

**Cambridge and District Photographic Society later the Cambridge Photographic Club, later the Cambridge Camera Club**

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The minute books provide us with an insight into the activities of the Club during the period covered. These have been supplemented with information from local newspapers which sometimes reported the Club's activities, which were regularly passed to the press for that purpose. The earlier minutes relate to the ordinary club meetings and are not the minutes of the Club's Council which would have decided matters of policy. It is not known what other material has survived in the club's archive.

**1902**

**Cambridge Daily News 25 Sept 1902 p4 –  
PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY FOR CAMBRIDGE. A SATISFACTORY START**

A meeting was held at Llandaff Chambers, Regent-street, on Wednesday evening, to discuss the advisability of forming a camera club in Cambridge. There was a large attendance, those present including Mrs Addison, Mrs Charlton, Dr W H Bansall and Messrs, G H Tindall, FRPS (Ely), C S Addison, E S Peck, H J W Knights, A J Swannell, G E Hardwick, F Stoakley, J H Leach, H W Chapman, A Barrett, J Winship jun., Alphonso Smith, T J Sowdon, D J Scott, W Atkinson, and Sanderson.

On the proposition of Mr Addison, Dr Bansall, was elected chairman pro tem. In opening the meeting, the Chairman referred to the holding of the recent Photographic Convention in the town, and said this had given them a feeling that they ought to have a camera club in Cambridge. He thought it was an absolute disgrace that a place like Cambridge, with boundless subjects, should have no camera club. A long time ago there was, he believed, a camera club in Cambridge, and they had one gentleman present who was a member of that club. He thought it would be most suitable thing if that gentleman would address them, and he had great pleasure in calling upon Mr Sanderson.

Mr Sanderson said there was not the slightest doubt that a camera club ought to be established. With regard to the club mentioned by the Chairman, that died from the worst of all diseases, lack of interest and want of enthusiasm on the part of the members. Prior to that there had been in existence a camera club in connection with the University. About the early eighties that was going fairly strongly, but ultimately that shared the same fate as its follower in the town. Since that they had a club formed, he believed, by a fair number of members who had formerly belonged to the old club, and run in connection with the Y.M.C.A. He had been closely connected with that club, and had been very pleased with the work they had done. What they wanted, however, was a club unsectarian; it ought to be social, but not political, and free in every possible way.

Mr. Addison said that through the courtesy of the editor of the Cambridge Daily News, he was able to read a letter which appeared in September, 1899. The writer of the letter deplored the absence of a photographic society in Cambridge, and hoped that someone would call a meeting to see whether one could not be formed. Continuing, Mr. Addison alluded to the Convention and the two photographic exhibitions. He was very sorry to say that some of the exhibitors had not made the progress he would like have seen, and some of visitors told him they considered this was due to the want of a society. Since then several

gentlemen had urged the desirability of forming a club, and had asked him to convene a meeting. If they decided to form society, he would suggest that the club be as much a social organisation as possible. He would like to see a large membership, for the bigger the membership the more successful would the club be. If they got 50 members they could not do much, but if they got 200 they could do a great deal. If they could not get many members to join, they would have to be content to hire a room once a week or once a fortnight. He thought, however, they would get a good membership. One gentleman had come from Ely to attend, and he (Mr. Addison) had promises from villages all round Cambridge. One very important item to consider was whether they would admit undergraduates to the society if one were formed. While touching on the University, he might say that he had promises from several prominent resident members of the University, but as to the undergraduates, he had not been able to see what sort of feeling there was on the matter. Several gentlemen thought it would be best to leave the undergraduates to form a society of their own. They would have to consider the question of a room, but that must depend on the size of the club and the number of members that came forward. The amount of the subscription, and whether or not to have an entrance fee, was another important item. Some gentlemen seemed to think they ought to have an entrance fee to set the club on its feet, but he thought a subscription of 5s. or 7s. 6d. would meet the requirements.

Mr Tindall said he would like to see society or club formed very much. Ely only had a population of about 5,000, but he thought he could get nine or ten members. If they decided to form a club, he should be very glad to help it along. On the Chairman inviting discussion, Mr Chapman said he would like to ask Mr Addison how many members were likely to join. Until Mr. Addison got an idea of the number, he did not see how they were to get along. Mr Addison said that he had not got the names of any members, as there was nothing tangible to work upon. He suggested that those present form a club and appoint a committee, and have another meeting. In the meantime, each member could ascertain from his friends how many would be likely to join.

Mr Stoakley then proposed that a society formed, with a subscription of 5s. or 7s. 6d. This was carried unanimously, and on the Chairman asking for names, practically all those present joined, nearly 50 names being received. After some further discussion, it was decided to call the society the Cambridge and District Photographic Society. Dr Bensall was elected president, and Mr Sanderson vice-president. Mr C S Addison was elected Secretary pro tem, and Mr J H Leach treasurer, and the following compose the committee, with power to add to their number:—Mrs Charlton, Mrs Addison, Messrs, F Stoakley, H W Chapman, and W J Scott. The meeting was then adjourned until October 8th.

### **Cambridge Daily News 26 Nov 1902**

lecture given by Sanger Shepherd on colour process. JF Stoakley was President of the Society.

### **1903**

#### **Cambridge Daily News 11 Mar 1903 p3**

A fair number of members of the Cambridge Photographic Club assembled at the Club's Headquarters, Prince of Wales Passage, on Tuesday evening, under the chairmanship of the President, Dr Bansall. An interesting as well as instructive lecture was delivered by Mr CS Addison, who gave a demonstration on the daylight development of film and of the working of Velox and other papers.

#### **Cambridge Daily News 25 Mar 1903**

Lecture by W Farren on "Natural history photography" at the club room in Prince of Wales Passage, Mr F H Sanderson presiding.

**Cambridge Daily News 13 May 1903 p3**

Lecture by Mr WH Smith of the Platinotype Co – Platinotype demonstration.

**Cambridge Daily News 27 May 1903**

Club exhibition.

**Cambridge Daily News 17 Sept 1903 p3: PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION.**

One of the most interesting annual events with which Cambridge people are familiar is the photographic exhibition held in conjunction with the show of the Cambridge and District United Horticultural Society. The reason is not far to seek. Photographs, either because they are representations of the rare, the beautiful, or are an embodiment of skill that forcibly appeals to the lay mind, possess perpetual charm. For all three reasons, the latest collection of specimens congregated at the Corn Exchange under the auspices of the Cambridge Photographic Club was a very attractive one. The pictures included many artistic productions, others that were unique in a local exhibition while in varying degree each indicated skill in the use of the camera. Throughout, a high order of merit was noticeable. Among the exhibits the one that may be described as being unique, since it alone was the representative of a certain branch of the photographic art, was shown by Mr H Y Oldham of King's College. His contribution to the exhibition, which was not for competition, consisted of a collection of views taken with a telephoto lens from the roof of King's College Chapel. The most striking example of his work was a view of Ely, in which the Cathedral was distinctly visible. This photograph was obtained from a distance of fifteen miles. Next in order of merit, so far as distance was concerned, was a photo of Messrs Chivers' Factory at Histon. Photographs similarly taken included "New house on the Gogs" (taken at a distance of three miles), Chesterton Mill (one mile), and the Roman Catholic Church (half-mile). Placed beside these photographs was one obtained by means of an ordinary camera from the spot at which the telephoto lens was used. The former, exhibiting many objects in perspective, contained only the faintest indication of the spot to which the telephoto lens was directed, and by comparison, the peculiar results obtainable through the use of the long-distance lens could be appreciated.

The class open to exhibitors in all parts of the country attracted a good number of entries. Mr P W Crane was awarded the gold medal in this class for an architectural picture denoted by the quotation, "The golden sun poured in a dusty beam." The picture realised the spirit the words admirably. It represented a crypt suffused with a flood of sunlight entering through a window not visible in the picture, and lighting a beautiful example of Early English architecture. Another very picturesque photograph, taken Mr S G Kimber, and entitled "The Monk's Entrance," was awarded the silver medal in the open class. This picture was one of a ruined archway, overhung with foliage and was a most artistic production. The bronze medal was secured Mr H A Chapman, of Cambridge, who was successful with a particularly difficult subject, a fruit study. The grouping of the combination of fruits realised the artistic ideal, and the rendering of the colours in monochrome had been accomplished very successfully. In the same class another local exhibitor, the Rev H R Campion, of Ely, was commended for a picture entitled "To the Octagon." Mr. Campion also took the silver medal in the architecture class for a set of six photographs, which included "The Spiral Stair, Ely" and "From the High Altar" (Ely). Another picture in the same set entitled "A passage of evening light," secured for the exhibitor the Challenge Cup which was offered for the best picture in Classes 1, 2, and 3. These classes are confined to members of the Cambridge Photographic Club. Mr. Campion was winner of the Cup, which was given by Mr A W Smith at last year's exhibition, and in the event of the same exhibitor again winning the trophy, it will become his property. Mr. Alphonso Smith, of Cambridge, won the silver medal in the landscape class, open to the members of the Photographic Club, with a set of three pictures, entitled "A Summer Morn," "Quiet Waters", and "Stybarrow Crag." Mr. Smith also won the bronze medal in the class for portraiture and figure studies, with two very meritorious subjects, called "A wayside Gossip" and "Gathering Flowers." It will be remembered that the same exhibitor was successful in

this class at the last exhibition. Mrs CS Addison, a member the Photographic Club, took the silver medal with two excellent pictures in the same class. The Rev HR Campion was commended in this class. The work that was thus noticed by the judges was commonplace compared with his excellent architectural studies. Mr TJ Sowdon, the Secretary of the Photographic Club, was awarded a bronze medal for a set of six architectural studies. A large collection of lantern slides were on view and among the many meritorious specimens, four manufactured by Mr W C Squires were adjudged the best. Although only one bronze medal was offered this class, the judges felt that the slides by Mr W Farren of Cambridge, who exhibited some exceptionally good natural history subjects, deserved an extra prize. The exhibitor was awarded a special bronze medal. Photographs in natural colours, taken by means of the Sanger- Sheppard process, were again exhibited by Mr F Stoakley whose examples of the new branch of the art, of which he is the only local exponent, were excellent. The photographs were in the form of lantern slides and included reproductions of missals and a picture taken direct from the Cavendish window in Peterhouse dining hall.

Only one set of photographs was received for the junior class - The exhibitor of them was Miss Maud Clark, who is under 16 years of age. She was awarded a second prize for views of Trinity Avenue, Trinity Bridge, Madingley Church, and "A Village Street."

The duties of judges were undertaken Mr W B Redfern and Messrs C E Goodrich and F H Sanderson (representing the firm of J. Palmer Clark). Much of the success the exhibition was due to Mr Sowdon, the secretary of the Photographic Club.

#### **Cambridge Daily News 14 Oct 1903 p3**

Cambridge and District Photographic Club At Home. Rev HR Campion of Ely and Mr Goodrich each had two pictures in the Royal Photographic Society exhibition in London.

#### **Cambridge Daily News 11 Nov 1903**

Report of the fortnightly meeting of the Club. Mr Stoakley, the lecturer, thanked by Mr Balding President.

### **1904**

#### **Cambridge Independent Press 1 July 1904 p8**

AGM of the Photographic Club. Membership 92, joint project with the Cambridge Antiquarian Society. President FH Sanderson, Vice President Mr Stoakley. Treasurer Mr Leach, Secretary Mr TJ Sowdon, Committee Dr Bansall, Messrs CW Addison, H Goodrich, W Farren and Tams. Lanternist WH Hayles.

#### **Cambridge Independent Press 16 Sept 1904 p6**

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition held at the Corn Exchange

### **1905**

#### **Cambridge Independent Press 17/2/1905 p8**

CAMBRIDGE. Photographic Club.— At the meeting of the Cambridge and District Photographic Club on Monday evening Dr A C Haddon gave an interesting lecture on "A Trip into the Interior of Borneo."

#### **Lancashire Evening Post 27/4/1905 p5 CYCLE AND CAMERA.**

So many photographers nowadays combine the cycle and camera that a few hints and suggestions on subject are always welcome. Mr H Newsome, in the course of a lecture delivered to the Cambridge Photographic Club recently, thought that the best camera for the cyclist was a quarter plate or a 5in x 4in with a focal plane shutter, reversing back, rising front, and long extension. In cameras fitted with the ordinary tiny finder, there was always the

possibility of error and consequent disappointment. He objected strongly to the magazine pattern, and was not able to understand the use of slow plates by photographers on wheels. Surely the slight extra cost of a good fast plate, said he, was not too much to pay for an article that could be depended upon? He would recommend the universal use of orthochromatic plates in order to ensure a truer rendering of the landscape. He thought "cyclo-photographers" might universally use films either in stiff form or in roll holders. The difficulty of the carriage of a camera consisted of troubles from vibration, and he found that the most comfortable means was in a knapsack on the back, with a cane framework between. A light inner wrapping acted as a second dust trap, and the canework prevented undue heat from the body.

### **Cambridge Independent Press 23 June 1905**

CAMBRIDGE PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB. A SUCCESSFUL YEAR. The annual meeting of the Cambridge and District Photographic Club was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel on Tuesday evening. Mr FJ Stoakley presided, and there were also present Mrs Charlton, Dr Bansall, Messrs. W Farren, J H Taylor, F Bunnett. W Tyler, C H Nicholl, Clark, W. Tams, J H Leech, A J Swinford, and T J Sowdon (hon. sec.).

THE REPORT. The Secretary reported that the year had been a most successful one. More life and energy had been noticeable amongst members, the meetings had been well attended, and great interest manifested. The club membership was 86, and the average attendance at meetings 40. Several members had scored successes during the season at various exhibitions. Mr Champion was accepted as an exhibitor in the last "Royal" Exhibition, Mr J Johnson was awarded a silver medal at the Ipswich exhibition, Mr HW Chapman had won some competitions in the *Practical Photographer*, and Mr W Farren had gained awards in nearly all the leading exhibitions. The Committee hoped the members would take still more interest in the exhibition at the horticultural show in November. Dr Bansall moved the adoption of the report, and in doing so paid a tribute to the work of the secretary. Mr Clark seconded, and it was carried.

FINANCE. The Treasurer reported that the year began with balance in hand of £6 3s.11d. Receipts amounted to £27 8s.11d. and expenditure to £25 5s. 5d., leaving a balance in hand of £2 3s. 6d. Mr Nicholl proposed the adoption of the report. Mr Tams seconded, and it was agreed to. The following officers were elected : President, Mr. FJ Stoakley; Vice-president, Mr W Farren; Treasurer, Mr. J H Leach; Secretary, Mr TJ Sowdon; Committee, Dr. Bansall. Messrs. C H Nicholl. W C Squires, W Tams, A J Swinford, J Winship, and J H Tyndall.

### **Cambridge Independent Press 4 Aug 1905 p8**

Ely - Photographers' Visit. A party of twelve members of the Cambridge Photographic Club paid a visit to Ely on Thursday in last week, and spent an enjoyable six hours in the city. The Cathedral was the attraction of the photographers during the afternoon, a number of pictures being taken. About six o'clock the party adjourned to Mr Tibbetts' garden, in Egremont-street, and were regaled with tea by Mrs Tibbetts, who was assisted by Mrs. Shelton and Mrs Tyndall. After tea the visitors were photographed, and the return journey was commenced at 8.14. The President of the club (Mr FJ Stoakley) was prevented by illness from joining the party, which included Messrs. W Farren (Vice-president), T J Sowden (Secretary), and Leach (Treasurer).

