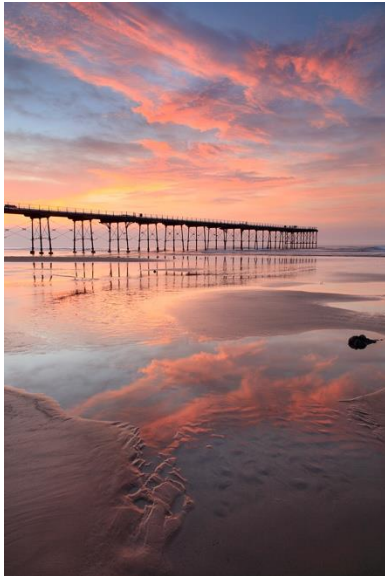


So, welcome!

We sincerely hope you will enjoy your time as a member of Saltburn Photographic Society, and that you will share your enthusiasm for photography with us all.



Welcome

to Saltburn Photographic Society

*Talks Competitions Practical evenings
Summer Outings Exhibitions*



Our overriding objective is to bring like-minded people together to enjoy their photography and to learn from others.

You are very welcome and we hope that you will remain a member for many years.

The intention of this welcome pack is to speed up the integration of new members into the Society. It should provide you with key pieces of information that will help you to feel part of the club, while all the detail you will need is contained within our website:

www.saltburnphotographicsociety.co.uk

If you have any questions, please ask any of our existing members who will introduce you to the relevant committee member if they are unable to answer your query themselves.

What we do we get up to?

Talks – Wednesday evenings

Enjoy illustrated talks by guest speakers and accomplished photographers about a variety of topics throughout the year to be inspired or learn something new.

Practical Evenings – on the third Monday of the month

Enjoy the experience of practising in a supportive environment, where members share their knowledge to help you develop your skills. These are often practical workshops, occasionally via Zoom, that cover many different areas to allow you to further your skills as a photographer.

Summer Outings

Get some fresh air! Walks are organised over the summer months predominantly for members to bring their camera and shoot varying subjects.

Competitions

Challenge yourself by entering our competitions through the year and receive valuable guidance and feedback from the judges to help you develop your photography.

Exhibitions

We are keen to find opportunities to display our members' work to the wider community, and have held four major exhibitions in the Kirkleatham Museum Pavilion and have held several exhibitions in various venues in Saltburn.

Committee

The Committee consists of eight Officers and up to six ordinary Committee members.

We hope that the photos below will help you to get to know and recognise our committee members! A little more detail about them is on the website under 'Committee Members'.

The current Committee is:



President
Tony Lynn



Chairman
Ken Bladen



Treasurer
Philippa Finlay



Secretary
Jeannie Moore



NYSD Representative
Malcolm Blenkey



Competition Secretary
Alan Parker



Syllabus secretary
Olivia Costello



Vice Chairman
David Sanderson



Phillip Dove



Alan Meek



Christine Parker



Paul Terry

External Organisations and Competitions

North Yorkshire & South Durham Photographic Association (NYSDPA)

This is an association of the twelve photographic clubs in the local area. An inter-club competition for the clubs who are members of the NYSDPA is held each year. Saltburn PS has a long tradition of doing well in these competitions and it is our constant aim to assist our members in achieving high marks and possibly trophies in these highly prestigious competitions.

Northern Counties Photographic Federation (NCPF)

We are also members of The Northern Counties Photographic Federation which is one of fifteen such organisations that between them cover the whole of the United Kingdom. There are currently 43 clubs in the NCPF covering an area from North Yorkshire to the Scottish Borders. The NCPF also provides inter-club competitions on a similar basis to NYSDPA which can result in members' work progressing to national and international competitions.

See the website for more information about the NYSDPA and NCPF competitions.

Membership Fees 2025/26

Subscriptions	Annually	Half annually
Ordinary member	£35	£17.50
Junior (under 18 years)	£6	£3
Family membership	£52	£26
Country member	£18	£9

Half year subscriptions are possible for members who join after 31st December in that season.

