



HCC November

Newsletter 2021

Dear Members

It was lovely to see a good attendance at our first return to Print competitions and members commented on the constructive comments by the judge David Portwain. Thanks to Dave, Chris and helpers for all the work involved in running this competition.

Events –

Club Meeting 9th November 8pm – Unfortunately the planned speaker has had to cancel but we have an excellent video presentation which is a Portfolio of entries selected for the PAGB {Photographic Alliance of Great Britain} Print and Slide Exhibition and the EAF exhibition. The standard of photography is exemplary and I am sure will provide inspiration and something to which we can aspire.

Xmas Social 14th December -

We hope you will join us for a fish and chip/chicken supper and more. You are welcome to bring a guest and please pay Chris the £10 pp at the meeting on Tuesday. If you are unable to attend this meeting but still wish to come, the money can be dropped off to Chris or myself by the end of November. Chris is 3 Fulford Drive SS9 5SU or Diana 2 Five Oaks SS7 1SE. Please indicate your choice of food and print your name on the envelope.

Fungi Fieldtrip - Unfortunately this had to be cancelled due to wet weather but could be rescheduled for 13th November at 10.30am if enough members are interested. Please speak to Diana or Laura.

Hyde Hall – Just a heads up on a photographic Exhibition here between the 12th-24th November by The Association of Essex Photographers. Several club members hold RHS Membership cards which can admit a guest. If anyone would like to meet up on an agreed date to see this and of course do a bit of our own photography around the garden speak to Diana or Laura.

Website Link –NB- We now have a new domain to the club's website which is <https://www.hadleighcameraclub.org> Many thanks to Mo Coles for setting this up and making it simple to access all the necessary information/competition entries etc...

Digital Competitions –entries as usual to alfbutler33@gmail.com by 26th of the month. The next few month's themes are -

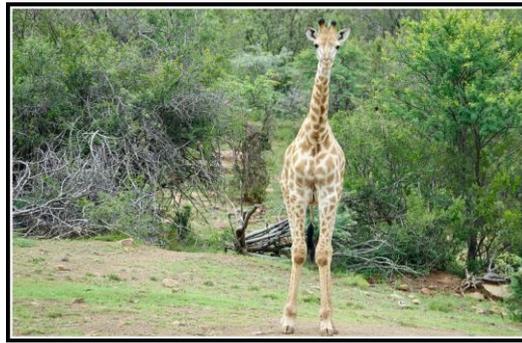
November	Windows
December	Chimneys
January	Whirling
February	Diagonal Opposites
March	Texture
April	Fishing

Membership – May we remind you that subscriptions are now overdue and if unable to attend meetings, the £20 can be dropped into Chris Hall whose address is under the Xmas Information. Although we have a healthy membership and we are sure this is, in part, due to the member's friendly approach, we wish to encourage new members so do help us spread the word. A few members have written about their experiences after joining the club. Their positive comments are very encouraging.

ISO F Buttons and “Oh look a Zebra” by Karen Owens

Out of the blue and for absolutely no reason, my husband decided to buy me a lovely camera for my birthday in 2018. Maybe he thought I had too much perfume but the latter would have been cheaper that's for certain. I was elated of course and I would call this quite an advanced camera compared with what I had been used to and I am not afraid to admit, most of my snaps up until that point were taken with my i phone. Hubby bought me a Sony RX10Mk III. I spent most of 2018 taking photographs with this on "auto" yes that dreaded word but I was beginning to wonder what all the other buttons and settings were for. What is this F setting for, what does that do? Now when I finally took my camera off auto, well let's just say that some of my photos did not come out as expected and then I thought I knew what the F button stood for but maybe I was wrong. What about ISO does that stand for Isotonic? As for functions, no idea!!!! Then I found a button called Zebra, fantastic we are going on a safari in a few months so that will come in handy. I must have had the black and white settings round the wrong way as I could not locate the Zebras anywhere within the photos taken during that holiday so here are some others instead.

Can you spot Gerry the Giraffe? See below



I was inspired about how my camera worked and I went off to the local newsagent to see if he had any photographic magazines as it was obvious, I needed to read up a lot about this new hobby that had captured my interest. There was an article on Aperture oh dear I thought I am never going to get this. There is always You Tube and yes, I did pick up a little here and there but something was still missing. They say things happen for a reason, I went into our local neighbourhood website and a lovely lady called Jackie Townsend was promoting her camera club and looking for new members. What have I got to lose, so I contacted her for all the details. What better way to learn than join a club and speak to people who have once been in your shoes. So, in September 2019 I joined Hadleigh Camera Club as a “newbie”. As my husband was not interested in joining a club and to this day is quite happy using “auto” I toddled off on my own to see all these photography experts. Maybe someone could explain this F button? It’s always daunting joining a new club and walking in when you don’t know anyone but I’m glad I did. Wha a wonderful bunch you all are. I still regard myself as a “newbie” as soon after this, we went into lockdown and could no longer meet. Now we are all up and running, I have renewed inspiration to learn even more about my camera and what fabulous results we can achieve when we put our heart and minds to it. One day when I am ready, I might even upgrade my camera, but at present me and my RX10 are the best of friends.



Joining Hadleigh Camera Club by Peter and Brenda Smith

“My wife and I joined Hadleigh Camera Club some four years ago and I have to say we were a bit nervous on our first visit. We didn’t know what to expect as we were only amateur photographers but we needn’t have worried as from the start, we were made to feel very welcome. Everyone was friendly and the club had a nice vibe to it. We have enjoyed our time there and would encourage anyone with an interest in photography regardless of any skills to join the club. Brenda talks about her son buying her a new mirrorless Olympus OM-D II a week before a holiday to India as he thought it would be easier to carry. Unfortunately, they didn’t have time to get to grips with it before the trip but here are a few of their colourful images.



**Kindest wishes to you all, keep safe and well,
Diana and the HCC Committee.**