### **Cambridge Independent Press, 3 Nov 1905 p 5**

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION AT CAMBRIDGE. An exhibition, which it is hoped will become an annual fixture, was opened at the Guildhall, Cambridge, on Tuesday, under the auspices of the Cambridge and District Photographic Club. The avowed object of the exhibition was to bring before public notice a representative collection, not only of local work, but also of examples of the best known amateur and professional experts of the day, and thereby to stimulate the interest in photography locally. The small room of the Guildhall was

used for the purposes of the exhibition, and the arrangements were well carried out by a committee, consisting of Dr. W H Bansall, Messrs C H Nichol, W C Squires, A J Swinford, W Tams, G H Tyndall (Ely), and J Winship. Mr TJ Sowdon, the Secretary of the club, also acted as the able secretary of the exhibition. The opening ceremony was performed on the first day by Sir Robert Ball, and on the second day the Mayor of Cambridge (Mr A S Campkin). During each evening a programme of musical items was contributed to by various local artistes, and exhibitions of lantern slides sent in for competitions took place, Mr C B Coulson acting as lanternist. The following were the awards made in connection with the exhibition :

#### MEMBERS' CLASSES.

Architecture. —Plaques—Rev. HR Campion and D J Scott. Hon. Mention, Morris S Heycock and W H Hayles.

Figure Studies. —Plaques—D J Scott and Morris S Heycock. Hon. Mention, W C Squires.

Landscapes, &c. —Plaques—J Johnson and A Barrett. Hon. Mention, Miss GJ Robson and W C Squires.

Still Life, &c. —Plaques—W Farren and H W Chapman. Hon. Mention, Miss DM Sandtord and W H Hayles.

Lantern Slides. —Plaques—W C Squires . Youth and Age," and W Farren "Flying Gannets." Hon. Mention, Dr FJ Allen "Croscombe," and W. H. Hayles "Pigs' Flea"

Record and Survey.—Plaques—DJ Scott and W H Hayles. Hon. Mention. W H Hayles. Mr DJ Scott was awarded the silver plaque for best picture in the Members' Classes.

#### OPEN CLASSES.

Architecture.—Plaques—W A Clark and S G Kimber. Hon. Mention, J W Johnson.

Figure Studies. —Miss N Hyde and Arthur Marshall. Hon. Mention, Dr J H Wilson, A Gordon Smith, Dan Dunlop, and Miss Enid T Brailsford.

Landscape.—Plaques—Basil Schon and Arthur Marshall. Hon. Mention, EB Wain and F Judge.

Still Life.—Plaques—H W Chapman and EC Seymour. Hon. Mention, W Farren and A S Cane.

Lantern Slides. Plaques F. Judge "October," and F Tryhorn "A Norman Arch." Hon. Mention, J Ludlam "Winter," and Dr. G. H. Rodman "Pollen of Hollyhock."

Mr. Arthur Marshall was awarded the silver plaque for best picture in Open Classes.

The judges were Mr. A. Horsley Hinton and Mr H Snowden Ward. There were nearly four hundred pictures sent in, and whilst the open classes brought in many fine examples of the photographer's art, real picture making as distinct from the merely mechanical productions of the camera, there were many pieces of work by local amateurs which earned the praise of the judges. An interesting feature, too, was the exhibition of the results of the photographic record and survey of Cambridgeshire, which was started not long ago. There were about forty of these pictures, some of them of great local interest. There was a picture of old houses in Emmanuel-street, and a very interesting interior view of a ruined chapel at Duxford, by Dr FJ Allen. Among some bits of old Cambridge by Mr WH Hayles, were to be seen a comer of Peas Hill, now destroyed by fire ; old buildings in Christ's-lane, since demolished, and the old Police Station, Spinning House, and Chapel in St, Andrew's-street, whose site is now occupied by fine new buildings. Then there were photographs of houses no longer to be seen in Free School-lane, and the old High Bridge on Midsummer Common, now destroyed. Mr Hayles, among other things, showed the Stocks at Meldreth, and the Maze at Comberton. Mr DJ Scott had twelve or fourteen views, the best of them being a series illustrating a day in the life of the turf cutter of the Fens. For these he was awarded a bronze plaque. A fine set of views of the Palace Ely, mainly interior work, which must have been done under considerable difficulties, were shown by Mr GH Tyndall. A number of lantern slides, some of them of beautiful work, were shown in the centre of the hall, over a lighted screen.

As the judges declared, it was a remarkably satisfactory exhibition, and reflected the greatest credit on the efforts of the hon. Secretary, Mr TJ Sowdon, and his immediate ;

supporters. Mr Horsley Hinton, whose facility of expression and keenness of criticism is known to every photographer, gave lengthy judgment—it was, indeed, a little lecture—which contained many useful hints as to the ideal the photographer ought to aim at in picture-making. The opinion he expressed on the way in which the pictures were hung, and on the arrangements generally, coming from one of such wide experience in these matters, must have been very encouraging to the officials of the Society in this, their maiden effort, and it is to be hoped that they will, he says, be able to make a photographic exhibition an annual event in Cambridge.

THE JUDGMENT. Mr A Horsley Hinton, in the course of a lengthy judgment, states:- “I have acted as judge at a good many exhibitions in the English provinces, and therefore some spirit of comparison is inevitable, yet whilst I am aware that the present exhibition in the Cambridge Guildhall is a first attempt on the part of the local Photographic Club to hold an independent exhibition of photography, and therefore I might not have been surprised had the work of hanging the pictures and arranging the distribution of prizes given evidence of inexperience, I am glad to say my surprise is rather in the other direction. The Committee are evidently alive to the fact that the best of pictures are improved by an appropriate setting, and this being so, how much more the less successful world ! Moreover, it is evident that the Cambridge Photographic Club has within its ranks several earnest photographic workers who, if they continue, should ere long occupy positions in the front rank of pictorial workers in this country, for notwithstanding the many utilities and economic applications which photography has found in recent years, it is the pictorial side - the possibility of using photography as a means of expressing the personal impression of nature —that has made and is still making photography popular amongst those who have an appreciation of the artistic and a sympathy unaccompanied with the heaven-sent power of manipulation enjoyed the artist. If this is not the explanation, how else are we to account for much of the work shown in both the open and members’ classes of the present exhibition? And it may be necessary to point this out, lest the uninitiated visitor marvels that in the exhibition there are many works which have received awards which are less clear, less sharply defined, than many less highly considered work displayed in this or that shop window. There clearness and sharpness of definition, high polish of surface and striking contrast of light and shade, are, if the truth told, easily obtained, and when achieved, reflect less credit to the photographer than he will care to admit. These qualities are mainly due to the highly perfected apparatus and methods evolved in manufacturers’ workshops and passed on to photographers, who employ them in strict accordance with prescribed formulae; but the photographer who aspires to something more than the walking advertisement of the process maker may desire to reproduce some scene, some face, which has appealed to him in a manner which will, to some extent, repeat the mere memory, the sympathetic impression, by which that object remains with them. No better example need be taken than the exceedingly clever impression of child's head by Mr DJ Scott, which has been awarded the silver medal for the best work in the members’ classes. The merest tyro in photography need only glance at this beautiful little work to know that he could have done it much better as regards exploiting the defining power of the lens, or the clearness and fine surface of printing paper, but that would have been the blare of a brass band compared with soft music stirring sweet memories, or at least soothing the senses and awakening a perhaps almost latent aesthetic sense.

The visitor, in visiting such an exhibition as this, must not expect to see something still more startling than the specimens displayed in the shop window of the man who sells photographic materials, but must recognise that for the most part the exhibitors have been trying to employ photography to gain the same end and make the same appeal to human senses that others make by pencil or brush. An educated public should not need to be reminded that nature is one thing and art another, and by the simplest logic therefore it follows that if photography is to attain to the artistic, even in ever lowly a manner, it cannot be done merely by producing a facsimile or transcript of nature. It must try and do what the artist does, namely, give by its peculiar representation a more appealing interpretation of the

things set before it than even an exact copy would be. If, as in the case of Mr W Farren's clever representations of wild life, photography seeks to depict the less seen facts of nature, well and good, but if, on the other hand, it seeks to make one feel again the thrill which is inspired by the breeze in the trees, the sunshine on the waters, and all the countless forces of nature, he will not achieve it by merely producing a plain record of physical facts. Considered in this way, perhaps many of the pictures shown will be more intelligible and more interesting. By a few strokes of the brush or pen, by broad, even uncouth touches of the brush, the artist conveys vividly his impression of a glimpse of nature. You do not—he does not—for a moment pretend that he has sought to imitate nature; so, too, in his own distinctive manner the photographer sets down masses of light and shade sufficiently like to nature to enable one to recognise what is intended, but in a way that leaves room for the imagination to find exercise, and if it be well done, then the spectator's imagination weaves into the picture the feeling and ideas he was intended to, and the picture-maker has succeeded in telling you his tale. If one wants to see fine examples of what the modern photographic process can do, one should seek the museum, or better still the shop, of the man who, prepared to sell you appliances, can show you the maximum standard of what the appliances can achieve, and then remember that to use the camera, or lens, or what-not at its maximum, is like pressing down at one time all the keys on the piano—one would make a great noise, but music is made by selecting just such part of the maximum sound as is required to make the chords desired. In such work as that done by the Rev HR Campion, the pictorial element is not so much concerned; he sets himself the task of depicting in sympathetic manner architectural detail in some of our fine English minsters. Yet he does it softly and delicately, as though one were to have a volume of dry history beautifully bound and printed in fine type on toned paper. Even if our photography be used merely to record hard facts, there no reason why that record should not be done in a pleasing manner."

#### Sir Robert Ball on the uses of PHOTOGRAPHY.

Sir Robert Ball, who performed the opening ceremony on Tuesday, was introduced to a large audience by the President of the Club, (Mr FJ Stoakley). Sir Robert said that this exhibition constituted a new departure in Cambridge, and a very welcome and desirable one. The greatest credit was due to Mr Sowdon and the committee for getting together so admirable a collection of pictures. Photographic development was of the greatest interest in various ways. It was of the greatest importance in various branches of knowledge. Photography was of the utmost value to historical science, to the antiquarian, and the geologist, to mention just a few. With regard to the science of astronomy, in which he personally was interested, he could say that photography was absolutely essential, and all their advances in the knowledge of the heavens depended upon it. Sir Robert mentioned in this connection the discovery, by means of the photographic plate, of spiral nebulae in the heavens. In many professions, too, photography was of great value. Amongst these were engineering and medicine. Even in theology and divinity, photography had been of advantage. In Cambridge, they would surely admit this when they thought of the admirable work of Mrs Lewis and Mrs Gibson, who, by means of photography, had reproduced for the benefit of scholars, the precious manuscripts they had found in the East, whilst engaged in Palestine Exploration. In conclusion, Sir Robert Ball spoke of the educational value of the Kodak and said that the photographs they took would have, in years to come, more interest for them than they would find in any diary. He had very much pleasure in declaring the exhibition open. The President tendered the thanks of the committee to Sir Robert, for his attendance.

#### OPENING BY THE MAYOR.

The opening ceremony on Wednesday was performed by the Mayor (Mr. A. S. Campkin), who referred specially to the improvements which had taken place of late years in the art of illustrating books. The pictures which they saw in magazines of to-day were a vast improvement upon the woodcuts which adorned the pages of their grandfathers' books.—Dr. Geo. Cunningham, at the conclusion of the opening ceremony, mentioned that Tuesday was the 78th birthday of Sir Joseph Swan, the creator of snap shot photography. He proposed



that a telegram of congratulation be sent to Sir Joseph Swan. (Applause.)— Dr. Allen seconded. The President promised to see that a telegram was sent.

**1906**

**Cambridge Independent Press 22 June 1906 p2**

**CAMBRIDGE PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB. PRESENTATION TO THE SECRETARY.**

There was a large and enthusiastic gathering at the fourth annual meeting of the Cambridge and District Photographic Club, held at the club's headquarters, in Hobson-passage, on Tuesday evening. The retiring President, Mr. FJ Stoakley, occupied the chair, and among those present were: —Mrs McKenny Hughes, Miss DM Sandford, Dr W H Bansall. Messrs. W Farren (Vice-president), TJ Sowdon (hon. secretary), J H Leech (hon. treasurer), C B Coulson (hon. lanternist), A Chapman, J H Taylor, W H Nicholl, W Tams, WC Squires, A G Swannell, D J Scott, J. Winship junior, A J Swinford, W Chapman, F Bunnnett.and C H Nicholl.

**THE REPORT.**

The Honorary Secretary, in presenting his fourth annual report, stated that the year which had just closed had been the most successful one since the club started. The meetings had been well attended, good discussions had followed, keen interest had been manifested by the members in all that had taken place, and at the present time the club was full of life and enthusiasm. The season opened with an innovation in the form of a club dinner, at which 33 members were present, and the success which attended it was such that the event was to be regarded now as an annual fixture. During the season sixteen meetings had been held, at which various papers, lectures, and demonstrations had been given. As showing the strength of the club, and the progress they had made, Mr Sowdon drew attention to the fact that, with few exceptions, the meetings had been in the hands of their own members, who had provided them with really first class fare. Allusion was also made to the clubs first open exhibition, held last November, which, the Secretary said, proved successful in every way. It was the first occasion on which a really high class exhibition on such a scale had been brought before the Cambridge public and the result showed that for first rate exhibition they could certainly rely upon the support of the public. He would like to mention the zeal with which the Committee had carried the matter through. The inaugurating of such a fixture meant a very large number of Committee meetings, and at every meeting, except, two, they had a full attendance of the Committee, and on those two particular occasions the one member absent happened to be away from the town. The entry in the members' classes was very encouraging, and the whole result of the exhibition augured well for the complete success of the second open exhibition this year. The club commenced the season with 86 members. During the year there had been six resignations, and 20 members had joined, bringing the total of the membership up to 100—the largest number they had ever had. At the commencement of the season it was decided to throw open the membership to the under- graduate members of the University. Several had already joined, and it was hoped they would make the club known among their friends, and so help to increase the membership.

