

Photo News

NEWSLETTER OF BIDEFORD CAMERA CLUB

Excitement rises for our Autumn Season Programme



What's On

Things to visit, things to
photograph

Still some great events coming
up on the calendar

Competitions
Open PDI.

Completely open choice of
subject.

Last date for submission 22nd
September.

Judge - Donna Spencer

Full rules on the members
website.

Autumn

Our speaker on the 22nd
September Tony Worobiec.

Low Light and Night
Photography is opportune with
longer nights and duller days
ahead.



RANTING AND RAVING

Well, if I have been very serious, even grumpy this year it has not escaped notice as I found out when visiting a Russian artist friend's exhibition and came face to face with myself.

IT HAS NOT BEEN A PROLIFIC YEAR FOR ME PHOTOGRAPHICALLY, BUT IT HAS MADE ME MORE APPRECIATIVE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS THAT HAVE PASSED IN FRONT OF MY LENS. Fortunately, enough to provide some material for the club competitions.

- **22nd Sept:** Open Pdi
- **20th Oct:** Open Print
- **17th Nov:** Mono Pdi
- **12th Jan:** Water
- **23rd Feb:** Three
- **6th Apr:** Ultimate Challenge

Competition Description

Open Pdi: Any Subject

Open Print: Any Subject

Mono Pdi: Any Subject presented in monochrome

Water (Pdi): Liquid water. Including rivers, streams, puddles, raindrops, rain. The water must be the main topic of the image. Any subjects human or otherwise are incidental to the image.

Three (Pdi): A single image in which exactly three distinct main subjects form the primary compositional focus. The subjects may be people, animals, objects or a mix of these e.g. three people driving tractors around a field. No additional subjects may compete for dominance and all other elements must be purely incidental.



CLUB PROGRAMME

Lots to see and do.

Always interesting with a bonus cup of tea
and a biscuit.



Autumn / Winter Programme

- **15th Sept:** Members Night
- **Sat 19th** 10:00 - 16:00 BCC Exhibition
- **Sun 20th** 10:00 - 17:00 BCC Exhibition
- **22nd Sept:** Talk - Low Light & Night Photography by Tony Worobiec
- **29th Sept:** Members Night
- **6th Oct:** Competition - Open Pdi, Judge: Donna Spencer
- **13th Oct:** Members Night
- **20th Oct:** Talk - Iconic Scenes from Devon & Cornwall by Martin Curtin
- **27th Oct:** Members Night
- **3rd Nov:** Competition - Open Print, Judge: Jane Kearney
- **10th Nov:** Members Night
- **17th Nov:** Talk - A Kayak Safari Around Cornwall & Devon by Rupert Kirkwood
- **24th Nov:** Members Night
- **1st Dec:** Competition - Open Mono, Judge: Jerry Webb
- **8th Dec:** Members Night
- **15th Dec:** Christmas Meal

**At Blue Lights Hall,
Appledore, EX39 1QU**
Meetings start at 7:30pm.

Setting up from 7.15pm

Dates for your diary:

- **26th Jan:** Competition - Water, Judge: James Moore
- **9th Mar:** Competition - Three, Judge Steve Bunce
- **20th Apr:** Competition - The Ultimate Challenge, Judge - Peter Fry

Other Events

Ilfracombe Photography Festival 10–11

October 2026

Free exhibitions • Workshops • Talks • Photo Walks • Films

What to expect

- Free exhibitions
- Practical workshops
 - Photo walks
- Darkroom experiences
- Talks and discussions
 - Film screenings

See their website for full details and information on the photography competition they are running.

[Ilfracombe Photography Festival 2026 | North Devon Photography Event](#)

Exhibition at the Burton Bideford.

A Photographic Friendship: James Ravilious and Chris Chapman

Dates: August 1, 2026 - October 4, 2026

Celebrating the remarkable artistic partnership and shared vision of two of Devon's most significant documentary photographers, this exhibition brings together a selection of works that document the people, landscapes, traditions and everyday life of rural Devon over the past fifty years.



Thinking about photographic qualifications and distinctions?

Well, the first port of call could be entering Federation competitions which members are eligible for with BCC's membership of the Western Counties Photographic Federation.

Kingswood Salver, Lanes Trophy & Vivian Croucher Plate

Kingswood Salver - This Club competition is for the prestigious Salver to be held by the winning club for one year. It is open to all WCPF clubs and held annually in November. Entries are for a panel of five prints (any size) by a minimum of four different photographers on a theme of their choosing. Mounted on 50cm x 40cm mount board.

Lanes Trophy – open to all WCPF members and held in conjunction with the Kingswood Salver. Entries are for a panel of 3 prints of any size but must be mounted in 50cm x 40cm mounts.

Both competitions will be judged by a senior judge from outside the Federation, hand in for entries is usually the AGM in October each year.

Vivian Croucher Plate - From all the images entered, the judge will pick the best individual print. This can come from any of the panels whether they have been given an award or not.

If you are interested the rules can be found here [Competitions | WCPF](#)

And the hand in for entries is the AGM as follows

The Next WCPF Events:

AGM 2026 & Afternoon Lecture by Leigh Preston

'Night Walk'

10th October 2026 - Stover Country Park, Newton Abbot [TQ12 6QG](#)

Open 10:00 to 16:00

AGENDA AND REPORTS



Some events for next year's diary.

2027

May 20th – 22nd Devon County Show

June 4th – 6th Riviera Airshow Torbay

**July 16th – 18th Royal International Air Tattoo RAF Fairford,
Gloucestershire.**

July 24th Mid Devon Show

Aug 4th North Devon Show

Aug 14th Okehampton Show

Aug 28th Americana Festival Taunton Racecourse.

The Last Word.

Well as I write this, we confirmed that we had a fantastic response to our first competition of the season the OPEN PDI.

With approximately 100 entries we had to pare back on the maximum submission of four to three. The judge should then at least have a fighting chance to judge them and get through her critiques next Tuesday.

There [promises to be some great photos on show – an evening not to be missed.

- **And a reminder the 20th Oct is the last hand-in date for the Open Print competition. So, you have a little time to order or print up yourself and not have to rush getting them mounted ready for display.**
- **Any new members wanting advice on this please ask any member of the committee.**