

## Aldeburgh Photographic Group

*Accomplished photographer and Thorpeness Resident Roger Searle is keen to encourage more participants from Thorpeness and Aldringham to join the Aldeburgh club as it moves to a new venue and develops its programme. He writes:-*

"A few years ago a group of local like-minded people, who were keen to share their photography and experiences with other people, formed the Aldeburgh Photographic Group. The club has thrived, with activities ranging from talks by well-known professionals, to presentations by group members on a range of subjects. We have had field sessions, including chartering a boat on the River Ore one evening and an evening session round the Martello Tower, simply trying things out in a relaxed atmosphere. The great thing is that all the people on the trips want to be there taking pictures and don't have to worry about friends and family trying to hurry them along to the nearest coffee bar!

Since the beginning, the Group has met in The Community Hall in Aldeburgh. However, from January 2018 we are moving to the Library. The general feeling is that this will provide a more intimate (and quieter) environment, which will encourage more interaction between members, rather than the current "theatre style" set-up that we use.

So why am I writing this? Well the Group has reached a crossroads in its evolution. As with all clubs of this type, there comes a time when the members need to take stock and decide what they want to get out of the meetings and outings. For example, competitions have never featured, but some members might wish to hold one, maybe once or twice a year. There is a good spread of experience in the club, as is there a range of equipment that people use. Added to this the new venue, it is a great opportunity to come along to the AGM at The Library, on Wednesday 17th January 2018 (7:30pm) and be in at the beginning of this next chapter. Apart from Aldeburgh itself, there are people from various local villages and we could certainly benefit from increasing our Parish representation. The likelihood is that the Club night will continue on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, plus other dates to be agreed, for things like field trips, outings etc. New people with different ideas, a range of perspectives is always good.

The important thing is that whatever your skill levels or interests in Photography, you will NOT feel intimidated, as, by its nature, the club has and will continue to provide, something for everyone and, at the end of the day, the Club IS its members! If you feel that you would like to talk a bit more about what you might get out of the club, or just find out more information about APG, please do contact me  
Thanks, and I hope to see some of you on club nights in the future!"

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