Several of the members had gained successes during the exhibition season. Conspicuous among those had been their Vice-President (Mr. Farren), who had been successful all over the country, and also in Cape Town. He was further successful in getting his pictures accepted at last year's "Royal". The Rev. Champion had also gained several awards, whilst Mr. D. J. Scott had been very successful. At the close of their own exhibition several members sent their exhibits on to Ipswich. Messrs. Farren, Scott, Champion, and Chapman gained awards in the open classes, and in the East Anglian class those members took half the awards offered. Mr. J H Taylor received an honourable mention at Brierley Hill. In April, their President, Mr. Stoakley, was invited to lecture before the Acton and Chiswick Society, and, according to the reports in the photographic Press, he well maintained his reputation as a lecturer, and worthily upheld the honour of the Club. They were somewhat disappointed at

the small number entering for the recent Set Subjects competition. Ten members sent in 33 prints. Mr Child Bayley consented to judge them, and gave the awards to Miss D. M. Sandford and Mr WC Squires. They heartily congratulated the lady members who, although few in numbers, generally managed come well to the front in merit. The two best prints in the landscape section were both by lady members. Another new feature – a circulating portfolio—was about to be started, and they trusted it might be a means of encouragement and help to all those contributing. Twenty names had been given in, and it was hoped in a few days, when the first batch of prints had been received, to start the portfolio on its rounds. Very little, if anything, had been done by members with regard to the photographic survey of Cambridgeshire. That was work in which every member could join, and he hoped that many would take it up during the summer, so that by the commencement of the winter they might have a good number of prints to hand over to the Antiquarian Society. He drew attention to the supply of photographic books placed in the Free Library, and proceeded to remark that the heartiest thanks of the members were due to the Cambridge Press for the continued support they had given them during the past year—more especially in regard to the exhibition. Mr Sowdon also referred to the ability with which the retiring President had conducted the affairs of the Club during the past two years. Mr Stoakley had done a very great deal towards bringing the Club to its present successful condition, and he was sure that in vacating his office, he would carry with him the gratitude and esteem of every member. In concluding, the Secretary remarked upon the fact that the Club was in a stronger position than it had ever been, and appealed to every member not to rest content with past and present successes, but to do all they could to increase its usefulness and influence. He asked, especially, for strong support for the next exhibition, and if they required a further special object to which they might direct their energies, he thought they had reached a position when they ought to have a permanent meeting room of their own, and also a room which could be used for a dark room, etc. But that could only be obtained by a largely increased membership. He imagined that their membership was not half the number of those who were followers of the art in Cambridge. With another 50 members, he believed they would feel justified in taking steps towards securing a permanent home. (Applause.) The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. Tams, seconded by Dr Bansall.

**FINANCE.** The Hon Treasurer, in presenting the financial statement, stated that the finances of the Club were in a prosperous condition. The year was started with a balance in hand of £2 3s. 6d. and subscriptions had been received amounting to £23 12s. 6d. The subscriptions showed an increase of ten on the previous year. The expenditure had totalled £22 17s. 6d leaving a balance in hand of £2 18s. 6d. The balance sheet was passed on the proposition of Mr W Farren, seconded by Mr Coulson.

**ALTERATION OF RULES.** Dr Bansall moved an alteration of the rules, providing that members joining after February in any year should pay subscription of 2s. 6d. only. He argued that by doing that they would gain money and members also. Mr Clarke seconded, and it was agreed to. An addition to the rules, moved by the Hon. Secretary, and seconded by Mr Nicholl, to the effect that retiring presidents should become permanent members of the committee by virtue of their previous office, was also carried.

**THE OFFICERS.** A vote of thanks having been accorded to the retiring officers on the proposition of Mr Coulson, seconded by Mr Nicholl, Mr Stoakley returned thanks, and announced that Mr W Farren and Mr CH Nicholl had been elected President and Vice-President respectively without opposition, and that Mr J H Leech and Mr TJ Sowdon had been respectively re-elected hon. treasurer and hon. secretary. The election of the council resulted in the following being chosen :—Messrs WC Squires, W Tams, CB Coulson, HW Chapman, SJ Parson, DJ Scott and GH Tyndall (Ely). Mr CB Coulson was re-appointed hon. lanternist.

THE SET SUBJECTS COMPETITION. During the evening the prints sent in for the Set Subjects competition were on view, and the awards were presented to the successful competitors. Miss DM Sandford received the plaque for a view of the Backs between West-road and St. John's Gateway, Miss Robson being honourably mentioned. Mr WC Squires carried off the bronze medal—his fifth—for a view of the Cambridge Market Place on market day. A letter was read from the judge, Mr Child Bayley, congratulating the Club upon their general excellence in a competition of that character. It was much higher than usual; in fact, he was quite surprised at the absence of conspicuously poor work. (Applause.)

GIFT TO THE SECRETARY. The Chairman subsequently asked the Hon. Secretary's acceptance of a Sanderson half-plate stand camera, not in any way as a suggestion from the members that it was compensation for what he had done, but as an appreciation of the work of love which he had carried on since the Club's commencement. (Applause.) Mr Sowdon, who was warmly received on rising to acknowledge the gift, said he was glad to hear it was not regarded in any way as a payment, because he would be very sorry if anybody thought that what he had done he had done with the idea of a return. It had been a great delight to him to work with such a very appreciative body of ladies and gentlemen, and the work which he had been able to do had carried some reward with it in seeing the way in which the Club had steadily progressed year by year. (Applause.) He could testify—and he was sure many others could also—to the fact that it had fulfilled, and was fulfilling, its object both socially and photographically. (Applause.)

### **Cambridge Independent Press 28 Sept 1906**

#### **CAMBRIDGE PHOTOGRAPHERS. SECOND ANNUAL DINNER.**

Encouraged by their success last year, the Cambridge and District Photographic Club inaugurated their fifth season with dinner last (Thursday) evening at the Prince of Wales' Hotel. Some thirty members and friends attended, and the function was a most enjoyable one. The President (Mr. W. Farren) occupied the chair, and the company included:— Mr C H Nicholl (vice-president), Mr JH Leech (hon. treasurer), Mr TJ Sowdon (hon. secretary), Mr CB Coulson (hon. lanternist). Dr WH Bansall, Dr Roderick, Messrs. HF Bird, FW Bird, WF Taylor, HL Smith, Alphonso Smith, J Winship jun., S Spring, J Tyler, SJ Parson, DJ Scott, F J Stoakley, V. Few, W. Tam, W. F. Dunn, F. W. Pillow, and D. Elliott. A capital meal was served by Mr J Royston, and subsequently songs by Messrs. Stanley Spring (who also accompanied), D J Scott, and FJ Stoakley, and gramophone selections by Mr V Few were interspersed between a short toast list. Following the loyal toasts, Mr FJ Stoakley proposed "Success to our club." He said that although there were not so many members and friends present as he would liked to have seen out of so large a membership as over 100, he thought they ought not to begin to croak, because they had passed through a VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR. When they sat round the festive board a year ago they were all on tenterhooks as to how their first exhibition would go off. That was a matter of history now, and they were all agreed that it was a very great success. They were not on tenterhooks this time, and he could assure them that everything that could be done was being done silently and quietly to bring off that exhibition with, he hoped, even greater success than the last. (Hear, hear.) With reference to the meetings held during the past year, he thought they would all agree that they had a really charming series of evenings. For the next session, the Secretary had drawn up a programme which would run it a very close second. It was an extremely interesting programme of events. They had got to know one another, and one of the features of the Club was that the members were beginning to specialise, and work on their own lines and on their own fancies. (Hear, hear.) In a passing allusion to photography in general, Mr Stoakley predicted that before many annual dinners of the club had taken place ordinary plates would be a matter of historical interest, and colour sensitive plates would be the plates Tom, Dick, and Harry used all over the club. He hoped to show some results he had obtained in that direction at the next exhibition. (Applause.) The toast was cordially honoured, and Mr TJ Sowdon responded, pointing out that the function was almost a birthday party. They were beginning the fifth year of their existence, and the club was

started just four years ago—or within two days of it. We have not, proceeded the Secretary, to ask ourselves, “Is our club a success?” It is a success, and has been a success ever since it started. (Hear, hear.) We did not make a very big start, but ever since the first year we have made SATISFACTORY AND STEADY PROGRESS, and I think it is for that reason we have reached the strong position we hold to-night. Their charter, he said, was two-fold — they looked after the social interests of their members, and, also tried to instruct them and bring out their pictorial ability. In both those directions they had been successful. Socially, there was no doubt about it, and as to the educational part of the Club, he did not think anybody who had ever attended their meetings could say that they had gone away without having learned something. (Hear, hear.) Their club had begun to be recognised outside their own circle, and they were being recognised in the town. He thought their exhibition last year afforded proof of that. He did not think many clubs only in the fourth year of their existence would run an exhibition which cost close upon £70 and bring it to a successful issue—having to make up only about £10 on it. (Applause.) Several of the crack clubs never had made ends meet in their exhibitions, and never hoped to. The Club had not yet got to the top of the tree, but he thought there was no reason why they should not have that object in view, and do all they could to attain it. (Hear, hear.) The acquiring of club premises would certainly be very serious step to take, but it was certainly one they would have to look at. If it was carried out it would mean a great enlargement of their membership, and the further progress of the Club. (Hear, hear ) He did not say that as any sort of complaint about their present meeting place, because since the Club started they had been most generously treated in every possible way—(applause)—but after reaching a certain point a club WANTED PREMISES which it could call its own, and where members could work better than otherwise. In conclusion, the Secretary thanked the members for the way in which they received everything he did, and assured them that as long he was connected with the Club, officially or otherwise, he would always work with one aim, and one aim only—for the success of the Club. (Applause) Mr CH Nicholl eulogistically gave “Our President,” and the toast was accorded musical honours. Mr Farren, in response, observed that the Cambridge Photographic Club was known abroad by the name of its Secretary. (Applause). While that was very pleasant to him as a friend of the Secretary and President, to his Secretaryship he would like to see the Photographic Club, known by its works in London. There was plenty of opportunity, and he urged that members should work, and get represented in the pictorial section of the two London exhibitions, (Hear, hear.) Dr Bansall submitted “The Press,” and Mr WF Taylor acknowledged. The President tendered thanks to the gentlemen providing the musical programme, and the proceedings concluded with the singing of “Auld Lang Syne.”

## 1907

### **Cambridge Independent Press 26 April 1907 P8**

CAMBRIDGE Photographic Club.—At a meeting of the Cambridge and District Photographic Club on Tuesday TJ Sowdon, the secretary, gave an interesting demonstration on the recently invented Oxobrome printing process.

## 1910

### **Cambridge Independent Press 2 December 1910 p2**

CAMBRIDGE PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB. Exhibition of Members' Work. The Cambridge and District Photographic Club held an exhibition of Members' work in St Andrews Hall on Thursday and Friday. Owing to circumstances over which the club had no control the character of the exhibition was different from those of previous years. The club has been in existence eight years starting with a membership of 10 and increasing steadily each year until at the present time the membership is 140.

Six years ago the first exhibition was held in the Guildhall, and from its inception it has taken a prominent place among the exhibitions in East Anglia. Each year the entries in the open

classes have grown in number, and have included some of the best-known competitors in England and the Continent. In fact, twice during the last five years the premier award in the open class has gone to Italy. When the arrangements were begun for the present exhibition, it was found that the Guildhall would not be available for the length of time which the club required until too late in the season to hold a successful display, and so it was thought advisable to drop the open class for this year as there was no room of sufficient size to house the exhibition in its entirety. Therefore this year's consists only of members' work. It was one the most successful held, both in numbers and quality, the members supporting it very well indeed. All the classes, with the exception No. 8, were Judged by Mr FJ Mortimer. FRPS, Editor of the "*Amateur Photographer*" who at the close of his task said the exhibition was certainly the best the club had held, and expressed a high opinion of the exhibits. Class 8 was judged by two gentlemen who were artists and not photographers Messrs CE and HM Brock, a novel departure that created some interest. Appended are the awards. Class 1.. Architecture. Plaque -. "The Chantry." J L Jarman and " Ely Cathedral" the Rev HR Campion. Hon. mention "Canterbury" WC Squires "Sunshine and Shadow." WC Squires " A Chantry Door." CH Tindall: " Village Church" W Farren. Class II. Portraiture and Figure Studies. Plaque "The Stall." WC Squires: "Child Study" Miss M Barker: portrait. "Italian Girl." Miss M Barker: "Peter" V H Mottram. Hon. mention "The Wheelwright." D Elliott; "The Nonconformist Minister" VH Mottram: "Mother and Child." WW Hammond. Class III landscape, Seascape, and River scenery. Plaques " Homewards." D Elliott: "Nocture." WC Squires; "The Mayfield." WC Squires. Hon. mention "Sutton Broad, HH Thomas; "Autumn." D Elliott: "Under Titleis Switzerland." B L Lawrence: "Noon," WDG Batten. Class IV. Still Life, flowers, Animal Studies, etc. Plaques "Beyond." D Elliott: "Whiskered Tern." W Farren: ". Hon mention " Wild Clematis." SW King; "Peter, a sketch," WW Hammond. Class V. Lantern Slides.- Plaques were awarded to W Farren. WC Squires, and D Elliott, and J H Taylor took hon. mention, Class VI. Ditto, for members who had not won a previous award.- Plaque—TJ Snowdon. Hon. mention E. Barrett. Class VII., for members who had not won a previous award.—Plaques "To the Lady Chapel" W C Carter: " High Tor Matlock." HC Saunders, Hon, mention "On the Edge of the wood" Miss Killby: "The Home of the Moorhen." WC Carter: "Pooley Bridge, Ullswater" Dr. Robinson; " Ely Cathedral." E C Ogle; "The Norseman." AC Porcher. Class VIII. Any subject. Plaques "Old Age Rensioners." FE Wootten: "Sunlight and Shadow." the Rev H R Campion: "Sunshine and Shadow." WC Squires: "Garden Warbler," W Farren. Hon. mention "Deserted." WC Squires; "An Autumn Afternoon." Moir Halls; "Teddy and I," Mrs. Brewster; Ely Cathedral." EC Ogle.

## 1913

### Cambridge Independent Press 27 June 1913 p10

CAMBRIDGE PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB. The Annual Meeting.

There was a large attendance at the eleventh annual meeting of the Cambridge Photographic Club at their rooms in Hobson's Passage on Tuesday evening. Mr Jarman (the president) was in the chair, and members present included : Mr TJ Sowdon (hon. sec.). Mr. WC Squires (hon treas.), Mrs Squires, Mr and Mrs CB Coulson, Mr AW Gant, Mr J Winship jun., Mr SS Parson, Mr J Tyler, Mr W Farren, Mr EC Ogle, Mr Baker Smith, Mr W Carter, Mr. JW Hodgson, Mr J Johnson, Mr Parker Smith, Mr TJ Stoakley. Mr SW King. Mr. W Tams, Miss Cooke, Miss Barker, Miss Cox. Miss Kilby, and Mrs Hyman.

The annual report and balance-sheet were read and adopted, and the president and committee for the ensuing year were elected.

