



Annual reports for the 2025-26 Season

01 Chairs' Report – Lesley Burnand and Nicola Harrison

As you know this was the first season as co-chairs for us, and we had some very big shoes to fill! I hope that you will agree that the season has passed by fairly smoothly and that has been helped by Philip's guidance and assistance as vice chair. Philip has always made it clear that he would only be doing this role on a temporary basis, and whilst we have indicated our willingness to continue as co-chairs for another season, we do need to have some people in the wings to take over in due course. Please do think what skills you could bring to the club to help with the running. It really isn't onerous if everyone does their bit.

We have welcomed many new members to the club this season and we really hope that you have learnt, been inspired and found some friends along the way.

We have tried to provide a balanced programme incorporating something for everybody including our new abstract competition which had a great number of entries and generated lots of discussion. We are aware that competitions are not for everybody and the judges' comments and scores can sometimes feel disheartening, but we are working both as a committee and with our judges to try and prevent this from being a barrier to entry for those of you yet to enter a competition, and to try and make the competitions a rewarding and constructive evening. Thank you to Shaun who has had to source some replacements at what has sometimes been the last minute, and we look forward to seeing what Shaun has planned for us all next season.

The Football Club really does feel like our home now and we have been well looked after by Ian behind the bar, however as his personal circumstances have changed, we can expect, regrettably, to see less of Ian each week. We are working with the clubhouse committee to ensure that we can continue the smooth running of our sessions, and continue to enjoy the benefits of the bar and the welcoming atmosphere of club evenings.

Of course, none of this season would have been possible without the continued support of our committee members, Philip as vice-chair, Marilynne as secretary and judge co-ordinator (a sometimes thankless task!), Shaun as programme secretary, Ian as publicity officer, Sue Pennicott for keeping us all in order with her minutes and agendas at our committee meetings and also Jeremy Stock, Denys Clarke, Derek Griffin, Sue Ash, and Dan Briggs for their contributions at committee meetings and their help with the smooth running of affairs. We also want to take this opportunity to thank Denys who has been on the committee for several years but who will now be stepping down and taking a well earned rest.

So as our first season draws to a close, all that remains is a big thank you to you all for sticking with us(!), and we look forward to seeing you all again in September raring to go for another season of fun, learning, inspiration and friendship.

Treasurers Report 2025/26 – Nicola Harrison

We have finally managed to turn around our loss making position and have recorded a small profit for the year of £555. This has been helped by not only a strengthening membership, but also some generous waiving of judges fees (most notably by Andy Smith), the kind gifting of fee rent for some weeks by TWFC to recognise Lesley's assistance behind the bar and also some members who chose to pay their exhibition sales back into the club.

The accounts reflect costs totalling £530 that we know that we are still yet to incur before the end of the season.

At the year-end, the club had healthy cash and bank reserves totalling £5,226. It is important that we continue to maintain this buffer to weather the loss-making seasons and to start to build up a reserve should we need to replace any pieces of equipment.

As a committee we want the club to remain on a good financial footing and to maintain a healthy cash reserve balance however, we are not here to make a profit from our members, simply to try and break even each year. We are therefore proposing that our membership fees increase by less than inflation this year with standard single membership amounting to £75 for the forthcoming season..

I will be happy to answer any questions that anybody may have on the figures, otherwise I hope that you will be in a position to approve the accounts at the AGM.

TONBRIDGE CAMERA CLUB
BALANCE SHEET
as at 31st March 2026

	2026	2025
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Assets	1,197	1,408
CURRENT ASSETS		
Income to be received	0	30
Cash at Bank and in Hand	5,226	5,160
	<u>5,226</u>	<u>5,190</u>
Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>530</u>	<u>1,260</u>
	4,696	3,930
NET ASSETS	<u><u>5,893</u></u>	<u><u>5,338</u></u>
MEMBERS' CAPITAL		
Balance brought forward	5,338	5,514
Surplus/[-deficit] for the year	555	(176)
Balance carried forward	<u><u>5,893</u></u>	<u><u>5,338</u></u>

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Approved: N. King
 Treasurer

The Accounts have been verified to bank statements, other documents, and
information received.