We meet at the **Methodist Church Hall, Milton Street**, Saltburn on **Wednesdays – 7.00 p.m.** for hot drinks and chat, with the **presentation starting at 7.30 p.m.** prompt. The season runs from the middle of September until the end of March.

The room is accessed by the stairs from the main door on Milton Street. Wheelchair access is possible by the main door and a door steward will be on hand for those requiring assistance. There is also a lift available for anyone not able to use the stairs.

We have coffee and tea making facilities and members generally take the opportunity to socialise and gain photographic advice from our many experienced members before and after each week's activities. We ask members to bring their own cup if possible, to save on plastic use. We ask members to respect that this is a **silent mobile phone** zone as interruptions by mobile phones can be very distracting for the members and visiting speakers/judges.

Assistance from the members in setting out/clearing away tables, chairs and the tea/coffee making facilities at the start and finish of each evening is very much appreciated.

Practical Nights

In addition to the Wednesday night programme we also provide a Practical Night programme on a monthly basis throughout the season. These sessions are normally held on the third Monday of the month between October and March i.e. six sessions per season. The topics covered are in the main designed to meet the members' needs. Members have the opportunity to make their requests known by various means: verbal and written requests, or via the members' Facebook page (see below). From these requests a programme is developed and advertised in advance so that members can choose to attend any that they think will be of value to them. Generally, these sessions are delivered by our experienced members who have the relevant expertise. This provides the opportunity for more detailed demonstration and interactive questions and answers than can be provided in the normal Wednesday night programme.

These sessions will generally be held in the one of the rooms in the Methodist Church starting at 7 pm prompt, lasting approximately two hours. The time, date and room used for these sessions can vary, so please keep an eye out for announcements/notification of any changes. Occasionally they may be delivered via Zoom.

As this is additional to our normal activities, members who take part will be asked to donate £2.00 per session to cover the cost of renting the room

Summer Outings

Monthly outdoor photography walks are held on the first Wednesday of the month between May and August, starting at 7pm and normally finishing about 9 pm.

Members who wish to take part meet with the aim of socialising, taking photographs and gaining informal advice or tuition.

Images taken on these evenings are eligible one of our annual competitions, the Les Gould Trophy.

Competitions

To improve your photography nothing works better than showing your pictures alongside your peers and having them constructively commented on by experienced photographic judges. By listening to the advice provided regarding both your own and others' photographs it is possible to progress from an absolute beginner to an accomplished photographer over the period of a few seasons. We provide the opportunity for this in the form of monthly and annual internal club competitions allowing you to compete at your respective level be it: junior, intermediate or advanced.

You will find all the details of the competitions, the rules and the annual programme on the main part of our website.

Mentors

As a new member, possibly new to the world of club competitions, you may wish to take advantage of an informal mentoring facility provided by our experienced members. We have some very experienced members in all kinds of photography; action, portraiture, macro, landscape etc. who are willing to pass on their knowledge. This can be handled in whatever way you are comfortable with, for example getting the views of one or more of the experienced workers on your work can be a very useful way of gaining constructive feedback on how to improve your chances in the competitions or simply to improve your photography if you are not ready or perhaps interested in taking part in the competitions. Simply ask any of the committee members if you would like to take advantage of this and they will point you in the right direction to the relevant members who will be able to help you.

Website and Facebook

We currently provide a website:

www.saltburnphotographicsociety.co.uk and two Facebook pages, one public and one for members only.

The website and public Facebook page have been developed with the intention of keeping all of our members up to date with what is going on within the club and other photographic events that may be of interest. Both can also be read by members of the public who may want to find out about what we have to offer. This is where you can check such things as: the future programmes of normal weekly and monthly practical nights, competition rules, competition results, forthcoming events etc. You will find a link to the Facebook page on the website, but you will not be able to add your own posts here.

The Members' page is a more private "members only" Facebook page where you can post your own images, and view those of other members. Please ask if you would like access to this.