Annual Report. The Hon. Sec. (Mr TJ Sowdon) in his report stated that the year had been successful, and the club had progressed steadily. The summer excursion was held July 11<sup>th</sup>,

when about 30 members went by motor-boat to Upware, but though the numbers were greater than any previous excursion, it was the least enjoyable that had yet been held, owing to the inclement weather. The annual dinner was held on September 24th, and they again had the honour of the Mayor's company. The season opened on October 1<sup>st</sup> with a social meeting at which 50 members were present, when Rev EG Alderson gave a lecture his Mediterranean travels. During the season 34 meetings had been held. The lantern competition produced four varied lecturettes and a keen competition. Mr Bacon of Trinity, only winning by three marks. The event of the year was the annual exhibition held last November. Some anxiety was felt because it had been decided to confine it to the East Anglian Federation Societies alone, but the result proved that the step taken was perfectly justifiable. From the photographic standpoint the exhibition was a complete success: the East Anglian Federation Societies supported them well, and the financial result was the best they had yet had. The dark room had been of the very greatest use and lately additional lockers had had provided. During the season the club has supported Bedford, Lincoln, and South Essex in their exhibitions. At Bedford Mr. Farren won three medals and three certificates, Mr Jarman one medal, Mr Squires two medals, and certificates were awarded to Mr and Mrs Coulson, Mr Taylor, Miss Kilby, Mr Hammond, Mr Porcher, and Miss Barker. At Lincoln Mr Farren, Mr Jarman, and Mr and Mrs Coulson were awarded medals, and Mr. Squires and Mr. Hammond certificates. At the South Essex exhibition the club was awarded one of the four awards given for collective club exhibit, and Messrs Porcher, Squires, and Farren, and Mr and Mrs Coulson gained awards for their individual exhibits. At Peterborough Messrs Jarman, Farren, and Porcher gained awards. In the photography and focus lantern slide competition Messrs Farren, Taylor, and Mr and Mrs Coulson won three out of the six silver plaques, and in the "A.P." and "P.N." lantern slide competition awards were obtained by Messrs Farren, Squires, Taylor, and Mr and Mrs Coulson. At the R.P.S." exhibition last autumn Mr Farren had the honour of being awarded one of the three medals, and Mr and Mrs Coulson had three pictures accepted, one of which was reproduced in the catalogue. They also had three pictures accepted at the Northern Exhibition at Manchester, and Mr. Taylor had lantern slides accepted. During the season first, second, and extra prizes, besides hon. mentions and first classes in the "A P" weekly competitions, have been won by Miss Barker, Miss Kilby, Miss Cooke, Miss Fisher, and Messrs Jarman, Taylor, Squires, Porcher, Hammond, Johnson, Ogle, Walker, and Tipler. The autumn competition for fen landscapes was won by Mr DJ Scott, and the Christmas competition for prints suitable for posters was won by Mr Hammond. Early in the season the Council of the East Anglian Federation decided to appoint a club director of the East Anglian Landscape School, and Mr. Farren consented to undertake the work. In response to their invitation, the Federation came to Cambridge for their annual excursion on Whit Monday, which proved a great success. The report was adopted, on the proposition Mr Johnson, seconded Mr Carter. The Hon. Treasurer (Mr WC Squires) said the balance-sheet showed a balance in hand of £4 2s. 6d. and the exhibition balance-sheet showed a balance hand £9 12s 8d. so that altogether they had a sum of £13 15s. 2d. The balance-sheet was passed, on the proposition of Mr Swan, seconded Mr Baker Smith. A vote of thanks was passed to the Hon. Sec, on the proposition of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Carter. A vote of thanks to the retiring President and committee was proposed by Mr Parker, seconded by Mr SJ Parson, and carried with applause. Mr Jarman, in response, said the committee had earned the gratitude of the Society, and thanked the members for the vote of thanks, which was almost a vote of confidence. (Applause). The President elected for the ensuing year was Mr FJ Stoakley. and the committee appointed were Messrs Coulson, Johnson, Ogle, Porcher, Tams, Scott, Wehrle. and Winship.

### **1913 (from the minute books in the Cambridgeshire Collection)**

The Club was meeting weekly, had new premises and new members were trickling in

17 Oct 1913 The Club opened new rooms in Park Place fitted up with enlarging and developing rooms together with a reference library. There is a permanent lantern screen over the mantelpiece and beautiful specimens of photographic art are hung on the walls  
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21 Oct 1913 AG Buckham, Borough Polytechnic, London, gave a lecture on "Bromide enlarging and Combination printing". 2 new members were proposed.

28 Oct 1913 Dr Bansall gave a lecture on "Ely Cathedral". The recent bereavement of Miss May Barker was mentioned. 59 members were present, 4 new members proposed.

4 Nov 1913

Mr H Neville Smart gave a lantern lecture on "Life on the lower deck of a Dreadnaught".

14 Nov 1913

Cambridge Independent Press reported on the Club's annual exhibition.

18 Nov 1913

Mr Farren demonstrated lantern slide making. 41 members attended plus 4 new members and there was a proposal for membership.

26 Nov 1913

Mr J McIntosh, Secretary of the Royal Photographic Society gave a lecture on "The Thames from its source to the sea", to 125 members and friends.

2 Dec 1913

Mr Montague Wickham on "Night photography"

9 Dec 1913

Mr E Peake of Norwich on "George Borrow".

## **1914**

6 Jan 1914

Mr Stoakley "Photographing objects in monochrome or colour"

13 Jan 1914

EG Alderson lantern lecture "A town in the West Indies". Two new members being proposed

20 Jan 1914

Mr Tams on various camera lenses used over the years.

27 Jan 1914

Mr Farren on the East Anglian Federation A7 set of slides

3 Feb 1914

Exhibition of colour transparencies. 33 members present, 3 new members proposed

10 Feb 1914

Members lantern slide competition. Miss Lilian Clarke 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr Jarman 2<sup>nd</sup>, 30 members present, 4 new members proposed. Membership stood at 202.

17 Feb 1914 Mr JA Hodges, lantern lecture "Picturesque Devon"

24 Feb 1914

Mr Otto Wehrle lantern lecture "The Black Forest"

3 Mar 1914

Martin Duncan lantern lecture on "Marine photography". One new member proposed

5 Mar 1914

Speaker: Mr WE Lilley, St Johns College – a member of Scott's Antarctic Expedition

10 Mar 1914

Mr J Johnson demonstration of gaslight printing. 30 members present

17 Mar 1914

Lantern lecturette competition. Miss Lilian Clarke – pottery, Mr Coulson – moths, Mr A Porcher - Holland, Mr A Smith - The black question in America.

23 March 1914

Demonstration Ozobrome process by CB Coulson, 30 members present

31 Mar 1914

Mr W Farren lantern lecture "Visit to an egret heronry in Southern Spain". 2 new members proposed.

14 April 1914.

Death reported of Mr JH Taylor described as one of the earliest pioneers of photography in the country. Exhibition of scientific cinematographic films by Mr Coulson – a novelty as far as this club was concerned. 53 members present

21 April 1914

Lantern slides – critique by W Farren

28 April 1914

Photomicrography, lantern lecture by W Tams (Club member). 36 members present

5 May 1914

Mr Jarman, talk on "factorial development"

12 May 1914

Mr Sowden, short description of the old Calotype process. A large number of paper negatives made by this method were on view which had been taken some 50 years earlier by Dr Murray's father. Dr John Owen Farquhar Murray b 1858 was the Master of Selwyn College and he kindly came and gave some interesting information on the negatives. His father, who took the negatives, was John Murray [Surgeon-General], of 17, Westbourne Square, London.

19 May 1914

East Anglian Portfolio on view, critique by Mr Farren.

June 1914 12<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

Held at the Club House. What an epoch year it had been. The Society having launched out into its present well appointed premises – and an excellent course of lectures. Accounts showed balance in hand of £1.6.1.

W Farren elected President. Committee: CB Coulson, AC Porcher, W Tams, J. Johnson, WC Squires, SW King, J Winship.

New members proposed: Dr Simpson, Mr I Doggett, Mr LD Pratt.



Mr Farren gave a talk on the East Anglian School of Photography and an explanation of their motto, "Air and Space"

A proposal that the club premises should be open on Sundays to those who wanted it was dropped, not having found a seconder.

13 Oct 1914

Mr Farren, lecture on lantern slides

One new member, Miss Ethel Slack, proposed. 29 members present

21 Oct 1914

Mr J MacIntosh, Secretary Royal Photographic Society on "Sylvanian Essex".

70 members present. 3 new members proposed Mrs Hill, Mr AJ Simons (Emmanuel) Mr ASC Goulet (Caius)

30 Oct 1914

Mr Bertram Cox of Lincoln – "a chat on composition".

3 new members proposed, Mr C Knightly, Mr KH Hopkirk (Emmanuel) and JC Shepherd (Trinity)

3 Nov 1914

W Tams (Club member) on "Copying".

30 attendees, New member, WP Williams, Caius, proposed.

10 Nov 1914

Rev EG Alderson lantern lecture "Snapshots in Egypt"

2 new members proposed; AD Merriman (Downing), WR Fox Cherryhinton.

20 Nov 1914

Cambridge Independent Press p3 report on the Club's annual exhibition, listing winners

24 Nov 1914

Annual Collection of East Anglian Federation slides projected. 3 new members; Miss Hayward, F Balfour Brown, AC Roberts

1 Dec 1914

Rev Patterson lantern lecture "Life out West"

8 Dec 1914

Mr E Peake (Norwich and District Photographic Society) lantern lecture "Isle of Skye"

## **1915**

12 Jan 1915

FJ Stoakley lecture "Nature and properties of gelatine and its use in photography"

19 Jan 1915

Royal Photographic Society lecture "A dive into Belgium" by Mr Wastell (the war intruded on the club in that the original lecturer booked for the evening, Mr Neville Smart, had to cancel at short notice – he had received a commission in the Royal Navy and had to join his ship)

26 Jan 1915

W Dexter, RBA, from Kings Lynn lantern lecture on "East Anglian Landscape"

2 Feb 1915

Meeting held at the CU Botany School lecture by RJ Lynch MA on "Trees of the Cambridge Botanic Gardens"

9 Feb 1915

The sad bereavement of the President – the death of his wife, Mrs Harriette Emma Farren – prompted a moment's silence.

Dr Allen lantern lecture on "Spires and towers of Cambridgeshire"

16 Feb 1915

Lantern Slide competition

23 Feb 1915

Dr Robinson lantern lecture "The English Lakes"

2 Mar 1915

Mr Clarke lantern lecture "Old English pottery"

9 Mar 1915

Col J Griffiths MA MD on "Xray photography as applied to modern surgery" – 1<sup>st</sup> Eastern Hospital staff assisted. The Cambridge Daily News reported on 12/3/1915 that Col Griffiths showed transparencies of wounds produced by shrapnel, shell ball and new sharp bullets.

16 Mar 1915

Members lantern lectures. Mr Squires on the last two summer outings of the Club to Holywell and Saffron Walden. Other lecturers, Mr Farren, Miss M Taylor – "travels in Morocco", Mr Balfour Brown "Mosquitos" (All club members).

23 Mar 1915

The Club Secretary on "Bromide Work"

30 Mar 1915

Mr Farren lantern lecture on "The home life of familiar wild birds". Two new members Dr Gellatly and Miss Farren

6 April 1915

Discussion on "Overcoming photographic difficulties"

13 April 1915

Royal Photographic Society Affiliated Clubs competition slides for 1913.

20 April 1915

Mr Coulson on Paget Colour Process, 28 members present

27 April 1915

Technical lecturettes by members, Mr Squires and Mr Tams, 17 members present

4 May 1915

19 members present. Mr F Langdon Davis on "The oil pigment process".

11 May 1915

Slide show, 21 members present

18 May 1915

Mr Bullock (Club member) lantern lecture on "The Dove Houses of Cambridgeshire", 19 members present

25 May 1915

15 members present – auction of members' surplus equipment  
Corporal TG Skipper RAMC proposed as a member by the Secretary, seconded by the Treasurer.

1 June 1915

32 members present The *Amateur Photographer* magazine prize slides for 1914 shown

30 June 1915 Annual General Meeting

29 members present.

The secretary reported that 53 members had resigned or left the town and 36 were serving in HM Forces, leaving a membership of 143.

A Librarian post was added to the list of officers

The President for the year ahead, WC Squires, Secretary LJ Jarman, Treasurer EC Ogle, Librarian JH Bullock, Council Messrs Balfour-Brown, Winship, Tams, Coulson, AC Porcher, J Johnson, J Scott.

References made to a difficult past year - Council most anxious to keep things going – if allowed to drop it would be a great many years before the club could ever be raised to its present position.

15 July 1915

Club outing to Haslingfield. Socially and photographically the best summer meeting held by the Club. 26 members and 13 friends attended.

"A great number of plates were exposed"

20 July 1915

Meeting at the President's House (Rugeley House) and a stroll across Grantchester Meadows. Nine members present

29 July 1915

Outing to Whittlesford and Duxford, 22 members and 7 friends

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Letters to the Editor.

SNAPSHOTS FROM HOME. To the Editor of the "Cambridge Independent Press."

Sir, —Since the war began photographers, as photographers, have done little or nothing in the way of national service. A "Snapshots from Home" League has been inaugurated by the Central Y.M.C.A. (which is doing so much for our soldiers and sailors) at its headquarters in London. Its object is, during the next few months, to invite the amateur photographers of the country to take snapshots of the wives and children, the mothers and sweethearts, of the men who are on service from their own particular neighbourhood. Each amateur, it is hoped, will undertake to keep the families of, say, five or six men of his own town or village supplied with such snapshots from time to time. Prints are not to be posted to the men themselves, but given to the families for enclosure in their next letter from home. The Cambridge Photographic Club hopes to be able to help the scheme, and with this view is desirous of getting the names of local amateurs willing to give assistance. I have been asked to act as local honorary secretary, and shall be glad to hear from any who will respond to this call and render this simple service to those who are fighting on our behalf. A register of members will be made, and booklets with full particulars will be sent to applicants, and in due course the names and addresses to be visited. Photographers are invited to communicate with me at the Cambridge Photographic Club, Ram Yard, Cambridge, Yours, etc, J. H. BULLOCK.

12 August 1915

Outing to Bottisham Locks. 14 members

2 September 1915

Outing to Grantchester 17 members and 2 friends

5 Oct 1915

Rev EG Alderson lantern lecture "Photographic Reminiscences and Memoranda"

Miss Naylor proposed for membership

The following new members had joined during the recess: PB Dannant, JE Bennett, J Mauldon, P Elliott, H Moule, Sgt Hickman.

17 Oct 1915

Examples of Mr WC Squires' pictures lantern lecture

28 attended

Oct 20 1915

Mr Balfour-Brown lantern lecture – "the fly problem"

32 attended

29 Oct 1915

Mr Bertram Cox of Lincoln, lantern lecture "Some Observations on Clouds" 30 attended

2 Nov 1915

Mr Porcher on "The control of Bromide prints". 20 attended

Cambridge Independent Press 19 Nov 1915 p6

Report on the Society's annual exhibition and prize winners. The exhibition this year was held at the Club's premises in Ram Yard.

25 Nov 1915

Miss K Haddon, lantern lecture "Two months sojourn in New Guinea" – a full room of members

5 Dec 1915

Exhibition of prints by the Secretary and Assistant Secretary, 22 members and friends attended.

7 Dec 1915

The intended speaker being unavoidably detained by war work, Mr Farren gave a lantern lecture on "Protective Devices in Nature". A full room of members attended.

## **1916**

11 Jan 1916

Mr J Stoakley an experimental lecture on the chemistry of photography. 25 members attended.

18 Jan 1916

Royal Photographic Society Affiliated Societies 1915 prize slides shown. Included a slide of a May Fly by one of their own members, Mr Tams, who had been highly commended for it .

1 Feb 1916

Dr Robinson lantern lecture "Holiday in Switzerland"

40 members attended

15 Feb 1916

Miss Maud D Haviland lantern lecture on "Summer on the Yenisei" – but the projector could not be persuaded to work

29 Feb 1916

Mr Rottenburgh lantern lecture on "Stereoscopic Photography"

14 Mar 1916

Miss Haviland gave her postponed lecture on "Summer on the Yenisei".  
Mr BCB Warrington proposed as a member by Mssrs Johnson and Bullock.

28 March 1916

Rev Fenton's slide collection on "Fair Lusitania"  
Six members attended

11 April 1916

*Amateur Photographer* 1915 Prize Slides shown and discussed

25 April 1916

Mr W Tams demonstrated development of autochrome plates.

