

## CARLUKE CAMERA CLUB NEWS for Session 2025-26



Friday **19<sup>th</sup> September 2025** Club member Chris Bonnington started by showing us how he created one of his successful prints, we got to handle and feel the textured paper of the print, something that the print workers amongst us took great pleasure from.

Next, Chris talked through the learnings he has gained since switching his focus from landscapes to close ups and extreme macro photography, showing images and talking us through the techniques that he has adopted in the field. We then had a showing of inter-federation images; a great mix of images from across the UK. There is no meeting next week due to the September holiday.

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Chris Bonnington



Friday **12<sup>th</sup> September 2025** George Robertson gave his presentation 'The Snows of Kilimanjaro'. We were treated to a selection of images captured over many ascents together with stories of the events that took place and the special memories.

George explained the changes in fauna and flora that were visible in his images as he climbed higher, and explained the steps taken to acclimatise in order to avoid altitude sickness.

An evening full of great images captured at a location few of us would attempt to reach.

Next week we have an evening of two halves by club members. Chris Bonnington will show us how he created one of his successful prints, and then show and talk through the learnings he has gained since switching his focus from landscapes to close ups and extreme macro photography. Following on from Chris, Libby Smith will present "A tribute to the MPAGB"; for those not familiar with the PAGB awards levels, this is the highest level achievable.

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Friday **5<sup>th</sup> September 2025** was a members evening; this is an opportunity for all members to show a brief selection of what they like to photograph. There was a good mix of images shown from a variety of members, from long standing members to others newly joined. An enjoyable evening!

Next week we have a visit from George Robertson, renowned for capturing fantastic images in remote locations by combining both mountaineering and photography skills; George will present his talk 'The Snows of Kilimanjaro'.

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Friday **29<sup>th</sup> August 2025** was the opening evening for the new season.

Firstly, a warm greeting was given to our new members (there is space for more).

Libby Smith then ran through the syllabus for the year; we have a good mix with many excellent speakers to look forward to.

Next week is a members' night; an opportunity for all members to show some photos of what they have been up to over the summer.

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Chris Bonnington

Friday **22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025** Update - On this coming Friday (29<sup>th</sup> August) at 7.30 p.m. the Club will have its first meeting of the 2025 – 2026 season and this will include the enrolment of existing members of the Club and the welcoming of new members who are always very welcome. As decided at the last AGM, the cost of club membership will remain at £70 for the whole season with no additional fee per meeting. Meetings will continue to be held each Friday evening at 7.30 p.m. in the hall of the United Reformed Church, Carnwath Road, Carlisle.

We are a small friendly group of amateur photographers with a like interest in photography. Between us we specialise in a variety of subjects, giving us a wide cross section of knowledge that we are very willing to share. We run workshops at times on a separate night to suit the needs of our members, dates for these are announced as required. Advice is always available on an informal basis anytime. We can help, whether you are novice or advanced... Perhaps you want to find out more about your camera, or help to take better photos... Or you are interested in learning more about processing your digital photos, or learning how to print, interested in Black and White or perhaps you have recently acquired a film camera. You will be made very welcome to join us!

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John Cannon

Friday **8<sup>th</sup> August 2025** Update - As we look forward to the start of our new 2025-26 Club season, an update on three competitions having been judged over the summer. These Annual Portfolios competitions were run by the Scottish Photographic Federation and were open to member Clubs from all over Scotland. The results were to see Carlisle CC finish an excellent 2<sup>nd</sup> equal in the Colour Print, and Digital sections. One Carlisle member also won a Silver Medal for the Best Creative Image, which went to Jim Hill for The Acolyte.

Our new 2025-26 season starts with our enrolment night on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August. This is a perfect time to come along and meet us over a tea or coffee. We will give an overview of our new season's syllabus. There's no pressure for any prospective members to join on the enrolment night - you are welcome to join us for a few weeks at no cost.

Libby Smith