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Verified by:

TONBRIDGE CAMERA CLUB
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
for the Year to 31st March 2026

	2026		2025	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Subscriptions	3,520		3,520	
Sale of frames/books etc	182		85	
Door fees in advance	1,120		1,160	
Door fees on night	525		520	
Exhibition sales commissions	94		34	
Donation from Lions re Abstract trophy	109		10	
Bank interest	51		65	
		5,600		5,394
Expenses				
Premises costs-				
Room rentals	1,550		1,631	
		1,550		1,631
Equipment and software costs-				
Software costs	479		956	
		479		956
General administrative expenses-				
Printing and reproduction	138		100	
Insurance	189		189	
Bank charges	26		61	
Refreshments	36		62	
		389		412
Club activities-				
External competitions entry fees	202		312	
Prize giving evening expenses	537		573	
Exhibition costs	150		159	
		889		1,044
Professional fees				
Judges fees	476		373	
Speakers fees	1,050		906	
		1,526		1,279
Depreciation		211		248
Total Expenditure		5,045		5,570
Net Surplus/[-Deficit]		555		(176)

Membership Report -Marilynne Hill

We currently have 51 paid-up members plus 2 Honorary members, Gavin Hoey and Clive Tanner. Although 7 members did not renew their membership at the start of the season, throughout the year we gained 6 new members. Although these figures are a little down on the previous year (55 paid-up plus 2 Honorary) overall, in these challenging financial times, our membership has stood up remarkably well.

Judges Report – Marilynne Hill

Finding judges is becoming increasingly difficult as the KCPA judging pool seems to reduce each year making us heavily dependant on securing judges from Surrey or even further afield. However, Andy Smith, in his new role as Chair of the KCPA Judges Panel, has launched a new initiative to increase the number of available judges to us in the KCPA. He is actively encouraging members to come forward to train as judges which hopefully will make booking judges easier at some point.

At the time of writing this report judges have been booked for 9 of our 15 competitions for the 2026/2027 season and I hope to fill the remaining 6 slots shortly.

Programme Secretary – Shaun Wakelen

This year we welcomed another selection of interesting subjects from new and familiar faces. Subjects included landscapes, street photography, lighting, wildlife, and getting in close to our subjects with macro photography. Our programme continued in its regular theme of competitions, talks, workshops, and extra curricula activities with AV and image discussions held each month. For 2026-2027, we again hope to provide you with more of the same, welcoming back speakers we have not seen for a few years, and some new, and continuing the competitions and extra meetings enjoyed by all.

AV group – Philip Smithies

Although numbers of people attending the monthly Zoom meetings are relatively low (never more than nine), the quality of work produced is extremely high and, as Andy Smith pointed out when he judged on 26th March, the standard just gets better every year. Members have entered external competitions such as those hosted by East Anglia and then KCPA and done extremely well.

The meetings are open to everyone: you don't have to create AVs. After all, how many pictures on your computer never see the light of day? An AV gives you an appreciative audience.

Mini-outings – Philip Smithies

There have been fewer outings than last season but people do enjoy those that take place. They provide an opportunity to socialise and meet new people, visit new places – and take photographs.

During the last year, we've visited cathedrals and churches and done some night-time and Autumn Colours photography (thank you Derek!). They've all been extremely well-received.

Please don't leave it to me to organise them: anyone can do it!

Image Discussion Group - David Godfrey

Image Discussion Evenings held via Zoom once a month are open to all members and continue to be well supported with a continuing pattern of improving scores in competitions by regular attendees.

Exhibition – Jeremy Stock

The club's annual exhibition was held again last year at the Tunbridge Wells Art Society on the Pantiles over the last two weekends in November, and was a great success.

The exhibition had 630 visitors over the two weekends, way up on last time, with 66 prints on display. 7 prints were sold. Thank you to all who volunteered to steward and to all those who entered prints. It was wonderful to see our work on the wall and to hear the public's comments.

The 2026 exhibition will be held over the two weekends of 14th 15th and 21st 22nd November, so there is lots of time to think about presenting your best work. We would urge you all to try printing and show the public what we can do.

Publicity – Ian Standing

A summary of publicity events undertaken during the season:

1. Advert in the Pembury News.
2. Posters printed and put in strategic places around the area.
3. Contacted Amateur Photography Magazine to have article about the club placed in their publication.
4. Advert re our exhibition placed in West Kent Radio local events page.
5. Asked by Orpheus Male Choir to do publicity photographs again 16th May.

On the Road with Tonbridge Talks – Kevin Yates

Our group of four (Dave, Philip, Lesley and me) has been busy this season! We visited four local clubs, presenting on everything from the natural world to the rise of AI. The response was overwhelmingly positive, resulting in several "speaker swaps" that will bring fresh perspectives to our own club meetings soon. The format has worked well.

because we pair up when visiting Clubs which helps to make the presentations more dynamic. It's been a pleasure acting as ambassadors for our Club — and we had a lot of fun along the way! If you want to join us just let me know.