9 May 1916

Miss Cochrane of Duxford proposed as a member by Mr Parsons.  
Mr J Johnson gave a demonstration of print mounting

23 May 1916

Messrs Hayles and Tams on "Charcoal burning" and "Coal mining"

27 June 1916

Annual General Meeting  
Mr Tams elected President, Mr Squires Vice President.  
Messrs Ogle Bullock Coulson and Jarman all re-elected  
Council Members: C Coulson, J Johnson, FH Landon Davies, H Rottenburgh, DJ Scott, J Winship, Captain Parker-Smith.

10 Oct 1916

Capt Parker-Smith proposed Mr HL Watkinson as a member.  
Rev EG Alderson lantern lecture – Holiday tour – Portugal. 35 Members attended

24 Oct 1916

AE Clarke lantern lecture "The Introduction and Development of Artistic Pottery in England".  
24 members attended.  
Mr Freeman proposed Mr W[alter] Sigee 7 Owlestone Rd as a member.

21 Nov 1916

A talk was to have been given by the Rev Dr Stokes, but he had received news that day of the loss of his only son on the Front and was unable to do so. In his place the Rev J Morgan gave a talk on "The Town and Its Old Places Other than The Colleges".

5 Dec 1916

Four new members proposed.  
Miss E Shillington Scales 4 Adams Road  
Miss DA Royds, St Helens, Chesterton Road

J[ohn] F[ish] Symonds [54] Lensfield Road  
Cadet JS Harriott, Pembroke College  
Miss M Haviland lantern lecture on "The Homelife of Arctic Birds".

19 Dec 1916  
*Amateur Photographer* Prize Slides for 1915

## 1917

9 Jan 1917  
Mr J Langdon Davies proposed as a member Dr Chisholm.  
Mr Stoakley gave an experimental lecture on Beverages Ancient and Modern.

23 Jan 1917  
Mr Squires proposed Mr WH Bonnell as a member. Mr Hill proposed Mrs Hill.  
Dr Haddon lantern lecture on "The Aborigines of Australia"

6 Feb 1917  
Lieut PB Dannatt lantern lecture on "A peep into Northern Africa"

20 Feb 1917  
Mr Farren, lecture on "Lectures and Lecturers"

20 Mar 1917  
Demonstration of the Bromide process by Mr Squires

3 April 1917  
New members  
Miss Talbot 49 New Square  
Cadets HB Lang, F Bouson, J.McDonald all of ACO 5/OCB  
Mr LaTouche showed his "Himalayan Slides"

17 April 1917  
New members Miss E McCarthy 31 Parkside and Private WE Smith 21 Market Hill  
Mr Rothberg presented his "American Slides"

1 May 1917  
"Photography and Focus" prize slides shown

15 May 1917  
Captain Parker-Smith lantern lecture on "Rocks and Landscape"

29 May 1917  
The President and Mrs Coulson's exhibition of lantern slides

26 June 1917  
Annual General Meeting  
Mr CB Coulson became President, W Tams Vice President  
Sec L Jarman, Treasurer EC Ogle, Librarian H Bullock.  
Council, Messrs J Winship, Capt Parker-Smith, J Johnson, H Rottenburgh, Dr Robinson,  
Lieut Dannatt, DJ Scott  
Just under 100 members (Reported Cambridge Daily News 27 June 1917 p4)

[End of volume]

2 Oct 1917

New members; H French 70 Kimberley Road prop by J Winship  
Cadet Cavid 5 /OTB prop by J Johnson  
Rev Alderson lantern lecture on "Picturesque Scenes of England and Wales"

16 Oct 1917

A discussion between members on "Exposure"

30 Oct 1917

New member – Mr Bernard Robinson 80 DeFreville Ave proposed by Mr Tams  
Dr Shillington Scales lantern lecture on "Slides of Microscopic Subjects"

13 Nov 1917

Rev Morgan lantern lecture on "Palestine"

27 Nov 1917

Mr AC Clarke lantern lecture on "Finger rings"

11 Dec 1917

Member discussion on "Plate Development"

## **1918**

8 Jan 1918

Mr F Stoakley gave one of his experimental lectures. In the vote of thanks to the speaker, Mr Stoakley was described as "The Photographic Chemist" and much was made of his development work in the Cambridge lab in relation to the discovery of dyes. Also mentioned in passing was "The German Secret" – presumably referring to the dominance of Germany in pre-war dye innovation and production.

27 Jan 1918

Member discussion on "Printing"

5 Feb 1918

New member, Mr I Jesson 31 Parkside proposed by Mr Farren.  
Lecture by FJ Allen on "Beautiful Parish Churches"

7,8,9 Mar 1918

Annual Exhibition

19 Feb 1918

Mr Farren on the "Distribution of British Birds" and "Birds of the Fens"

12 Mar 1918

New Members: Mr Hobbs Sidney College prop by Miss Scales. Mr SW Riley 11 Pretoria Road prop by Mr Pilgrim  
A critique of the Club's recent exhibition, lead by Mr Farren

19 Mar 1918

Captain Parker-Smith lantern lecture "A Tour in Ireland"

2 April 1918

Members discussion on Lantern Slide Making

16 April 1918

Dr Robinson lantern lecture on "The Lake District"

30 April 1918

*Amateur Photographer* Prize Slides 1917

New Members proposed

EA Taverner 1 Victoria Park (prop by Mr Cudworth )

FE Attwood 40 Histon Road (prop by Mr Tams) [Frank Attwood, College Servant]

VL Hardwick 11 Pretoria Road (prop by Mr Johnson)

W Wood Mill Road (prop by Mr Jarman ) [WJ Wood Tailor and Outfitter 226 Mill Rd]

WR Allpress 29 Halifax Rd (prop by Mr Freeman)

H Chapman 27 Milton Road (prop by Mr Freeman )

Lyle Lloyds Bank (prop by Mr Farren)

PM Mason 185 Milton Road

25 June 1918

Agreed to adjourn the AGM to the beginning of the new season and to amend the Rules accordingly

1 Oct 1918

The Adjourned AGM

J Johnson elected President

Secretary and Treasurer re-elected

The Librarian had resigned. Messrs Collier and Hills took two places on the Council, the rest were re-elected.

8 new members were proposed, but no names were listed there or in the minutes of the next meeting – an apparent omission by the Secretary.

Meeting reported in full in the Cambridge Daily News - Wednesday 02 October 1918

15 Oct 1918

Rev Alderson gave a lantern lecture on "Norway" – having hand tinted his slides with the use of "Japanese Colours"

Three new members proposed:

JW Hall The Bird Bolt Inn, Prop Mr Tams. Miss Sutton Park Terrace prop by Mr Jarman. GH Pakenham Queens College prop by Mr Rottenburgh.

22 Oct 1918

Mr Stoakley on "The Manipulation of Bromide Paper"

Cambridge Daily News 24 Oct 1918 p4 - PHOTOGRAPHY REVOLUTIONISED. Mr F. Stoakley's Lecture to Cambridge Club. A matter of great interest to photographers, and which will probably have far-reaching effects in the photographic world, was the subject of a lecture delivered by Mr F Stoakley to the Cambridge Photographic Club at the club rooms, Ram-yard, Tuesday evening. Mr Stoakley gave a highly successful demonstration on the sensitising of bromide paper for use in negative making. Mr Johnston, President, presided, and remarked that the subject was one in which they were all interested, owing to the increased price of plates, which was making it almost impossible to carry on photography at present. Mr Stoakley gave an extremely interesting demonstration of his method for making negatives from bromide paper after raising its sensitiveness, and at the same time rendering it ortho and panchromatic by means of the new dyes made in the University Chemical Laboratory. He exhibited a number of negatives made on the bromide papers treated, with exposures ranging from one second to one fiftieth of a second These results were warmly applauded the audience. Prints from these negatives and transparencies were shown, and even when greatly enlarged upon the screen these showed a remarkable freedom from granularity. Among the advantages of the method mentioned by Mr Stoakley were lightness,



absolute freedom from halation, the great difference compared with plates, and the ease of working on the paper basis. Describing the dyes used, Mr Stoakley said one was a sensitol green, one sensitol violet and one sensitol red, and they possessed very great tintorial power. He explained the method of preparing the solution of the dyes from the solid dyes supplied by the trade, and emphasised the precautions that must be taken regards the purity the water used, and pointed out that one of the dyes rendered the sensitive emulsion as sensitive to the red as to the blue and violet rays of light. The whole lecture was listened to with deep interest, and a long discussion subsequently took place. Mr Rottenburg, proposing a vote of thanks to the lecturer, said Mr Stoakley had brought something before the club which was a real advance in photography and of far-reaching importance. Mr W Farren seconded, and the vote was heartily accorded. Mr Stoakley, in reply, expressed his best thanks to the meeting, and mentioned his indebtedness for the great help he had received from Pte. W. Smith, of the Cheshire Regt, Mr Scott (of Messrs. Scott and Wilkinson), and from his daughter in making the prints and transparencies. Mr Stoakley is to deliver his lecture to the Photographic Societies of Manchester and Liverpool next week.

12 Nov 1918

Rev Morgan – “Lantern Slides of Egypt”

New Member Lieut Kellingham 39 Warkworth St, prop by J Johnson.

26 Nov 1918

Member discussion on “Print Faking”

10 Dec 1918

Loan Slides from the Paget Co

## 1919

7 Jan 1919

Mr Farren “Birds of the Breck”

4 Feb 1919

Mr Stoakley “Chemical changes as evidenced by changes of colour”

4 Feb 1919 (sic)

New member Miss AB Wellmore

Rev EG Alderson lantern lecture on “Niagra Falls and the Panem,a Canal”

18 Feb 1919

GT Lyle lantern lecture “Nature Photography”

4 Mar 1919

Rev EH Smith of the 1<sup>st</sup> Eastern General Hospital re-joined the Club

Paper read by the President on “Intensification and reduction of negatives”

18 Mar 1919

New Member, Mr Hill proposed Mr SH Muncey 20 Panton Street

Dr Robinson lantern lecture “The Boat To India”

1 April 1919

New Member prop by Mr Johnson; Mr RJ Chandler 32 Tennison Ave

Mr Farren “History of the Club Exhibition”

15 April 1919

Mr Coulson proposed new members: Mr AE Spogue and Miss Marigold Pate.

*Amateur Photographer Prize Slides from 1918*

22 April 1919

Mr A Dordan-Pyke a representative of Messrs Johnsons the Chemists – lantern lecture on “The Importance of Photography in the War”

Cambridge Daily News 1 Aug 1919 p3

Photographic Club Outing— About 26 members of the Cambridge Photographic Club journeyed by train on Thursday afternoon to Godmanchester where they were met the Rev. E G Alderson, of Hartford, by whose kind invitation the outing was held. Boats were provided, and the party proceeded to Houghton Mill, where some photographic work was undertaken, after which a return was made to Hartford vicarage, where tea was provided. A vote of thanks to Mr and Mrs Alderson for their kindness in entertaining the Club was proposed by the President, and seconded Dr F Robinson. The party then returned to Godmanchester and home by train.

A group photograph of the members on the outing was taken by Mr DJ Scott and this survives in the Cambridgeshire Collection RA Pho.K19.30304. Unfortunately none of the 26 persons present have been named. There is nothing in the image itself to suggest those present were on a photographic club outing. The presence of a clergyman in the centre and the smart dress of all concerned is suggestive of a church outing. Two other postcard sized images of other Club outings survive – occasion and those present not identified, Cambridgeshire collection RA. Pho.K1 30305 and RA Pho.K1 48232.

7 Oct 1919

Annual General Meeting

Mr Jarman having resigned as Secretary in June, Council had appointed Mr Bullock as Secretary, who also resigned in September and Mr Farren had been appointed in his place. The new President was EC Ogle, R Osbourne House Steward, Mr Tams Librarian  
Council: Mr Winship, Parker-Smith, Dr Robinson, Bullock, Rottenburgh, Osbourn, Lyle and Scott.

There was a long discussion on ways and means of addressing the burning question of reconstruction. Mr Winship advocated advertising, Mr Coulson thought the Club should be more sociable, Mr Lyle suggested an ongoing photographic survey, while Mr Hill favoured the status quo. The advertising suggestion was obviously pursued – see 24 Oct 1919 below. There were seven new members proposed, no names listed.

21 Oct 1919

Twelve new members from the AGM and later were listed as: MR Barnes, C Freeman, H MacIntyre, Miss Vera Scott, Miss Johnson, Miss Agnes Johnson, Mr JL Lancaster, WH Manning, Miss CS Timbler, Mr EP Gough, Miss M Kirkupp, Mr G Brown.

Mr E Pearson Chinnery gave a lantern lecture on “Travel in New Guinea”

Cambridge Daily News 24 October 1919 p3 Advertisement

CAMBRIDGE PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB. RAM YARD, BRIDGE STREET  
FULLY-EQUIPPED WORKROOMS for Developing, Printing and Enlarging. With private lockers. FORTNIGHTLY POPULAR LECTURES and DEMONSTRATIONS DURING WINTER MONTHS. A class in Elementary Photography will be formed in January if sufficient names are received. For particulars of membership apply, by letter, to WM. FARREN, Hon Secretary, 76 Regent Street.

4 Nov 1919

New Members: Mr JW Evans, Mr Gordon Wedgewood, Mr PD Power, Mr AL Genlroud, Mr Edward, Mr JL Bate, Mr AH Thornloe, Mr Ellwoods, Mr H Welch, Mr WJ Turner, Miss Crayston, Miss Northern.

Rev EG Alderson gave a lantern lecture on “Egypt”

18 Nov 1919

New Members: Mr BL Lord, Dr JM Unvala, Miss Margorie Jarman, Miss Burton, Mr JY Thomas, Miss Elsie E Kelly, Miss CL Reed.

Mr A Dordan-Pyke, a representative of Messrs Johnsons the Chemists – lantern lecture on “The Importance of Photography in the War”

21 Dec 1919

New Members: Mr AE Headley, Mr H Russess, Mr R Jesson, Miss Spencer, Mr M Gaitskell, Mr L Cave, Instruction Com H Burton

Mr E Morton, Secretary of the Society of Colour Photographers, lantern lecture on “Colour Photography”

16 Dec 1919

New Members; WH Kelk, Miss Swann, Mr R Haddon, Mr G Key, Mr and Mrs HW Lather, Mr RW Anderson.

WJ Reddway gave a lantern lecture on “Russia”

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*Cambridge Photographic Club.*  
RAM YARD.

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The next meeting will be held  
**ON TUESDAY, JANUARY, 6th.,**  
**AT 7.30 P.M. SHARP.**

When the following Lantern Lecturettes will be given

1. "A trip to Hamburg and the Elbe."  
MR. J. WINSHIP.
2. "Falling Water."  
DR. F. ROBINSON.
3. "The Lower Glacier of Grindelwald."  
MR. W. HAYLES.
4. "From the Bell-tower of Cordova's Mosque."  
THE SECRETARY.

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Prints for the Competitions must be sent in on or before Jan 15th.  
They should be mounted but not framed. Title and name of Competitor,  
and Class to be written on the back of each. Class A.—Open to all  
Class B.—For members who have not previously gained an award.

