



HCC January Newsletter

Dear Members

As we welcome in the New Year let us hope it will eventually bring more cheer and new opportunities and challenges in our shared interest in photography. Thanks go to Sally for agreeing to write a report on the Xmas Social {very brave as a new member} and George for the photos. Apologies from the editor for the quality of these images for which George is not to blame and which will hopefully not diminish his standing in the club.

Digital Competition - Unfortunately Alf is unable to fulfil his role as Digital Competition Secretary due to ill health and we thank him for his valuable contribution to the running of the club. Please send your images direct to mocolles@btinternet.com by the 26th of each month. Mo has kindly taken over most of the responsibilities involved with this role, including keeping a record of points gained for each entry/placings. The running totals can soon be viewed on the website at <https://www.hadleighcameraclub.org>

Forthcoming Themes for the Digital competitions are: -

Month	Themes
January	Whirling
February	Diagonal Opposites
March	Texture
April	Fishing
May	Pets
June	Translucent

Print Competition 11th January at 8pm “Monochrome” - Please try to send a Digital copy of your prints to plstepney@aol.com by 8th January so that members can also see a projected image. Rules for this competition can be viewed on the website. Even if you are not entering a print, it is always useful to listen to the critiques {Whether you agree or not}.

The East Anglian Federation of Photographic Societies -Our club is a member of this organisation which provides support, exhibitions, competitions and access to judges and speakers. Their latest bulletin is available via this link www.eaf.org.uk/documents/Bull-Dec-21.pdf

Workshop - “Table Top Photography” - led by Barry Townsend- It is intended to run this on a Tuesday evening, possibly 25th January, with limited numbers. Barry will set up tables and appropriate lighting with for e.g. food,drink,glass. If interested, please sign up at the next meeting or message me. This striking image is one Barry took on a previous occasion.



The 2021 HCC Xmas Social by Sally Froment –Photos by George Fonfara

As a new member of a group or club it can feel a bit daunting to go to a social event, but I've found this group so welcoming that I decided to go to the HCC Fish and Chip supper on 14th December – and I'm glad that I did! I arrived in good time to find the hall laid out with tables and chairs, Christmas tablecloths and soft drinks provided and was invited to join a table with Diana and others from the group. In all I think there were five tables and about thirty members. Because of Covid, there were some who couldn't come which was a shame but quite understandable in these still uncertain times. The evening started with our Fish and Chip Supper, provided by Howards in Benfleet, with mince pies to follow. We had quizzes on each table, one which challenged us to identify exotic fruits and another to guess products from a few words from their TV adverts. This got us all talking and trying to guess and was a great ice-breaker. It was a little disconcerting to find out how many adverts we knew – clearly a sign of watching too much TV in my youth, although there were some that really flummoxed us!

We then had the presentation of certificates for November's Digital Competition and I felt there was a genuine warmth and congratulations from club members for the winners.

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Phil



Terry



Brenda



Tony



After that, we were treated to entertainment provided by Phil who performed two expert tricks involving cards and numbers. Ok, so one initially went slightly wrong but Phil came back and got it right it the end. They were really amazing and I couldn't work out how he had done it. Dave also performed a magic trick involving his wife and a length of rope which he naughtily implied was one they used for other purposes, much to Chris's mortification.



Dave's Rope Trick



Phil's card and number trick

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Malcolm, Terry, Phil and Diana then entertained us with a game of “Would I lie to you?” where they took turns to tell us something that they had, or hadn't done and we had to guess whether they were telling the truth or not. Everything sounded so plausible but I think our table guessed wrongly every time, which suggests we are very bad guessers or that our committee are expert liars- you know them better than me, so will leave you to decide! There were more prizes for those who had completed the table quizzes.

Before I knew it, the evening was over. Everything had been organized so well – clearly a lot of thought, planning and effort had been put into making the evening entertaining, fun and enjoyable for everyone, so thank you again to all those who helped to make it so. Let's look forward to another year of developing our photographic skills. Very best wishes to you all for a Happy and Healthy 2022.



All photos will soon be available to view on our member's only Facebook page {please notify me if you have any objections} and our website.