

Dear Member,

I am writing to you in the capacity of Acting Chairman due to the current absence, for personal reasons, of our Chairman, Mark Allen.

Once again, we are starting a new season at the Camera Club and I think you will find that we have got together another great programme of events, put together by Ray Magill, David Roberts and myself. My thanks to Ray and David. As you will see, there is a wide variety of subjects covered by our guest speakers and our own club members. We also have very special evening on Monday 19th October. Three speakers, Roy Elwood FRPS, Arnold Hubbard FRPS, and Vince Rooker ARPS, are coming over from England to give talks around Ireland; we are fortunate to get them to give a talk at our club.

The club covers many different interests; some members are interested in making Fine Prints in Colour or Black & White; others prefer the Digital projected image (replacing slides); and yet others are more interested in AV (Audio Visual) presentations. We welcome all.

Competitions are ongoing throughout the year and we also have two (at the time of writing) Print or Digital battles with other clubs. One is a print battle with Carrick CC and the other is a Digital Image battle with a Spanish Club, the Marina Alta Camera Club based in Javea on the Costa Blanca. See their site here: <http://www.macameraclub.com/>. This is the first time either club has tried anything like this, so we are both on new ground here. Hopefully, we won't sink into it! The programme has a list of the subjects that we have to cover, so make sure you have some good images for at least some of them.

The Wednesday Club also continues to thrive. It is a less structured evening where people can come along to learn and get information on any problems (photographic!) they may have. We can also help on a Friday night but, due to the nature of the programme, time is more limited for any in-depth discussion.

The annual exhibition is now on Display at the Flagship Centre, Bangor.

I would like to thank all the members of our club and the new Committee for the enthusiasm that keeps our club a vibrant and interesting place for all who are interested in photography. I would like to welcome you all to the new season, and I urge any members who have not been along for a while to return and see how we are doing.

The first meeting of the Camera Club is on 4th September at the Clubhouse. It is an audio-visual evening "Your Holiday" We want members to provide at least one AV for showing on that night.

Remember no commercial work, weddings, portraits etc, and about 3 minutes long.

Regrettably, I shall not be able to join you on this occasion as I shall be on holiday in sunny Spain. I hope, nevertheless, that you have a very enjoyable first meeting and that you will be inspired to participate fully in subsequent club activities. The club is only as good as its members and we want it to build on its many strengths to remain the best Camera Club in Northern Ireland.

Best Wishes

Gerry Coe
Acting Chair