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The Annual Dinner will be held at the "Blue Bear Hotel," on  
Monday, Jan 19th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 5/- each. Will Members  
kindly accept this as the Final Notice and all who desire to attend send  
in their applications for tickets to the Secretary not later than Jan. 15th.

W. FARREN, *Hon Sec.*  
76, Regent Street.

6 Jan 1920

New members FW Hoppett, Miss Dora Apthorpe Mrs W Pollock

Lantern lecturettes by club members, See flier above. Note the club's name had changed by this time to the Cambridge Photographic Club

Cambridge Daily News 20 January 1920

PHOTOGRAPHERS AT DINNER. Cambridge Club Members' fine War Work.

The Cambridge Photographic Club held their annual dinner at the Blue Boar Hotel on Monday evening. There was a very happy gathering of ladies and gentlemen, presided over by the President. Among the speakers were the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor, and reference was made to the fine work performed by members of the club during the war, and to the importance of photography in aerial warfare. Mr J Johnson, proposing "The Press" made mention of the case of Mr Langdon Davies (alleged unfair compulsory retirement by the Postmaster General of a local telephone official), who was a member of the club, and expressed the hope that it would receive the consideration it deserved. During the evening a capital programme of music was sustained by Miss Prime, Miss O'Connor, Mr AC Porcher, A.R.C.O., and Mr Bertram Chapman. The President (Mr E C Ogle) presided, and among others present were: The Mayor (Mr Q P Hawkins), the Deputy Mayor (Mr Ralph Starr), Dr Bansall, Dr Frank Robinson, Capt. Ketteringham, Miss Crayston, Miss Northern, Miss Jarman, Miss Ogle, Miss Coulson, Miss Simblet, Mrs Jarman, Miss Cook, Mrs Latter, Mrs Priest, Mrs Squires, Miss O'Connor, Mrs Rose, Miss Prime, Mrs. Gant, Messrs J Johnson. H G Hodder, C B Coulson, G J Hill, Parker-Smith, Gant, F Stoakley, W Tams, C H Nicholl, H Rottenburg, Lyle. W C Squires, Gough, Bate, J Winship, A C Porcher, Brown, Foy, Turner, D J Scott, C B Warrington, Priest, Latter, Wick, Rose, Jarman, Osbourn, Baker-Smith, Collier, SG Gray, Perring, G Heifer, and W Farren (secretary).

After the loyal toast had been honoured. Mr J Hill proposed "Our Visitors," coupling with it the name of the Mayor. ....

....The Deputy-Mayor, proposing the toast of "The Club," said he belonged to a different section of photographers—he was a professional, and the members of that club were amateurs, but he believed that the professional photographers owed a debt of gratitude to those who had followed photography for so many years and had viewed it in a scientific manner, and introduced and added many improvements to the different processes.

Of course great changes had come about during the last 30 or 40 years. He well remembered as a lad going to Messrs Hills and Saunders on King's-parade, who were the leading photographers of the town, and having as his first duty to carry, for a very short time, he was pleased to say—the old silver bath: the old wet plate process was just going out. It was a very dirty business altogether (laughter) — with the silver trickling down one's back or face if the bath was leaky, and if they were going to any outside place they had to coat the plates after they reached the scene of action. But very soon the dry plates came in, and he could assure them they were a Godsend to the profession, and started photography on a new lease of life. Since then process after process had been introduced, and now the bromide process was the one most generally used. He did not know whether many of them had worked with a process which never appeared to gain popularity — the collodio-chloride process, which was perhaps the most permanent of any he had come across. It was very tender, however, and required very delicate handling, and if ladies had been engaged in photography in those days instead of mere man, he thought the process would have been more used at the present time.

Proceeding, Mr. Starr said they had seen what photography had done during the war. They knew very well that the aeroplane, with the camera, was able to go over the enemy's lines and locate the position of machine guns and trenches, and had enabled the British troops to avoid many pitfalls. Therefore photography had been a great boon during the past four years, and he thought that in the future there were still great things in store for it. He was sure the members of that Club, in meeting together, criticising, and helping one another, were doing much to improve the photography of the future. It had been very difficult to get professional photographers to combine and assist one another, but he was very pleased to say they had taken a leaf out of the book of clubs like that, and a very strong association had been started in London, which he hoped all professional photographers would soon be members of. It was a great help to meet and see one another's productions, and they should not be afraid of criticism. (Hear, hear.) He was sure all the professional photographers wished the Club every success. In proposing that toast, coupled with it the name of Mr. Farren, their secretary. (Applause.)

Club Members' War Work. Mr Farren replied, and alluded to the fact that the Club, just previous to the war, numbered about 200 members. The membership had dropped down very rapidly during the war, and he thought the thing that kept the Club together was the possession of property. If they had not had their Club rooms on their hands, which they felt they had in trust for the photographers of the town who were away, they would probably have let the Club drop, as many clubs elsewhere had been allowed to slide during the war. It was through the work which Mr Jarman, as secretary and their President, as treasurer, did, and the economy they practised, and also through their landlady, Mrs. Hudson, who reduced their rent considerably, to enable them to keep going, that they were able to carry on. Their membership was something under 100 last September, and now it was somewhere about 170. (Applause.) He was quite sure that by the end of the Club year they would reach the 200 mark again.

Important work was done by members of the Club during the war, and the most important piece of work that any member took part in was that which was carried out in the University Chemical Laboratories, in which their friend, Mr Stoakley, had a very large hand. (Applause.) He did not suggest that Mr Stoakley owed any of his ability to carry on his work through his membership the Club, but there was that tie. Mr Farren referred to the lack of suitable photographic dyes in England after the outbreak of war, which were mostly manufactured in Germany, and said the workers in the chemical laboratories set to work and discovered how to produce those dyes. They produced them, and he had no doubt that it was largely due to the photographic skill of Mr. Stoakley that they learned to apply them to photographic work. (Applause.) They must not forget, either, that Mr Thomas, of Downing, occupied quite a high position in aerial photography in the East. He would like to remind the Deputy-Mayor that they were a Club of photographers for encouraging and advancing pictorial photographic work in Cambridge and district, and they made no distinction between professionals and amateurs. They were all photographers, whether they practised photography as a profession or as a hobby. He referred to the large attendances the Club had at its meetings now, and said they were about to make a departure from the inevitable lantern lecture, and on the intervening Tuesdays were holding classes in technical photography, ostensibly for beginners, but at which he thought many others would learn something.

The Case of Mr. Langdon Davies.

Mr J Johnson proposed "The Press," coupling with the toast the name of Mr H G Hodder, editor of the "New Cambridge". They were all very glad to know, he said, that their old friend, Mr W F Taylor, was progressing well as he was. He would like to congratulate Mr Hodder on his very successful venture into journalistic proprietorship. (Applause.) It was something to start and maintain a magazine in Cambridge. He was sure they all hoped that Mr Hodder's venture would last years. (Applause.) They ought to thank the Press, Mr Johnson

proceeded, for the very great interest they had aroused in the case of Mr Langdon Davies. They, as members of the Club, had felt his case very keenly, for Mr. Davies was a member. He was a very well known and clever and artistic photographer, and he was sure all hoped that the impetus which had been given by the local Press to the petition which had been got up would bear fruit, and the case would receive the consideration it deserved. Mr Hodder, in reply, remarked that there were some people who did not appreciate the honest endeavour of the provincial Press to do all in their power to assist local institutions and clubs which were working for the benefit of the community. It was appropriate that the photographer should hold out the hand of friendship to the pressman; it was the desire of both to place on record the scenes and incidents of every-day life. Mr Hodder thanked the Photographic Club for their great courtesy in toasting the Press. It was a courtesy which was greatly appreciated, and he would like, on behalf of the Press, to wish the Club every success. (Applause.) Dr. Robinson wittily proposed "The Ladies," and Miss M Jarman replied. The evening brought a close with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

20 Jan 1920

New members: DC Phillips, CC Dew, HL Shaw, Miss Elsie Bond, AW Newman, Miss VMG Thackray, Miss E Tuck, Miss PGM McDonaals, VE Palmer, AC Hayford, MK Min, JA Carroll. Mr H Yale Oldham lantern lecture "Round the World with a Kodak"

3 Feb 1920

Mr Stoakley gave a practical demonstration of results from the conversion of the silver image into various silver compounds which act as a mordant and enable the print to be dyed to any desired colour.

New members: Mrs AN Beech, Miss DC Patterson, Mr Chas E Holmes, W Leslie Richardson, Leonard W Sanderson, JW LeFall, Mr SM Epps, Mr D McDougal, Miss E Pollack.

17 Feb 1920

New Members: Prince J de Mabe, BAJ Relo, JL Bryan, Miss D Clarke, Mr H Renton, Miss E Hansombe, Mr FJL Mitchell, Mr HG Le Ray, SJ Gifford, WL Beale, L Leybourn, EG Williams, WE China, HG Ayres.

Mr THP Scott of the S Essex Camera Club lantern lecture on "Pictorial Photography, with special reference to the landscape"

19 Feb 1920

Special meeting to critique entries to the members print competition.

2 Mar 1920

New members: Mr Leonard Sanderson, Mr Vellerman, Mr M Ishaq. Mr HH Thomas lantern lecture on "Aerial Photography in Palestine".

17 Mar 1920 Cambridge Daily News p4

Comprehensive report on the Society's annual exhibition / competition including the names of prize winners.

Cambridge Photographic Club's Exhibition.

We waltz into a room of character—a room of old, calm towns of narrow streets; grey stone bridges and moorland streams; the glint of sun on oak and beech, and the vast shoulders of the wide, quiet downs in the dawning. There are four walls at the Cambridge Photographic Club's exhibition at the Club Rooms in Ram yard. Three of the four give us glimpses into secret, pleasant places of this old world of ours. Of this exhibition we can say the same as we said of Miss Edis' exhibition some time ago. Almost without exception the photographs are pictures.

20 Mar 1920

Special meeting to see and comment on prints for the exhibition.

13 April 1920

New Members Miss MW Benson, Miss Webb, WW Bowen, JR Martindale, R Chibley, Mrs S Moore, JMW Sheppard, HJ Kitteridge, Miss J Lever.  
W Farren lantern lecture "Wild bird life with a camera"

20 April 1920

New Members Gordon Baker, Miss MO Conn  
Dr AC Haddon lantern lecture "The Evolution of Boats"

4 May 1920

New Members: Mr DB Morgan, AC Grey, Sidney C Lamb, Mungo Campbell, WWP Woollard, EL Beam, LWG Malcolm.  
Review of the *Amateur Photographer* Prize Slides.

Cambridge Daily News 6 Oct 1920 p3

Cambridge Photographic Club — The annual general meeting the Cambridge Photographic Club was held at the headquarters in Ram-yard on Tuesday evening, and attended by a considerable number. The chair was taken by the president and treasurer Mr G C Ogle, supported by the secretary (Mr William Farren) the librarian (Mr. W Tams) and the assistant officers. The membership had in one year, the secretary stated, increased from 115 to 228 although according to the treasurer's report the finances of the Club showed an adverse balance on the year of £5 10s. 1d., accounted for by a bill of expenditure amounting to £102 ls. 11d., as against a net revenue of £96 11s. 10d. A large bill for repairs and the extra cost of materials generally were assigned as the factors responsible. In view of that it was decided to increase the annual subscription from 6s to 10s, and to charge a rent of 2s.6d. for the use private lockers. By those means it was estimated that the Club would be enabled to carry on in comfort. All the officers were re-elected, and the committee consists of Messrs. Winship, Lyle, Robinson, Parker-Smith, Porcher and Scott. A lengthy programme of lectures, to be given during the coming winter months, was submitted and approved.

12 Oct 1920

New Members: C James, H Hemmings, HM Abraham.  
Mr E Boxwell lantern lecture "Japan"

18 Oct 1920

New Members: GA Ratinoff, Mr Gange, Mr O Fyengar, HG Laslo, JC Griffiths, JS Black.  
Mr Stoakley lecture / demonstration on "How to use the club enlarger"

26 Oct 1920

New members: MGS Perkins (Trinity), B Stewart (Caius), RS Dawson (St Johns), R Whitely (Trin Hall), CF Bayley (St Johns), WMH Lightfoot (Jesus)  
Rev EG Alderson lantern lecture "Malta, Corfu, Dalmatia, Venice and Sicily"

2 Nov 1920

New members: FW Wilcher, VJ Mavro Goldats (both Pembroke)  
The speaker sent a telegram and failed to arrive due to a delayed train to Cambridge.

9 Nov 1920

New members: Capt Frederick Evans (St Cats), Miss Childs 10 John St  
The Secretary lantern lecture on "Idling at Andalusia"

16 Nov 1920

New members: L Hein 130 Milton Road, GW Bamber (Caius), PA Evans (Trin Hall), AL Roussin (Queens),

Critique of prints entered into the summer outing and the "Sheeps Green" competitions.

28 Nov 1920

New members: Miss C Rogers

Mr LNG Malcolm lantern lecture on "The Cameroons".

30 Nov 1920

Miss Lamerton demonstration of passe-partout mounting

7 Dec 1920

New member: Mr Twinn (Trinity)

Captain Missen lantern lecture on "Some of the work of his battalion in the Mesopotamia Expedition and Baghdad and on"

14 Dec 1920

Mr Tams lecture / demonstration on "Copying"

## 1921

11 Jan 1921

New members: Miss Adie, Mr Pierce 6 Grange Rd

Capt Lancaster lantern lecture "The Canterbury Pilgrims"

18 Jan 1921

New members: Mr and Mrs JHE Strickland, Mr JD Orr, Mr Stanley Colbrace

Mr Johnson lantern lecture "Architectural photography"

Mr Stoakley gave a demonstration of exposed plates in the darkroom, dipped in Safranin dye which could then be developed in the light.

25 Jan 1921

New members: RJC Williams (St Johns), JA Ingleby (Pembroke), EEW Bowen (Magdalene), GJ Burgoyne (Trinity), P Metcalf, Collier Rd, P Robinson (Peterhouse), Leslie Gray Chesterton Rd.

Mr H Yale Oldham lantern lecture "Long distance photography"

2 Feb 1921

New members RH Allen (Trinity), CS Leaf (Trinity)

Lecturettes by four members: Mr Porcher, Mr Johnson, Dr Robinson, Mr Farren.

8 Feb 1921

New members: Mr L Harrison Matthews (Kings)

Capt CJP Cave lantern lecture on "Meteorology in peace and war"

15 Feb 1921

New members: R Liddiard 73 Glisson Rd, Leslie Dent (Trinity)

Capt Frederick Evans lantern lecture "Campaigning in arctic Russia"

22 Feb 1921

New member: R Perry (Downing)

FG Hambleton lantern lecture "The construction of an organ"

8 Mar 1921

New member Mr R Winfrey



Lecture on "With Allenby through Palestine with a Vest Pocket Carbine" provided by Messrs Butcher and Sons (the makers of the vest pocket carbine camera). The lecture was read by the Secretary

10 March 1921

Discussion on prints to be exhibited.

15 Mar 1921

New members: Mr CE Harriden, Springfield Cherryhinton, Mr and Mrs WS Harren 74 Humberstone Road, Mr CI Lack, Histon.

R Parker-Smith lantern lecture "Brittany and the Loire"

23 Mar 1921

Mr H Harnshaw Thomas lantern lecture "The cities of the Moguls"

12 April 1921

New Member Mr Prior

The Secretary on "Landscape photography"

19 April 1921

J Johnson demonstrated "the Carbro Process" whereby a carbon print is obtained on a bromide base.

