

NTCC – Monthly Facebook Challenge.

This document outlines the guidelines and the intention for our monthly Facebook challenges.

The main purpose of the monthly challenge is to encourage our members to think about their photography, and to actively take photographs if they can. This can either be inside or outside, at home or away from home.

This is a casual activity, and probably not suited to those members who are often busy or time-poor. Any members who are able however, are encouraged to participate if they can spare the time and are keen to advance their own photography.

If members are unable for whatever reason to take new photographs specifically for a Facebook challenge, then it is quite acceptable to look through old images and choose something that fits the challenge criteria. In order to fulfill the main purpose of the challenge however, members are encouraged to try and take new images if they can.

At the start of each month, a new 'album' is opened on our 'Facebook Members Group' page, where members can upload their 'challenge images' during the month. The theme of the challenge is displayed on the cover image of the album. These themes range in their level of difficulty. The basic rules are also displayed on the album cover image. It is important that these rules are read and followed.

The rules that are displayed for each challenge are as follows;

- Members may upload up to four images each during the month.
- Images should conform to the monthly theme.
- Images should be uploaded to the correct album on our 'Facebook Members Group' page.
- Include a 'comment' to place your image onto the timeline for other members to see.
- Our 'Facebook Challenges' are not judged, but reactions and kind, constructive comments from other club members are encouraged.

These challenges offer a great opportunity for all our members to display images without the pressures often associated with photographic competitions. This is especially true for our members who, for one reason or another, do not enter our normal club competitions. The 'challenge' images are not judged or scored, and only friendly, constructive comments are ever posted.

The December 'Facebook Challenge' is always reserved for 'Centenary Trophy' images. This is a light-hearted competition where members upload their images of other club members, taken whilst on a club-sanctioned excursion or event. This competition is judged by members present at our Christmas presentation evening in December.

Here is the procedure you should follow in order to upload your challenge images to the corresponding challenge album.

1. Navigate to our 'Facebook Members Group' page and on the toolbar under the 'banner' photo, select 'Media'.
2. On the 'Media' sub-toolbar, select 'Album' and then click on the album you wish to add images to.
3. In the righthand margin, click on the blue button labeled, 'Add Photos/Videos'.
4. You can then either; drag and drop your images to where it says, 'Ready to Add Something', or you can click on the button labeled 'Upload Photos or Videos' in the lefthand margin and navigate to your storage folder. If you choose the second option, then select the images you want to upload and click the 'Open' button.
5. Your images have now been added to the challenge folder. 😊
6. However, there is still one more important step you need to take. At this stage no one knows your images are there except for you. In order for your images to appear in the group timeline, where others are made aware of their presence, you need to comment on your own images. Just something simple like; "Here is my first xxx challenge photo", will suffice. And there, you're done. 😊