the budget for the coming year, after which we present trophies/awards and celebrate members achievements

[Z] Event delivered via Zoom

[B] Bring, Buy, Share table - last Tuesday of every month