26 April 1921

Dr AC Haddon lantern lecture "New Guinea"

10 May 1921

New members

Mr R North (Trinity), HB Paten Close, G Evelyn Turner (Trinity), GM Tanner (St Johns)

Viewing of the *Amateur Photographer* prize slides

24 May 1921

New members: W Adam Jones (Downing), John Donald Podmure (Magdalene)

Auction sale of members' surplus equipment.

6 Sept 1921

New members: FH Edmunds (Emma), GH Crick Perse School House.

Mr James Shaw of Manchester lantern lecture "A 400 mile walking tour in the Dolomites"

4 Oct 1921

Annual General Meeting. Discussion on Rule VI. Agreed that a new member can be proposed and elected at any meeting, but the Council had the power to rescind the election of any member.

Mr Winship elected President. Secretary, treasurer, house steward, librarian and lanternist all re-elected. Council: Allwood, Bellamy, Dr Robinson, Parker-Smith, Gough, Mrs Jarman and Mrs Latter.

New members: HJ Lynes 128 Mill Rd, Mrs Kitteridge Bridge Street, HA Munns 38

Newmarket Rd

11 Oct 1921

New members: EV Root 70 Humberston Rd, Miss A Levitt 65 Kingston St, Mrs Pratt 13 St Johns St, Mr WJ Gibson (Trinity), Mr H Mansfield 100 Ainsworth St, Me PM Burnett (Clare), AG Walter (Clare)RL Rees (Queens).

Rev EG Alderson lantern lecture "Snowdonia"

18 Oct 1921

New members: AH Waring 29 Thompsons Lane, JRM Simmons (St Johns), D Lloyd (Magdalene).

A lecture by Mr Blake on "The picturesque in large towns" was read.

25 Oct 1921

New members: W Hulme (Caius). FH Kendon (St Johns).

Mr Stoakley lecture and demonstration "Chemistry and manipulation of development".

1 Nov 1921

New members: RSC Fletcher (Trinity), RE Morrison (Trinity), F Goldstone (Caius), CLG Hutchinson (Clare), Miss M Leach 40 Pretoria Road.

Major Debenham lantern lecture "Antarctic Exploration"

8 Nov 1921

Mr GF Slater FRPS, lantern lecture "Old processes and new methods"

22 Nov 1921

New members: Mr Fison 7 North Terrace, Miss M Beale 1 Earl Street, Mr DR Hardman (Christ's), Mr A Cox 49 Humberstone Rd, JD Cutter (Caius).

Capt EA Ketteringham a former member of the club, lantern lecture "2000 miles up the Nile"

29 Nov 1921

New member Mrs AR Waddell.

Critique of prints for the competition based on the summer outing.

6 Dec 1921

New member, Mr RA Anderson 24 Priory Road.

Mr Brewster and Mr Toppie of The Kosmos Photographics, demo of Norex and Vitegas slow bromide printing papers.

4 Dec 1921

Lecturettes by Messrs. CB Coulson, LJ Jarman and W Tams

## **1922**

3 Jan 1922

Affiliation Lecture by Mr James Shaw of Manchester was read by the Secretary – the topic "How I make my lantern slides".

10 Jan 1922

Lecture and demonstration of wireless telegraphy and wireless telephony by members of the Cambridge Wireless Society. This Society held its meetings at the Cambridge Photographic Club's premises in Ram Yard.

17 Jan 1922

The East Anglian Federation prize Portfolio reviewed by Mr JHB Scott of the South Essex Camera Club. Mr E Peake (who was one of the founders of the Federation – former Chair of the Norwich and District Photographic Society 1902-1914, now a Club Member), assisted with details of the establishment and purpose of the Federation.

24 Jan 1922

New Members Mr B Donkin, Pembroke, LJ Roberts, Sidney.

Mr R Parker Smith lantern lecture "To the Pyrenees and back on a bicycle"

31 Jan 1922

Prints from the East Anglian Federation assessed.

7 Feb 1922

Mr LJ Jarman demonstrated the use of the enlarger.

14 Feb 1922

New members: Mr R Watson Downing, JMSO Chivers of "Wychfield"

The Club voted as Honorary Members: Rev EG Alderson, Dr Bansall and Mr and Mrs E Peake

The Secretary and Mr WS Farren (William Scott Farren b: Cambridge 1892, the son of the Secretary) gave an illustrated talk on "Messing about with boats"

21 Feb 1922

New member; Miss Churchill 15 Warkworth Street.

Mr ACW Aldis lantern lecture on the "Manufacture of anastigmatic lenses"

7 Mar 1922

New members; Randolph WJ Brewer 57 Herbert Street, Miss Ada Bryant 46 Tenison Rd, Rev and Mrs ES Faren.

Mr Edward Peake gave a critique of the prints he had judged at the Club's annual exhibition.

14 Mar 1922

New members: Mrs Lack, Mr JJA Yates and Miss OM Ingle

Mr GH Dannatt lantern lecture "Picture making in Northern Italy."

21 Mar 1922

Prof AC Seward lantern lecture on "Greenland" (Prof Albert Charles Seward was a Fellow of the Royal Society, a Professor of botany at Cambridge and the Master of Pembroke College)

28 Mar 1922

Dr Robinson lantern lecture "From Niagara to the Sea".

4 April 1922

New members: Dr Headley, Littleport, Mr EJ Halnan School of Agriculture, HH Dunn, County Hall.

Mr Dordan Pyke "The after-treatment of the negative"

11 April 1922

*Amateur Photographer* and *Photography* prize slides,

18 April 1922

Lecture from Messrs W Butcher and Sons Ltd on "How a reflex camera is made". The lecture was read and was an advertisement for Butcher's Popular Pressman Camera.

25 April 1922

New member: JWL Burgess, Emmanuel.

"Through the Grecian Archipelago by land sea and air" – a lecture provided by Messrs Butcher and Sons Ltd, again advertising their Popular Pressman Camera, was read.

2 May 1922

New Member: Mr MA Tattersall, Trinity College.

Mr CB Coulson lecture on "The Paget Process of colour photography"

16 May 1922

New members: Mr Vayanis 187 Hills Road, Mr Garigle St Johns.

A review of prints entered into two Club competitions – the winter subject competition and the poster competition. Mr Wilding exhibited and described a Thornton Pickard gun camera from an aeroplane, used for gunnery practice and produced at a very high cost. Such a camera could now be purchased as Government surplus for the modest sum of 25/- each, and could be used for telephotography, if the operator was strong enough to lift the device.

3 Oct 1922

Annual General Meeting. Officers for the year ahead: President Mr R Parker Smith, Secretary W Farren, Treasurer EC Ogle, Lanternist R Osbourn, House Steward Mr FE Attwood. Committee RT Bellamy, E Peake, Miss Jarman, Dr Robinson, Mr Osbourn, Mrs Latter, Mr Freeman.

10 Oct 1922

New members: M Mabrick Emmanuel College, A Dinner, Camera House, Sun Street, Mr Austin Lee Trinity College.

Rev EG Alderson lantern lecture "Norway"

17 Oct 1922

New members: GR Upjohn Trinity, EF Watson 4 Holland St, John Stubbens 173 Chesterton Road.

The Secretary gave a talk on "Apparatus"

31 Oct 1922

New members: CA Harrison Trinity College, Sub Lieut HD Caslon RN Emmanuel College, Mr R Raper Caius College, GPS Gray Trinity College.

Review of slides from the South Essex Camera Club submitted to the EA Federation.

4 Nov 1922

Mr Peake on "The ideals of the East Anglian Federation" followed a meeting of the Federation in Cambridge – the Federation had been reactivated after it had closed down during the war. Only three delegates stopped after the Federation meeting for the talk by Mr Peake.

14 Nov 1922

New member JG Brewster St Johns College.

LJ Jarman lecture on "Development"

21 Nov 1922

W Farren lantern lecture "An Egret Colony in Southern Spain"

28 Nov 1922

*Amateur Photographer* competition slides, and a critique of prints entered in the Club's Schools Exhibition and outings and landscapes competitions.

5 Dec 1922

New members: Pamela Raynes, West Point Adams Road, Mr Jack Hard 151 Gwydir Street. FJ Stoakley lecture "Further remarks on Development"

12 Dec 1922

Dr AC Haddon FRS (Anthropologist) lantern lecture on "The Headhunters of Borneo"

## 1923

2 Jan 1923

Mr Algenon Brooker of Ilford Ltd lantern lecture "Ilford Lantern Plates and How To Use Them"

9 Jan 1923 New Member: Harry Marshall 12 George Street.  
W Tams lecture on "Intensification and Reduction"

16 Jan 1923

New members: EH Warren Jesus College, CF Clarke 206 Cherryhinton Rd.  
Dr Robinson lantern lecture "Bruges"

23 Jan 1923

Mr Edward Peake lecture on "The after treatment of the negative"

30 Jan 1923

New members: HH Wells Christs College, W Balfour Gourlay MA Trinity College and 7 Millington Road.

Me C Pollard Crowther lecture "Psychology in the studio and the making of portraits"

6 Feb 1923

J Johnson demonstration and lecture on "Contact Printing"

13 Feb 1923

New member Mr A Blair Christs College

Mr Parker Smith lantern lecture "Across France to the Mediterranean"

20 Feb 1923

New members: Mr HM Eden Queens College, Mr Beauchamp S Pell Trinity College.

Mr Ogle "Demonstration of Enlarging"

6 March 1923

New members: J Fletcher Pembroke College, GE Briggs St Johns College, W Hanscombe Kenilworth Pretoria Road, WS Rogers Queens College. At the close of the annual exhibition prints were judged and critiqued by Mr E Peake.

13 Mar 1923

New member: EA Hodgkinson, 1 de Freville Avenue.

Mr Jarman "The after treatment of Bromide prints"

20 Mar 1923

Mr GJ Hill died on 18 March and a letter of condolence was sent to his family.

Mr CB Coulson lantern lecture on "Moths of the Limberlost"

27 Mar 1923

Mr WC Squires and Mr W Farren demonstrated the Bromoil Process

3 April 1923

New members: Mrs Berry, Manor House Jesus Lane, Mr VL Gutteridge 32 Herbert Street.  
*Amateur Photographer* and *Photographer* prize slides for 1922 shown and critiqued.

10 April 1923

RPS Affiliated Societies prize slides for 1922 shown and critiqued

17 April 1923

New members: CW Burden 32 Herbert Street, JT Edgerley Magdalene College

Mr H H Thorneloe lantern lecture on "North Wales"

24 April 1923

JC Griffiths lantern lecture on "Aerial Surveying"

1 May 1923

New members: Miss Amey 103 Cavendish Rd, C Hall 190 Chesterton Rd, PJ Brazier 8 Earl Street (Emmanuel College), Mrs Peake lantern lecture on "Flower photography"

Mr Field, Secretary of the Peterborough Photographic Society made a short speech, inviting members to the Peterborough club on the occasion of the East Anglian Federation Exhibition in November.

8 May 1923

New member: Mr T Williams 16 Clarendon Street.  
A discussion of "Difficulties encountered by members"

2 Oct 1923

Annual General Meeting

New members: AGM Weale Impington Hall, WG Hopkirk Caius College, B Bentham Dickinson "Apethorne" Storeys Way, Mr AG Finn 15 Emmanuel Road, Mr JT Henderson 8 Earl Street, FJ Dixon 37 Mill Rd.

Officers for the year ahead: President Mr Edward Peake, Treasurer EC Ogle, Joint Hon Secs W Farren and RT Bellamy, Lanternist AR Osbourn, House Steward FE Attwood, Librarian W Tams, Committee, Dr Robinson, Mrs Jarman, Mr AR Osbourn, Mr W Freeman, TE Collier, Dr AR Waddell, Miss Latter.

There was a change of rules – the annual subscription was 10 shillings, and it was agreed that where there were two or more members in the same family and at the same address the subscription of every member after the first would be 5 shillings.

9 Oct 1923

New member; Mrs Johnson 26 Jesus Lane.

East Anglian Federation competition lantern slides shown and the critique by the judges was read by Mr W Farren.

16 Oct 1923

New members: Miss D Curtis Ferry Path, FL Attenborough (Emmanuel College) FA Keen St Johns College.

Rev EG Alderson lantern lecture "Egypt".

23 Oct 1923

New members: Mr Cowell Smith Clare College and 7 Green Street, Mr GS Clark Maxwell 12 Marshall Rd

Mr Farren told the meeting that Major JC Griffiths who had lectured to the Society in April had been killed in a flying accident the previous Saturday.

Prints by members of the Wessex Postal Camera Club were shown and critiqued by Mr W Wastell (ex President RPS).

30 Oct 1923

New member: WE Armstrong Manor of Comberton Green, Comberton.

A lecture with lantern slides "Pictorial Gems" provided by Butcher and Sons Ltd was read. Mr W Farren also showed a collection of prints by Mr Hubert Felton, the result of one day's work in Cambridge when eight dozen plates were exposed.

6 Nov 1923

Mr W Balfour Gouley lantern lecture "Pictures in East and West"

13 Nov 1923

New members: JG Saunders St Johns College, Mrs Clarke 49 Humberstone Rd.  
The Summer print competition and Landscape competition prints were judged by Mr E Peake.

The President gave a lecture on "The Norwich School of Painters". Present were Mr G Bellamy Clifton and Mr Cattley, Ex President and Secretary of the Photographic Convention of the United Kingdom, who spoke about the possibility of the Convention meeting in Cambridge in 1924. In the event, the Convention was held in Chester.

20 Nov 1923

New member: Mr HB Cott Selwyn College  
FE Attwood on "Simple Panchromatisation"

27 Nov 1923

Dr AR Wattell lantern lecture "Some Andalusian Pictures"

4 Dec 1923

FG Stoakley FCS lecture "Photographic Illumination natural and artificial"  
"There is no more outstanding event in the programme of the Club; nothing that so surely gives Cambridge rank with the most advanced photographic societies in the kingdom as Mr Stoakley's lectures on the chemistry and physics of photography" (The President)

11 Dec 1923

New member: Mr JW Parkin BA Queens College.  
RPS affiliation lecture on "The country of the Severn Valley" by Mr MO Dell was read by the Senior Secretary.

## **1924**

15 Jan 1924

A social evening organised by the Ladies Committee.

22 Jan 1924

The booked lecturer was unable to attend. Mr W Farren gave a lantern lecture on "bird photography"

29 Jan 1924

B Bentham Dickinson lantern lecture "The Italian Riviera"

5 Feb 1924

New member: Miss M Clegg 45 Tenison Rd  
Rev S Senior lantern lecture "A short holiday in Egypt and Palestine"

12 Feb 1924

Mr WS Farren (William Scott Farren, the son of Mr W Farren the Club's Senior Secretary) on the "Work of the Ouse Drainage Board between Cambridge and Denver"; Mrs Waddell "Holiday in the Bernese Oberland", Mr L Saunders "Slides of Brittany".

19 Feb 1924

R Parker Smith, his annual lantern lecture on France "Brittany re-visited"

26 Feb 1924

East Anglian Federation prize slides and their critique.

4 Mar 1924

THB Scott FRPS judged the submissions to the Club's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition.

