



Membership Information

Our Society is a long-established one that welcomes members with an interest in photography, whatever their level of experience. We are a member of the Midland Counties Photographic Federation.

We cover all types of still photography including digital, prints, slides and audiovisual work. Our activities include talks from well known photographers and we also provide help to those who wish to improve their photographic skills. Club members regularly get together for meetings, trips out, social events and practical sessions.

Weekly Meetings Programme

We have weekly meetings, every Tuesday from September until May, with a varied and interesting programme of speakers and club competitions. Meetings are at 7.45 pm in the Solihull Women's Institute, Warwick Road, Solihull, B91 3DG. A nominal charge of £1 at the door covers refreshments.

Social events

From time to time we organise photographic trips or social events which are open to all members. For older retired members there is also a "Time Exposure Group" which meets every last Thursday in the month and aims to do a short ramble of 3 or 4 miles followed by a pub lunch.

Technical support

We aim to provide technical help and support to members through various means. We have occasional informal technical workshops, also at the WI hall, normally starting at 7.45 pm on the last Monday of most months. The programme is flexible and provides practical information on a range of photographic techniques. A nominal charge of £2 per workshop is made. We also have available for loan at a small fee:

- ◇ a device for calibrating colour monitors
- ◇ equipment for cleaning sensors on digital cameras

Communication

Outside the meetings we keep members fully up to date with Society information and events in the following ways:

Website

We operate a website with a range of useful information as well as galleries of members' images. (<http://solihullphotographicsociety.com>)

Newsletter

A newsletter - usually published in August, December and May.

Yahoo Group

This is a private web based group that allows members to contact each other by e-mail about Society events and other items of interest. Upon joining you will automatically be included on the Yahoo Group unless you notify us otherwise.

Competitions

Throughout the season we run a series of in-house and interclub photographic competitions. Participation is entirely optional, but members usually find that it greatly helps to improve their technical and compositional skills. To cater for all levels there are two classes of entry: less experienced members may enter in a Group 2 section which will be run in parallel with the Group 1 section for more experienced members. Further details of entry requirements are available on the website.

In addition, the society encourages members to enter national competitions by providing free postage. We also use members' images to enter as a Society in national club and interclub competitions.

Finally, the Society organises a prestigious annual open photographic competition which attracts many thousands of high class images from across the country.

Membership

Membership is open to any individual or couple. Current fees for the year 2009-10 are:

◇ Full member	£ 32
◇ Additional family member	£ 8
◇ Junior member	£ 16

Discounts apply for prompt payment and members joining for part of a year may also be entitled to a reduced fee.

More information

If you want more information please visit the website or contact any of the committee. You will find their details in the current programme.