



# Beacon Camera Club



## 2019 – 20 Newsletter Number 05

### This Week's Thursday Evening Meeting

Thursday **7th November 2019** - 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm - Malvern Vale Community Centre, Swinyard Rd, Malvern, WR14 1FG

#### **Michael Kriers – Cheltenham Salon 2019**

Michael Kriers will be showing images from Cheltenham's 2019 Salon

<http://www.cheltenhamcameraclub.co.uk/wordpress/salon/>

### Refreshment Rota

“Tea Monitors:

**7th November 2019** – Lyn Webb and Brian Daniel

**14th November 2019** – Peter Richardson and Julie Richardson

### “Other” activities Coming Up

**Audio-Visual Group** – Monday **4th November 2019** – 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm – Leader **Peter (Warner)** The Beacon Room, Malvern Vale Community Centre, Swinyard Rd, Malvern, WR14 1FG

An evening with Andrew Gagg FRPS

**Charlie Williams Trophy** – Wednesday **6th November** – 8 pm to 9.30 pm – Leaders (for this time only!) **Tony (McDonnell) & Ian (Thompson)** Rear Lounge, Great Malvern Hotel, Graham Rd., Malvern WR14 2HN

Review of theme Seascape

**Beginners' and Improvers' Group** – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – 7.30 pm to 9 pm – Leader **Kerry (McFarlane)** Rear Lounge, Great Malvern Hotel, Graham Rd., Malvern WR14 2HN

Camera histograms and other guides, customisation and other menu functions.

**Monochrome Print Group** – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm – Leader **Colin (Trow-Poole)** Back Room, Hotel, Graham Rd., Malvern WR14 2HN

FIRST HALF

Members will bring four completely unedited A4 or A5 printed images (which in most cases will be colour) for the group to constructively appraise. They will then show monochrome versions of these same printed images (again A4) for the group to compare with the originals and to constructively evaluate.

It is hoped that rather than "desaturate" (or click a single button), members will creatively exploit the full potential of each monochrome print and explain to the audience what editing they have done, giving a rationale for the creative decisions made.

There are no restrictions on how much of the original image is allowed to be used. Similarly, members can combine the original image with other files and textures should they wish to do so.

SECOND HALF (depending on time)

A member will bring along a themed set of printed monochrome images for the group to evaluate.

**Street Group** – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – 7:30 pm to 9.30 pm – Leaders **Cliff (McFarlane)** & **Tony (McDonnell)** Great Malvern Hotel, Graham Road, Malvern, WR14 2HN

This is an opportunity for all members to discuss their photographs in an informal, friendly and constructive environment.

Please bring any photos you would like to show the group on a memory stick. We would especially like to see images from our club outings.

If there are particular Street photographers you admire please bring some images along and share with the group what you admire about these photographs.

**Committee Meeting** – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm, Rear Lounge, Great Malvern Hotel, Graham Road, Malvern, WR14 2HN

If you have ideas for what the Club should be doing, canvass a committee member!

**Photoshop Group** – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm – Leader Ken (Hurst-Earl) Lower Restaurant upstairs, Great Malvern Hotel (Selected members only). If you would like to participate in the following group, please put your name down on the forum.

**Portrait Group** – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm – Leader Rich (Ellis) Lower Restaurant upstairs Great Malvern Hotel, Graham Rd., Malvern WR14 2HN

**Photo Café** – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 10 am to 12 pm – Hosted by Ian (Thompson) and located in Hanley Swan. For full address please check the forum.

#### **Photo Café Future Dates**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019** – 2 pm to 4 pm – Cliff & Kerry McFarlane – Malvern (Address details on the forum).

If you are able to host a photo café, please get in touch with Colin Walls [colin.e.walls@googlemail.com](mailto:colin.e.walls@googlemail.com)

## **Next Week's Thursday Evening Meeting**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019** - 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm - Malvern Vale Community Centre, Swinyard Rd, Malvern, WR14 1FG

### **Cate Barrow – British Mammals**

I live in South Wales and work as a Director in an Agri environmental company. I am a keen wildlife watcher and scuba diver. I have been photographing for approx. 8 years and diving for nearly 15 years. I am lucky enough to travel abroad several times a year to gain some of my images.

I live close to the Brecon Beacons National Park but now travel throughout the UK for photos.

I am a member of RSPB, Butterfly Conservation and Wildlife and

## Wetlands Trusts

I ended 2018 with a great trip to the Bahamas to photograph Tiger sharks, It was one of the best wildlife encounters of my life with many very big Tiger sharks and no cages! Please look at the images of Bimini in the underwater section.

In 2019 I hope to continue to photograph all the UK mammals though some are proving to be quite challenging!

My trips this year include a visit to Finland in February for wolverine, golden eagle, goshawks and an array of owls. Consequently. there will be a new talk on winter wild life in Finland form the autumn of 2019. My diving trips include the Sea of Cortez Mexico., I also have 2 trips planned to Scotland for a variety of species.

<https://www.catebarrow.co.uk/>





## Publicity

**Waitrose Malvern Community Matters Scheme** – We await information as to how much was raised through this scheme. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

Exhibitions of members' work will be seen at the following venues to advertise the Club.

**Huntingdon Hall, Worcester, WR1 2ES** – (Opposite St. Andrew's Spire) – Permanent Exhibition upstairs in the bar area.

**Wayland's Yard, Worcester WR1 1DB** – Gallery is now in place. Please go visit if you are able to. There until end of Year

**The Cube, Malvern WR14 2YF** – Gallery in Café area. This was meant to be in place for September, but the Cube people have been very busy, so for the moment, still TBA. <https://www.malverncube.com/>

**Malvern Library WR14 2HU** – We will be exhibiting at Malvern Library in **January 2020**, exact dates to be arranged. More information will be given once we have finalised details. We will be adding a ballot box and asking the public to vote for their favourite photo to encourage them to spend time looking at the photos and giving us feedback. The winner will get a strip of raffle tickets in the next raffle (it's just for fun).

