

MCC 2024 /25 PROGRAMME (Mainly bi-weekly Monday meetings - 23 Meetings)

| Meeting No. | Date | Description | Event Type | Location / Zoom |
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| 1 | 09 September 2024 | Welcome and introduction meeting. Overview of the MCC 2024/25 programme, planned events and introductions to the committee. Bring your favourite images from the summer break to show other members what you have been doing. Vince Sparks will be presenting a short talk about the impact of image aspect ratios, illustrated with images from recent photography trips. | Introductory Evening | Gawsworth |
| 2 | 23 September 2024 | Internal Guest Speakers: Image editing for Impact - This evening we have two of our own club members will present some editing advice to help improve image impact. Alex will be outlining some editing and image processing techniques for enhancing images and creating images with impact and Martin will talk about considerations for taking and processing monochrome images. | Internal Speakers / Skills Session | Gawsworth |
| 3 | 07 October 2024 | Guest Speaker: David Boam. Tonight we have the pleasure of welcoming an ex club member and professional photographer who will present a talk about his fine art monochrome work. Examples of David's work can be found via the following links https://www.daveboamphotos.com/ @wheresbusyb @streets_upnorth | Guest Speaker | Gawsworth |
| 4 | 14 October 2024 | Internal Competition 1 - Open PDI. Tonight we have our first open competition. Please submit images in the club format | Internal Comp | Gawsworth |
| | TBC | <i>Robert Shaw Trophy - interclub competition held at xxx Photographic Society. Each club can submit 8 PDIs and 8 Prints.</i> | <i>Inter Club Comp</i> | Gawsworth |
| 5 | 21 October 2024 | Photo Perspective Challenge: Make it Wide - This weeks photo challenge is to present three images that are taken in 16:9 / letter box style format that demonstrate the aesthetic of the wide aspect ratio. The image should complement the nature of the wide aspect ratio and illustrate the benefit of the wider perspective. | Photo Challenge | Gawsworth |
| | 30th October 2024 | <i>The Peak Trophy - interclub competition held at Whaley Bridge</i> | <i>Inter Club Comp</i> | Whaley Bridge |
| 6 | 04 November 2024 | Members image critique evening - This evening we review members images submitted anonymously. We have a panel of three established club photographers to provide feedback on images and we can all provide additional input for a rounded perspective. Put yourself in the judging seat and appraise fellow members images in a constructive manner highlighting the attributes and noting any areas for improvement. In this session we aim to review the images impartially and constructively in order to learn from other members techniques, composition and photographic styles | Critique | Gawsworth |
| 7 | 11 November 2024 | Internal Competition 2 - Open PDI | Internal Comp | Gawsworth |
| 8 | 17th November 2024 | International Photo Competition between Vera International Photo Club and Macclesfield Camera Club. A fantastic opportunity for both clubs to take part in an open DPI competition that will take place via Zoom on Sunday 17th November at 3:00pm | <i>Interclub Competition</i> | Zoom |
| 9 | 18 November 2024 | Guest Speaker: Simon Buckley will present a talk encompassing his photographic work on Dawn & Dusk Architectural photography and a project undertaken covering Macclesfield Forest. Website NotQuiteLight.Com | Guest Speaker | Gawsworth |
| 10 | 21 November 2024 | What's in your camera bag?: Members are invited to talk about their favourite piece of photography kit. Whether it is an old favourite of new piece of kit, software or an app, bring along one of your favourite / most useful items and tell other club members why you like it | Info | Gawsworth |
| 11 | 02 December 2024 | Internal Competition 3 - Open PDI - Monochrome | Internal Comp | Gawsworth |
| 12 | 16 December 2024 | Guest Speaker: David Tolliday presents a talk titled 'Wildlife of Finland in the Snow'. As a long standing club member David is well know for his skill and passion for wildlife photography. | Guest Speaker | Gawsworth |
| 13 | 06 January 2025 | Internal Competition 4 - Open PDI | Internal Comp | Gawsworth |
| 14 | 20 January 2025 | Photo Challenge: Square World Perspective: Members are invited to submit three images which are all in a 1:1 (square format). The aim is to find compositions that work most effectively in a square format | Photo Challenge | Gawsworth |

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| 15 | 03 February 2025 | Members image critique evening - This evening we review members images submitted anonymously. We have a panel of three established club photographers to provide feedback on images and we can all provide additional input for a rounded perspective. Put yourself in the judging seat and appraise fellow members images in a constructive manner highlighting the attributes and noting any areas for improvement. In this session we aim to review the images impartially and constructively in order to learn from other members techniques, composition and photographic styles | Critique | Gawsworth |
| 16 | 17 February 2025 | Guest speaker: Tonight we have the pleasure of welcoming Stephen and Judith Coyne, presenting a talk titled 'The Royal Cities of Spain'. The talk encompasses the historic cities of Andalucía (Granada, Seville, Cordoba) before finishing in Catalunya at the home of Gaudi and the treasure trove that is Barcelona. This is a talk that involves photographs of some amazing sights, historical and cultural explanations with audio-visual presentations. | Guest Speaker | Gawsworth |
| 17 | 03 March 2025 | Internal Speakers: Tonight we have a number of members with short talks about a photographic topic of their choice. Each shot talk may be about a particular photographic challenge, a series of images, photo gear or trying out new skills / techniques | Internal Speaker | Gawsworth |
| 18 | 17 March 2025 | Internal Competition 5 - Open PDI | Internal Comp | Gawsworth |
| 19 | 31 March 2025 | Guest Speaker : Martin Welch - Railway Photography. Back by popular demand - This evening we will be entertained by Martin with his talk about railway photography. | Guest Speaker | Gawsworth |
| 20 | 07 April 2025 | AV Image Challenge - Presentation Evening - tonight we review the AV's submitted by club members. Members are challenged to create a short AV (pictures to exe style show) to tell a story via a sequence of choreographed images and background music or soundtrack. | Challenge | Gawsworth |
| 21 | 14 April 2024 | Internal Competition 6: Open Print. Our final competition is an Open Print style | Internal Comp | Gawsworth |
| 22 | 28 April 2025 | Guest Speaker : Rob Falconer presents a talk about his photography trip to Iceland. Rob's talk covers a 10 day trip to Iceland travelling about 2000 miles through amazing scenery, from lava fields, glaciers, icebergs, waterfalls and the amazing Northern Light. https://www.rob-falconer-photography.com/ | Guest Speaker | Gawsworth |
| 23 | 12 May 2025 | Annual General Meeting. The AGM will be held at Gawsworth village hall. | AGM | Gawsworth |
| 24 | TBC 17/05/2025 | Annual Exhibition - Macclesfield Library. An opportunity to see a range of images from club members covering a wide range of photographic styles and genres. | Annual Exhibition | Macc Library |