

Atworth Camera Club

Hi everyone. I'm Derek Mason and I'm honoured to have been asked to give you a brief overview of the Atworth Camera Club

The Club is a fairly recent arrival in Atworth who meet in the Village Hall (The Institute as those of us temporally challenged still call it) on the last Monday of every month.

Our aims are to provide a medium for everybody of all levels of skill to both learn and to improve their skills, as well as enjoy the social contact of like-minded people. All viewpoints are covered; learning to use your camera, the technicalities (or cameracraft as its known) or improving your images to better represent the scene you've seen with your own eyes.

To help in this, over the last year or so we have not only passed on the skills present within the club but also had talks from guest speakers. On the art and practice of Nature photography and how to present panoramic views, whether of a landscape or whatever seems appropriate.

Our the Nature talk was particularly well attended and given by Gill Cardy FRPS DPAGB AFIAP who apart from being almost local is also known across the world as a skilled Nature photographer. She took the trouble to explain not only the camera skills but also some techniques of the art of catching your subject in its natural environment. Gill is also well versed in the ethics involved when dealing with the Natural world.

Roger Bryan from the Calne Camera club gave us a very entertaining and informative evening explaining the skill of producing panoramic images showing us many stunning examples from his portfolio.

In addition he explained some of the techniques, both in handling a camera and portraying a particular scene.

David Webb led a walk round the Village and we learned some of the history of what we photographed. We hope to be able to repeat this and also include photographic visits to other local attractions such as Georgian Bath, Prior Park, Bowood gardens or Lacock Abbey and gardens.

Additionally we have had several 'studio' evenings led by club members; lighting for portraits, macro photography, Post processing your images on a computer, making an audio visual presentation, learning about composition and, not least, how your camera works explaining many of the rules that make it all come together in a stunning image. Many of our evenings also give members the opportunity to show their own work or describe how they have progressed.

More recently, at the beginning of April this year we also had great pleasure in presenting an Exhibition of Work in the village Hall. In the course of the two hours we were open some 60 people came and viewed the work of club members.

In general our visitors were more than impressed! All other things being equal we hope to repeat the Exhibition every year.

We hope that by introducing you all to our club we shall be able to spread the news and attract new members to our little community. As a club we welcome any new members from not only Atworth but also the surrounding villages and towns.

We'd love to see more people in our little group so why not come and join us and show us what you can do?