**The Vale Community Centre** – We have now changed the photos on display at the Community centre. Well done to all those who have had their photo selected. The previous photos are for collection at the club on Thursday at the back of the room.

## Competitions

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019**, Midnight is the deadline for entries to the **Open 2 Prints competition** - see the competition programme calendar entry for more details.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019**, please bring your **Open 2 Prints** for hand in.

## Raffle Prizes

**Can you help?** As you may well know we have a weekly raffle held on Thursday evening and announced at the end of the break. This can be anything from a bottle of wine, chocolates or anything you might consider useful or a treat. Could you donate a prize that we can use to raise funds for the club? If each member made one donation per year, that would be enough to have a prize for every Thursday meeting we have. A little goes a long way!

## Members' Representatives

Members' representatives are members you can talk to about any suggestions you may have for the club. We want to make sure we are the best club we can be and listen to our members. Any suggestions are then brought forward to the committee for consideration. **They are always happy to talk to you!** Our current representatives are:

**Kerry McFarlane & Bill Crouch**

## Newsletter

If you would like to see anything different included in the Newsletter or have something you would like to add yourself, please get in touch with Penny at: [publicitybeaconcameraclub@gmail.com](mailto:publicitybeaconcameraclub@gmail.com)

# Survey

Please fill in this survey online to help us make the best of our club for the members. It is important that we are getting the best from our club with the resources we have.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/UDR5A/>

It is only short and won't take 2 minutes. Many thanks,

Penny

Results so far;

Members responded – 6

1. Do you think the membership with Beacon Camera Club is value for money?				
			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		100.00%	6
2	No		0.00%	0
3	Not sure		0.00%	0
Comments: (0)				
			answered	6

2. Do you attend any of the off shoot groups within the club?				
			Response Percent	Response Total
1	AV Group		16.67%	1
2	Street Group		50.00%	3
3	Photoshop Group		0.00%	0
4	Portrait Group		50.00%	3
5	Beginners' and Improvers' Group		16.67%	1
6	Landscape Group		50.00%	3
7	Monochrome Group		33.33%	2
8	Photo Cafe		33.33%	2
9	Charlie Williams Trophy		16.67%	1

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Comments: (0)		
	answered	6

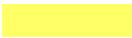
## 3. Does the Club offer everything you require?

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	83.33%	5
2	No	16.67%	1
3	Not Sure	0.00%	0
Comments: (6) <a href="#">Hide</a>			
1	<a href="#">18/10/2019 20:57 PM ID: 129332032</a>	I haven't got time to take advantage of it all!	
2	<a href="#">21/10/2019 18:29 PM ID: 129444733</a>	I find that the activities offered are varied and encompass everything that any photographer could wish for.	
3	<a href="#">21/10/2019 20:55 PM ID: 129452846</a>	Affinity group.	
4	<a href="#">21/10/2019 23:38 PM ID: 129458162</a>	Currently have time constraints because of family reasons.	
5	<a href="#">22/10/2019 11:59 AM ID: 129479737</a>	Yes	
6	<a href="#">24/10/2019 10:58 AM ID: 129611778</a>	I'm happy with the club as it is.	
		answered	6

## 5. If happy to contribute, which of these are you happy to do?

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Pay for beverages during club times	66.67%	4
2	Work on the tea rota when needed	83.33%	5
3	Become a Group Leader/Assistant	0.00%	0
4	Become a Committee Member	50.00%	3
5	Contribute as a panel member, during competition evenings	66.67%	4
6	Attend publicity events for the club	50.00%	3
7	Contribute to raffle prizes	83.33%	5

### 5. If happy to contribute, which of these are you happy to do?

			Response Percent	Response Total
8	Contribute to buffet events, by providing food/drink		50.00%	3
9	Host a Photo Cafe		16.67%	1
10	Another option not mentioned		0.00%	0
11	None of the above		0.00%	0

Comments: (1) [Hide](#)

1	<a href="#">21/10/2019 20:55 PM</a> <a href="#">ID: 129452846</a>	Would be happy to be more active if I had more time...		
			answered	6

### 6. Do you have any suggestions for the growth of the club?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		33.33%	2
2	No		66.67%	4

Comments: (6) [Hide](#)

1	<a href="#">18/10/2019 20:57 PM</a> <a href="#">ID: 129332032</a>	Continue to tap into the energy and enthusiasm of Members!		
2	<a href="#">21/10/2019 18:29 PM</a> <a href="#">ID: 129444733</a>	maybe an themed online photograph competition for straight out of the camera shots like the Charlie Williams.And then improvements.		
3	<a href="#">21/10/2019 20:55 PM</a> <a href="#">ID: 129452846</a>	No		
4	<a href="#">21/10/2019 23:38 PM</a> <a href="#">ID: 129458162</a>	No		
5	<a href="#">22/10/2019 11:59 AM</a> <a href="#">ID: 129479737</a>	No		
6	<a href="#">24/10/2019 10:58 AM</a> <a href="#">ID: 129611778</a>	I think the club is as big as is comfortable.		
			answered	6

These results are really useful, but the more people that participate (it is anonymous) the better for the growth of the club, as we direct it to fit the members and their wishes. Please take the time to fill it in. This is on-going. Many thanks. Penny

# Facebook Monthly Competition

October Theme 'Shadows'

Winner with 28 votes – Tony McDonnell. Well done Tony!



November's Theme is 'Motion'. Goodluck!