



# Sevenoaks Camera Club

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The Photographic Alliance of Great Britain through The Kent County Photographic Association

## Minutes of Committee Meeting 8pm Tuesday 29th August 2023

Attendance : Derek Griffin(DG), Derek Medhurst(DM), Jean-Pierre Darque(JP),  
Susan Wilkinson(SuW), Rob Weighill(RW), Tom Briody(TB),  
Peter Dillon(PD), Anne Roberts(AR), Ann White(AW)

1. Review of Exhibition : 15th to 26th August. : DM analysed the number of votes for favourite pictures and comments in the visitor's book and reported that numbers attending were back up to pre-Covid levels. There were some comments about reflections on the pictures. *We should double check next time.*  
DM is investigating using command strips next year instead of frames. The cost would be around £1.25 per picture using 4 strips on each, so we might have to go back to charging for entries. The frames are nearing the end of their life and would cost a lot to replace. Using Command Strips would greatly reduce handling time and carrying weights. It would also save repairs to the wall when we take the exhibition down. Opinions on whether to do this are mixed, but Jim Grover who is an expert from the V&A advocates it.  
So long as DMs trials are successful we will probably try the method out next year. The strips were excellent on his and Roger Lee's exhibition and came off the prints well.

For next year there was a query about whether we wanted to have the pictures judged. Discussion of this will be on the Agenda for the next meeting.  
If we do have a judge, then the judge and the mayor should be more involved at the trophy presentation. SaW will reach out and see whether we can fix a date with the managers of the Kaleidoscope Gallery earlier.

2. Review of Summer activities.

The Darent Valley Community Rail Partnership (DVCRP) Exhibition was held at Bat and Ball Station on 13th and 14th May. This was very successful and greatly increased the profile of the DVCRP on their social media. There has been more activity on our Facebook page over the summer as well so we will see whether possible new members arrive on 4th September.

Govia Thameslink were pleased with the response and may support a book made from the photographs.

Some of the photos from the Bat and Ball exhibition were displayed at our exhibition. Also Sarah Newman is talking to Network Rail and Thameslink about using our photos on the Darent Valley Stations.

Activities this summer have also included:

Exhibition at Kaleidoscope by DM and Roger Lee entitled "In Two Minds".  
DM and SaW have publicised the Camera Club using the flyers produced by DG,

and in the Sevenoaks Community Advertiser and the Chronicle as well as on Radio Kent. The Chronicle expressed interest in having pictures more often.

August 17th - Private View of Exhibition - This was held successfully from 6.30 to 8pm. Having the table with drinks and nibbles outside the exhibition room was very successful, especially since we had four display stands in the centre of the room, lent by the District Council to show the Darent Valley photographs. DM thanked the District Council for helping us by providing the stands.

Photography trips run by DG have included :

June 21st Bore Place,

July 5th Ranscombe Farm,

July 19th Chelwood Vachery,

August 2nd Knole Park,

August 12th Bodiam Castle

August 16th Devil's Dyke,

August 19th Birling Gap.

(Supermoon on Thursday 31st in Knole Park was cancelled due to bad weather.)

These expeditions all had four or five members attending.

Two more expeditions are planned for September 9th and 16th with an astrophotography focus. These will probably be at Bodiam and near Birling Gap.

There is a Bat and Ball Heritage Day on 16th September.

3. Progress with new laptop?

DM and RW have decided on an HP model they could buy for around £600.

This was sold out so they are now looking for the nearest equivalent.

*(New laptop bought on 1st September.)*

4. First evening 4th September :

The running order agreed was :

SuW to bring refreshments and trophies : DG to bring certificates : SaW to bring printed programmes : JP to bring name badges.

DG to Welcome, give out certificates and give out trophies + bottle of wine for the winner of the people's vote at the exhibition (TB will bring this)

We have 4 trophies for last season and Peter Humphrey's one for the Exhibition.

SuW will e-mail to Milt Ives and Peter Humphrey. *(Done on 1st Sept - positive replies received same day).*

DG will give reminders about handing in PDIs on 11th, plus first prints needed on 9th October and a review of later competitions. The theme for the third PDI is Communication.

After the break :

**Mike Robinson will talk on "The Calendar and the Bucket List."**

SaW will discuss what time that Mike needs. RW will bring the projector.

SuW has e-mailed Athene to remind about our starting date on 4th September.

Athene's address sent to SaW so she can send a programme. *(1st September).*

5. Club night on 25th September : It had been suggested that members will show the pictures they got at Damien Demolder's street photography workshop.

SaW has a list of people who attended. She can submit some pictures herself but will not be at the meeting on 11th or 25th September.

**Peter Dillon volunteered to organise the evening.** He will compose a draft text

for SaW to send out asking for contributions from members.

*(Done and sent 2nd September)*

Peter will put together a slide show on the old laptop that he has used before with our projector.

We could also show a video that we have from Damien Demolder.

6. External competitions :

The external competitions that Anne Roberts knows about so far are :

a. The Tripartite - at Sevenoaks on 20th November. (8 Prints and 8 PDIs)

b. The Malling Battle of the Prints on 13th February 2024.

c. The KCPA Diamond Jubilee Competition for PDIs on 17th February.

AR is arranging a meeting of the Selection Committee. Rob and DG will make sure she has pictures of the prints that did well last season. DG will put them on screen for the meeting and will send the results sheets to AR.

*AR will contact the other clubs to make sure they are ready for the Tripartite.*

In the past members of the Selection Committee have had mark lists for the competitions so that they can mark any images they would consider for external competition. This has not been done last season so it will be *re-instated by RW*.

7. No AOB

The meeting ended at 9.40pm