

Newsletter

InFocus at DVCC

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Learn, Develop, Share, Support

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New Year, new challenges, same challenges !

Welcome everyone to the new Dearne Valley Camera club year, quite why our new year starts in September I have no idea. Perhaps it's linked to the educational year, perhaps it's linked to the formation of the club way back in 1951.

New Challenges

In the new year we will see the, following a suggestion from a member of the club, the setting of challenges - for example the challenge might be using shutter speed to show motion, or conversely to freeze motion, or maybe use flash to freeze motion, or again use flash with a slow shutter speed and what is called rear curtain synch to freeze motion and leave 'ghostly trails'. There may be opportunity to address the challenges on club nights, or it may be that you address the challenges at home.

As the year progresses, these challenges, and the approach to the challenges will get refined. Without wishing the 'spill the beans' these challenges are likely to get called "Ian's Challenge".

Membership Fees:

Membership fees are due to be paid before 20:00 on the 9th September 2026 for those people whose membership fees are due to be paid in, er, September.

Not all memberships are renewed in September!

This week

We are showcasing member's images so please submit three of your best images showing what you've been upto this year.

The submissions window closes at 12:00 noon on Wednesday.

Another suggestion that was raised was the issue of offering critique of your photographs, so what we will seek to do is provide an opportunity when your photographs are submitted to the member's showcase to say "I'd like some advice and guidance please". Of course if you don't want to take up that opportunity that's perfectly wonderful. The mechanism for saying you'd like a critique of your photos has yet to be determined. It might be something as simple as sending me an email (green.nd@sky.com) when you submit your images via the website.

Same Challenges

Some challenges in photography are as old as photography itself: Managing the exposure triangle, getting a great composition, creating photographs with a wow factor, ones that tell a story.

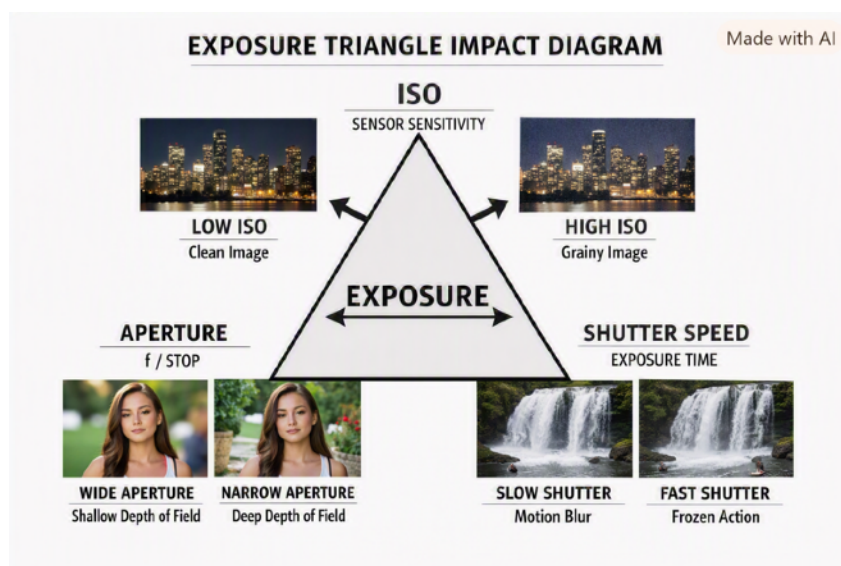
Talking of telling a story there is a great TV series on the BBC hosted by the late Eamon McCabe which is full of wonderful stories not only about the history of photography but about the impact of photography. The programme is called Britain in Focus and although first shown in 2017 is currently on TV. Highly recommended

We shall continue to offer opportunities to develop our skills in these fundamental aspects of photography alongside developing the new challenges.

For example, the exposure triangle address age old questions like: Why is my image so dark, why is it blurry, why is it very grainy.

A simple metaphor that works beautifully is to think of the **Exposure Triangle** like a **three-legged stool** – each leg must balance

the others to keep the seat level (your exposure).



Committee.

In case you missed the announcement, there has been a slight change to the club's committee: Tom is (Secretary), Chrissy is Treasurer, Patrick is member engagement, and Nigel is Learning and Development. He was also elected as chair for the the next two years by the other committee members, Gill has stood down and given she's been a serving committee member than longer than its is polite to say, she is having a well earned rest and will be able to take the opportunity to do some photography on club nights. If you'd like to join the committee then have a word with Tom.

Trips out.

It looks like everyone had a great time at the jousting at Bolsover and a big thank you to Gill for organising it. As might be imagined organising trips like this can take a fair bit of time and effort and no little stress. Perhaps we'll see your images in this week's showcase, or are they demonstrating sport action and movement!

Photography can sometime be something that you enjoy in solitude, sometimes its nice to venture out with a couple of other like minded photographers - perhaps they might be club members, and sometimes you'd welcome some company by having an open invite to club member to join you.

If you'd like to 'trip off' somewhere to do some photography with other photographers and would like to offer that opportunity to other DVCC club member's please feel free to 'advertise it' via the club's what's app group or via the members only Facebook page. Such events would not be 'camera club' events but a photo opportunity **you** would like to explore with other members, or even folks who are not DVCC members.

Coming Soon

At the meting on 2nd September, Tom will outline the programme for the coming year. So I can't give too much away here. However what I can tell you is that we have opted to nominate a theme for each month - the theme is actually a photography genre and in September the theme will be Sport Action and Movement.

In each month we will be adopting a structure such that in week 1 of the month the topic will be "learn", with subsequent weeks being about putting the learning in to practice and then sharing by way of members showcase (aka Show and Tell). Again there may be subtle changes to this approach as needs dictate. We will also be seeking to weave the YPU exhibition into the monthly themes.

Upload your images

This is a **representation** of what to do, but don't post them via Royal Mail use the website upload link.

