

# KINROSS CAMERA CLUB

## INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS



### A Brief Club History

During the summer of 1984 three enthusiastic photographer friends, who lived on the same street in Kinross, discussed the possibility of forming a camera club. Following a successful trial over a fortnight, attracting 24 people, the club was constituted in March 1985. Initially the club met in Kinross High School with an early finish at precisely 9.00pm. After a couple of years a new venue was found in the Church Centre which allowed a preferred later finish of 10.00pm. As the club grew in strength, and the hard working committee introduced an increasing variety of competitions and activities, the membership steadily grew. We are delighted to still have two honorary members within the club who have been active members since the club's beginning. The warm welcome and promotion of a friendly environment helped to establish KCC into the thriving club it is today.

## Welcome to Kinross Camera Club

### A Big Welcome and Thank You for joining our camera club.

The main aim of our club is to meet up and socialise with folk who share a love of photography. Our club meets each Thursday at 7.30pm with our season running from September to April. You will find our members are a friendly sociable and welcoming group who have a wide range of photography skills. Some take occasional photos with their phones and enjoy our social events and other members enjoy learning more about their ever increasing photography kit, trying out different genres and developing new techniques. Some of our members are keen to enter our regular competitions and many others relax and enjoy an evening admiring the latest images taken by our talented photographers. You will see the syllabus each season is carefully designed to appeal to all interests and abilities.

## Where to find out what's happening

There is information about club matters found on The KCC website and keep checking the Facebook page. Also watch out for regular emails from the committee keeping you up to date with forthcoming events, hand in dates for competitions and reminders of zoom links etc. If you pick up a copy of The Kinross Community Newsletter each month you will find monthly updates about the club and featured photographs taken by members.

Committee members will also be available to help answer any questions you may have. Our club secretary is a good place to begin and will direct you to someone who can answer your question. [secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk)





## Don't Forget to Buy a Raffle Ticket and Enjoy a Cuppa and Biscuit during the Break.

The money raised by club members buying a raffle ticket and a refreshing drink at break time helps the club to pay for the rising costs of hall and kitchen rental. Plus you might be the lucky winner and take home a raffle prize.



## What's In The Syllabus?

Our syllabus aims to provide a mix of formats to appeal to the various interests within our membership.

- **External Speakers** - both in the hall and via ZOOM we have presentations from speakers coming from our local area, across the UK and even worldwide. Topics range from landscapes, waterscapes, portrait, the night sky, macro, wildlife, architecture, flowers, creative techniques and many more. Something for everyone.
- **Internal Speakers** - many of our own members give presentations each season where their work is showcased via slideshows and displays of their printed images.
- **Practical Evenings** - each season we aim to hold evenings where we can learn and put into practice new techniques with more experienced members on hand to give help and advice.
- **Members Pictures** - these are informal evenings where we enjoy slideshows of images taken recently by members. It is always interesting to see members work and hear a little about the images.
- **Competitions** - both internal and external events are held each season where members submit images into competitions. Please see the Competition section for more details about individual events and competition rules.
- **AGM** - The Annual General Meeting is held each February via a ZOOM meeting to allow access for all members.
- **Annual Prize Giving Dinner** - an opportunity to celebrate the end of the season with delicious food, fine wine and good cheer to congratulate the season's prize winners.
- **Weekend Away** - In May each year the club arranges a weekend away where we can enjoy exploring new places with our cameras. An opportunity to meet up and socialise, this is always an enjoyable weekend. We have visited, Oban, Skye, Elgin, Mull, Seahouses and Berwick to name a few recent destinations.
- **Summer Outings and Workshops** - once the season concludes in April we often plan Summer events where volunteers from the club arrange meet ups, outings and workshops in the local area.

# Guidelines for KCC Competitions

**The following rules cover the Club's internal competitions**

**All images must be submitted on the hand-in date or earlier, no late entries will be accepted.**

Prints should be submitted by the hand-in date or by prior arrangement with the Internal Competitions Secretary. Projected Digital Images (PDI's) should be submitted by email. A reminder will be sent out by email to confirm hand in dates and to remind members who they are to submit entries to.

