

# About Us

The club was formed in September 2007 as a Salvation Army (SA) club, with the average person in mind, having a view to sharing knowledge and offering support in a friendly way. The club still pursues these objectives.

The club grew to 60 members in 2017, but now has 44 members whose skill range from beginners to advanced and experienced photographers. Those advanced members share their knowledge in running practical workshops and organising trips out to local areas where members can practice their skills.

We run a Digital competition every month and 4 or 5 print competitions a year. Entries for the competitions may be taken on a camera, a phone or tablet. All our competitions are judged by independent judges accredited by the East Anglian Federation of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain. The club is a member of the EAF which is affiliated to the PAGB. We have two classes for the competitions, Entry level and Experienced level.

Our work has been exhibited in many local libraries, including Hadleigh, Benfleet and Laindon. We have also had an exhibition at the International HQ of the Salvation Army in London and we received many favourable comments in our visitor book.

We meet every second Tuesday of the month at the Salvation Army Temple, London Rd, Hadleigh SS7 2PF at 8pm. The meetings usually end at 10pm with a tea break approximately half way through the evening.

We have a varied programme arranged by our syllabus secretary, comprising of speakers on various aspects of photography, tutorials and competitions.

In the past the club has arranged a club outing in the summer and photographs taken on that day may be entered in special one off competition. We hope to continue arranging club days out in the future.

The club ceased to be a SA club in July 2021 but still use their premises. It is run by a committee of volunteers.

Visitors may visit the club for three meetings at a cost of £2.00 per visit which should give them time to decide if they want to become a fully paid up member of the club.

We have a members Facebook page and the club is open to anyone who is interested in the art of photography.