



# Ely Photographic Club

## **Background**

Club was formed just over 40 years ago and we still have one of the founding Members. We have about 35 Members..

## **Meeting details**

Needhams Hall at Ely College from September to June, excluding school holidays. We meet on a Wednesday evening between 7.30pm & 9.30pm. We charge a £35 annual subscription + £1 per week. We charge guests £3 per weekly session.

Potential new Members can come along as a guest for a few weeks to see if they like it before joining.

## **EPC Committee**

We have 9 Members serving on the Committee, including a Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman. The Secretary arranges the Club programme with input from Members & fellow Committee Members.

## **EPC website**

[www.elyphotographyclub.co.uk](http://www.elyphotographyclub.co.uk)

We also have a "closed group" Facebook account.

## **Programme overview**

The programme can be broken down into 4 main categories:

- Training workshops e.g. Lightroom, Photoshop, printing, processing etc
- Interesting and informed speakers to talk about their photography
- Image competitions - wherever possible we use external Judges
- Print competitions - wherever possible we use external Judges
- New Members evening at beginning of September
- "summer" photoshoots for Members / potential new Members
- Exhibitions

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- Battles with other local Clubs
- Xmas DO and end of season / prize giving DO
- Occasional 121 training to assist new Members (on request)
- Print Mounting advice and mount cutting service

### **Support with gaining external photography distinctions**

- The club is a member of the East Anglian Federation and members can study for the CPAGB distinction and for the most accomplished photographers there are several higher distinctions.
- The Club can assist / support Members to join the Royal Photographic Society and commence taking the LRPS and higher qualifications where applicable.

### **How I've benefitted from being a Club Member**

- Made new friends and regularly go out for days with a few other retired Members
- Gone from being a total "novice" to winning some club competitions and gaining my LRPS distinction
- Took on the role of Club Secretary and I enjoy being part of the Committee
- Have learnt and still learning lot's of good hints & tips from other Members / invited guest speakers
- Great to hear honest feedback from external Judges with regard my images & prints - this has been a huge benefit and you also get to see / hear feedback on everyone else's work
- Hearing about the experiences of seasoned photographers and how they get great shots
- Developing my processing skills
- Learning about other types of photography

### **If you are interested in finding out more**

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