**Printed Images** - Prints must be mounted in window mounts to comply with SPF guidelines, with a maximum mount size of 50cm x 40cm or 20in by 16in. This mount size is recommended even for prints of A4 and other sizes.

Prints should be labelled on the back in the top left hand corner of the mount, for identification and orientation. The rear of the print/mount should be free of any other stickers or labels. The label should have the following format:

KCC A or F (for Advanced or Foundation) Membership No. Title e.g. KCC A 99 Sea View

**Projected Digital Images PDI's** - A PDI is a digital image specifically prepared for projection onto a screen using a projector.

PDI's must be in JPEG format and sized to be no greater than a maximum width of 1600 pixels no greater than a maximum height of 1200 pixels. PDI's should be named as follows (to preserve the anonymity of the author):

KCC A or F (for Advanced or Foundation) Membership No. Title e.g. KCC F 25 Hurricane



All PDI's and prints entered must be entirely the work of the photographer. Composite images are permitted provided all component images meet this requirement. For the avoidance of doubt, use of images from any other source including, but not limited to, royalty free image banks and clipart are not permitted.

KCC reserves the right to retain entries for public exhibition, inter-club and other competitions and the Club website.

There are two levels in the PDI competitions, Print competitions and Annual competition:

**Foundation:** Inexperienced members or beginners

**Advanced:** Members who have previously won twice at Foundation level or are experienced

**Members Pictures** - Photographs will be shown from each person submitting. Submit your images by email by the Monday before the Members' Pictures.

All images should be named as 'Image Title - Author Name.jpg'. They must be sized no bigger than 1600 horizontally and no bigger than 1200 vertically.

# The Competitions

- **Projected Digital Image (PDI) and Print Competitions (Foundation and Advanced)**

**Two PDI competitions** judged by an external judge

The Robert Walker PDI Competition and The John St Clair PDI

Competition

Up to 3 images may be entered in each competition.



**Two Print competitions** (colour and monochrome) judged by an external judge.

The Fortune and Greer Print Competition and The Thackery Print Competition.

Up to 2 images may be entered in each category (Colour & Mono) in each competition.

Any image, or significantly similar one, which has been placed in the top 3 may not be resubmitted in a subsequent competition.



- **Creative Digital Competition**

Images should be 'creative' in some way, either in-camera or using software - Up to 3 PDI images may be entered (as per guidelines) Please name each image entered as follows:- KCC membership number title eg. KCC 99 waterfall

Judged by the audience on the night, all members equal.



- **Smartphone Photography PDI competition**

A series of 4 PDI images on a theme may be entered (as per guidelines). All images must have been taken using the camera on a mobile phone.

Post processing is allowed but only 'in-phone' and not using external software. The author of each set of images entered will be asked to give a brief summary of their entry. Please name each image as follows - KCC membership number main title of your 4 images eg. KCC 99 The Bridges of Perth - Judged by the audience on the night, all members equal.



- **Annual competition (Foundation and Advanced)**

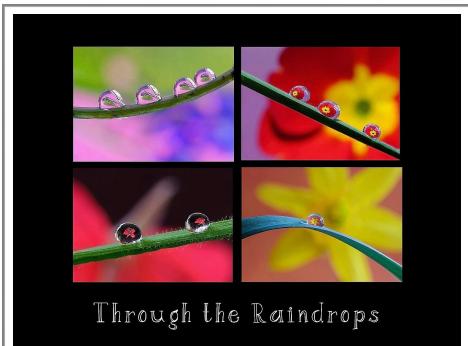
Monochrome prints, colour prints and DPs

Up to 3 images may be entered in each category

Judged by a guest judge with 1st, 2nd and 3rd and Highly Commended and Commended awarded in each category and for each level

No image may be submitted into multiple categories in the Annual

Any image, or significantly similar one, entered in a previous competition, may only be entered once in the Annual.



Through the Raindrops

- **Foundation Competition**

A PDI competition for beginners and new members. Can be entered by any member who has not been placed in the top 3 of any of the other competitions. Judged by the audience on the night. Please name each image as follows - KCC membership number title eg KCC 99 squirrel