11 Mar 1924

New member Miss Thomlinson 6 Magrath Avenue  
The President gave an address on the Exhibition.

18 Mar 1924

Mr S Bridger of Walthamstowe and Mr RH Bullen South Essex Club, who had undertaken to look after the interests of the club on the RPS Affiliation group were both made honorary members. EA Federation landscape competition portfolio shown and critiqued.

25 Mar 1924

New member: WO Hodder 201 Victoria Road.  
A lecture on "Iceland" provided by W Butcher and Sons Ltd was read by Mr W Farren.

1 April 1924

Mr R Parker Smith on "The Course of the River" and Dr Robinson on "North Wales"

8 April 1924

New Member: C Cudworth George Street.  
*Amateur Photographer* and *Photographer* slides from 1923 shown and critiqued.

15 April 1924

Demonstration by Mr Farren on "Bromide enlarging". Mr JV Green a representative of Kodak said a few words about the firm's new bromide paper "Old Masters"

29 April 1924

The death of Rd AR Waddell was reported. Mr PR Salmon FRPS was present and was welcomed by the President. A RPS affiliation lecture on "Defects and their remedies" by Mr E Dockril was read by the Secretary, Mr Farren

6 May 1924

Exhibition of the RPS Affiliated portfolio on the British landscape.

13 May 1924

Mr Jarman on "Viewpoint and Exposure in the field"

20 May 1924

Mr Coulson on "Lantern Slide Making"

30 May 1924

Mr S Bridger FRPS "Landscape from the pictorial side"

7 Oct 1924

Annual General meeting

New members: RJ Giblett 3 Mackenzie Rd, CR Claxton Queens college, JL Simpson Trinity College, FH Langdon Davies 16 Mount Pleasant, Percy Hearn Panton Street, Geoffrey Fearn St Tibbs Row.

Officers for the year ahead: President FJ Stoakley FCS, Treasurer EC Ogle, Secretary W Farren and RT Bellamy, House steward FE Attwood, Lanternist CB Coulson, Librarian W Tams, Committee Mrs Jarman, Miss Moore, Dr Robinson, TE Collins, Mr Hall, B Bentham Dickinson, FL Attenborough.

14 Oct 1924

New members: BR Goodfellow (Caius College), PD Thomas (Emmanuel College).



East Anglian Federation 1924 lantern slides.

21 Oct 1924

New members: F Twinn 25 Humberstone Rd, AC Lunn Kings College, W d'Arcy D Ussher 8 Jesus Lane

KH Gaskell 8 Jesus Lane.

Rev EG Alderson lantern lecture "Down West"

28 Oct 1924

FE Attwood lecture on "Flat films"

4 Nov 1924

New members: GW Otter Magdalene College, EC Webber Trinity College, Nigel Williams Jesus College.

A lecture provided by Messrs W Butcher and Sons Ltd on "Sea Birds with a Popular Pressman Reflex Camera" by Mr Riley Fortune was read by Mr W Farren.

11 Nov 1924

New member: Miss A Cornwell 71 Hills Rd.

The Secretary read a lecture by Mr J Thomas Baker on "Photography in science, industry and medicine" supplied by the Imperial Dry Plate Co Ltd.

18 Nov 1924

Mr FJ Stoakley lecture on "Colour filters"

25 Nov 1924

New member : WR Mitchell 1 Earl Street.

Prints from the summer outing and landscape print competitions were judged and critiqued.

2 Dec 1924

Mr B Bentham Dickinson lantern lecture "Norway"

9 Dec 1924

New member: EH Nightingale (Emmanuel College)

16 Dec 1924

LW Sanderson demonstrated how the professional did "Gaslight printing"

## **1925**

6 Jan 1925

New members: Miss EM Rowe 13 St Barnabus Rd, Mr BW Green 92 Ainsworth Street.

Prints for the 1924 Bansall Shield from 7 clubs shown and the report of the judges read.

13 Jan 1925

Club social evening.

20 Jan 1925.

Lecturettes by Mr P Hearn, LJ Jarman, W Farren.

27 Jan 1925

New members: BA Lowe 12 St Johns Rd, Mr Kenneth D Matthewson The Hermitage Newnham.

HW Latter lantern lecture "Reminiscences of the war on the Eastern Front".

3 Feb 1925

Mr J Johnson lantern lecture "Constable's Country"

10 Feb 1925

Lecture supplied by W Butcher and Sons Ltd advertising their Watch Pocket Carbine Camera, by Mr MO Dell on "The British Empire Exhibition" read by the Senior Secretary.

17 Feb 1925

New members: CVC Herbert Trinity College, Mr DM Mason Rose Crescent.  
R Parker Smith lantern lecture "Visit to the Dordogne Region"

23 Feb 1925

Amateur photographers will find a warm welcome at the exhibition of the Cambridge Photographic Club. Mr Langdon-Davies has a very nice collection of oil prints, which show great artistic feeling; his local scenes include St Clement's Church and the University Press. Mr LJ Jarman has a set of six prints, particularly pleasing is his picture of snow on the Backs. Mr RH Bullen has four exhibits, of which "Fairy Barges" strikes one as perhaps his best. The Misses M & A Johnson were bold enough to invade the precincts of the club and were awarded with two excellent impressions of Mr RT Bellamy, one being inscribed "The minutes of the last meeting". Cambridge News 23 Feb 1925

24 Feb 1925

Results of the judging of the exhibition competitions.

3 Mar 1925

New member Mr AL Spens Pembroke College.  
Discussion on the exhibition.

10 Mar 1925

Dr Bansall lantern lecture "Ely Cathedral"

16 Mar 1925

Mr JD Lancaster lantern lecture "Sheridan's England"

24 Mar 1925

Lecture on "Agfa Colour Plates" supplied by Chas Zimmerman & Co Ltd read by the Secretary.

31 Mar 1925

LJ Jarman lecture on "Hints on composition"

7 April 1925

Lecture "Successful negative making", issued by the Imperial Dry Plate Co, read by the Senior Secretary

14 April 1925

Mr J Hard, first of a series of four lectures for beginners "Exposure and development"

21 April 1925

*Amateur Photographer* prize slides shown and critiqued.

28 April 1925

Exhibition of prints circulated in the USA in 1924 by the pictorial group of the RPS and others

5 May 1925

Mr Hard, second lecture for beginners "Gaslight printing"

12 May 1925

New members: EH Burt and NJ Turtle, both of Caius College.

Prints of the Photograms of the Year 1924 exhibited.

19 May 1925

New member: AC Gilbert 78 Kingston St.

3<sup>rd</sup> lecture for beginners by Mr Hard "Enlarging"

26 May 1925

4<sup>th</sup> lecture for beginners by Mr Hard "Tinting prints"

6 Oct 1925

Annual General Meeting.

New members: Miss AST Wool 7 de Freville Avenue, Miss Dean 3 Petworth Street, Mr HEC Sewell, 27 Beech Road.

Officers for the year ahead. President Dr Robinson, Treasurer EC Ogle, Secretaries W Farren, RT Bellamy, House Steward Mr P Hearn, Lanternist CB Coulson, Assistant Lanternist P Hearn, Librarian W Tams. Council: Miss Moore, Mrs Jarman, Miss Bellamy, Messrs TE Collins, B Bentham, Dickinson, JW Hall, GB Briggs.

There was a discussion on how to attract new members in the face of a serious decline in numbers.

13 Oct 1925

New members: WM Palmer, Richmond, Linton, Mr DHH Jermy 97 Oxford Road. Mr JC McCormack St Johns College.

Rev EG Alderson lantern lecture "My Holiday"

20 Oct 1925

New member Mr EH Rottenthuer (Fitzwilliam Hall) of 8 Clarendon Street

The proposed lecturer was unable to attend and so Mr Farren gave a lecture on "Birds of the Fens"

27 Oct 1928

New members: Mrs HM Taylor 6 Pemberton Terrace, PH Manners, Pembroke College.

Mr MO Dell FRPS lantern lecture "Pictorial Ideals"

3 Nov 1925

New member: Ernest Smart 5 St Pauls Road.

RPS Affiliated Societies lecture by Wm Rawlings "Some things seen in Holland" was read by one of the Secretaries.

10 Nov 1925

New member: SSH Sitwell, Pembroke College, 14 Bateman Street. A lecture entitled "Spain, the land of sunshine" by Mr Herbert Felton FRPS read by Mr Farren.

17 Nov 1925

New member: Miss EW Smith Clarendon Rd.

East Anglian Federation prize lantern slides.

24 Nov 1925

New members: JH Jellet Caius College, HEF Notton 232 Cherryhinton Rd.

Mr RTM Haines gave a lecture on his experience with the Pathé Baby Cine camera

1 Dec 1925

New member, Mr Peacock of the Westminster Bank.

Exhibition and judging of prints from the outings, landscape and outdoor figure competitions.

7 Dec 1925

Lecture "Stuff and Nonsense" by Mr WLF Wastell FRPS the columnist who for 22 years wrote a column of "Piffles" in the *Amateur Photographer* magazine under the pseudonym "Walrus".

15 Dec 1925

A review of the entries in the inter-club Bansall Shield Competition judged by Mr GC Weston. Cambridge had come 3<sup>rd</sup> out of seven clubs.

## 1926

5 Jan 1926

Social evening

12 Jan 1926

New member C Rouse 49 Great Eastern Street

East Anglian Federation Landscape portfolio.

19 Jan 1926

THB Scott, described as "an old friend of the club" and President of the RPS gave a lecture "Lourdes and its Pilgrimages"

26 Jan 1926

Mr FJ Stoakley lecture on "Alcohol, its manufacture and uses in photography"

2 Feb 1926

RH Lawton FRPS lecture on "Improving the negative"

9 Feb 1926

FG Newmarch, Walthamstowe Photographic Society, lantern lecture "Tramping through Corsica"

16 Feb 1926

New member: Vincent Beach 9 Station Road.

FH Langdon Davies (the only Club Member at that time with the distinction of being a Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society) read a paper on "The personal element in pictorial photography".

2 Mar 1926

New members: RT Richards Trinity College, E Memsforth Kings College, RJ Barclay Pembroke College.

Prints and slides for the annual exhibition studied.

9 Mar 1926

New member John R Gibson 4 Long View Terrace Histon Road.

Examination of prints from the East Anglian Federation mixed subject portfolio.

16 Mar 1926

New member: Mr Creer Trinity College.

R Parker Smith lantern lecture "A cycling tour in Alsace". Mr Parker Smith was described as the Club's leading exponent of the small roll film camera.

23 Mar 1926

New member: Mr W Murcher 13 Disraeli Rd London SW15.

In the absence of the booked lecturer, Mr W Farren gave a lecture on "The home life of some familiar wild birds".

30 Mar 1926

Critique of the *Amateur Photographer* prize slides for 1925.

13 April 1926

The booked speaker, Mr B Bentham Dickenson, was ill and unable to give his lecture on "Madera and the Canaries" and so Mr RT Bellamy spoke on "Tank development"

20 April 1926

Mr RG Field the Hon Sec of the Peterborough Photographic Society gave a lecture on "Rambles in Switzerland"

27 April 1926

New members: HH Davey, Dennis Rimmer, Mr PSH Henry all from Trinity College and Mr JK Boston Christ's College.

Exhibition prints by AC Banfield FRPS

5 Oct 1926

Annual General Meeting

New members: AL Strange 54 Victoria Rd, JH Bullock 46 Glisson Rd, AG Thompson 10 Lensfield Road, FR Clements 44 Carlyle Road, AG Adley St Cath's College, G Pinney 137 Newmarket Road, R Liddiard 73 Glisson Road.

Officers for the year ahead: President Dr F Robinson, Treasurer EC Ogle, Secretary RT Bellamy, I/C letting the Clubroom CB Coulson, House Steward TE Collier, Lanternist CB Coulson assisted by OHH Jermy, Librarian W Tams. Council: Mrs Bellamy, Mrs Jarman, Mrs Moore, Messrs Briggs, Dickinson, Hall and Jermy.

Agreed to revive the annual dinner. W Farren retired as Secretary with the thanks of the members. A manuscript version of the new Secretary's annual report has survived as loose papers in the minute book. This indicated that the alarming decrease in members in recent years had slowed. They started the year with 112 members, lost 31, gained 27 giving a new membership level of 108. Using more out of town lecturers had been popular and had increased attendances. During the year the club had agreed to assist the Cambridge Antiquarian Society with a photographic record of Cambridgeshire. Dr WM Palmer, a member of both societies, headed up a joint committee. Dr Palmer also lead two summer outings to take record photographs of Barrington and Duxford. There were four summer outings in total, average attendance 18.

12 Oct 1926

New members: JB Rustonyce Caius College and 7 Park Street, C Leaf Trinity College and 7 Grange Rd, Basil Schon 7 All Saints Passage.

Dr WM Palmer gave a lecture on record photography (a record rather than a pictorialist approach)

19 Oct 1926

New members: Miss N Moore 135 Newmarket Road, Mr H Dunncliff 7 The Terrace St Peter's Street, Mr EG Watson Caius College 37 Histon Road.

Miss Lilian Clarke gave "A talk on Cambridge"

26 Oct 1926

New members: Miss Sparrow 35 Humberstone Rd, Miss Peacock 4 Belvoir Rd, Mr EJ Twinn Tennis Courts Burrell's Walk, FJ Ormerod 15 Trumpington Street.  
Mr JHB Scott and W Farren were elected as Honorary Members.  
Mr LJ Jarman gave the first of series of lectures for beginners entitled "The camera and how to use it".

2 Nov 1926

New members H Pate 1 St Clements Gardens, HM Cave Trinity College.  
Dr L Cobbett lantern lecture "Anglo-Saxon remains in Cambridge and District"

9 Nov 1926

HB Cott, lantern lecture "An expedition on the lower Amazon"

16 Nov 1926

New member AF Wigram 29 Portugal Place.  
East Anglian Federation prize lantern slides

23 Nov 1926

New member: HJ Smith 36 Clarendon Street.  
HW Fincham FSA lantern lecture "The Order of St John of Jerusalem in the past and present"

30 Nov 1926

New members: Mrs F Harvey 23 Mackenzie Road, Miss M Ogle 9 Mill Road, Frank M Jorcelyn Trinity College.  
Exhibition of prints from Club outings figure studies, landscapes, record photographs. DWM Palmer judged the record prints.

7 Dec 1926

Second of a series of lectures for beginners, Mr LJ Jarman "The negative"

14 Dec 1926

East Anglian Federation competition prints.

## **1927**

5 Jan 1927

Club social evening

12 Jan 1927

The death of Mr FJ Stoakley was announced.  
New members: SP Birley Trinity College, RS Hart Sidney Sussex College.  
Third in a series of lectures for beginners by Mr LJ Jarman on "Enlarging"

1 Feb 1927

Lt Col FJM Stratton DSO lantern lecture "An eclipse expedition to Sumatra"

8 Feb 1927

New members: PJ Brazier Ridley Hall, SJ Curtis Caius.  
The speaker, Mr Basil Schon, was unable to be present – his notes were read by the secretary. The Exhibition portfolio of the Landscape Postal Club was shown.

15 Feb 1927

New member AJ Palmer, Orchard House Melbourn  
Mr R Parker Smith lantern lecture "Across France".

22 Feb 1927

Fourth in a series of lectures for beginners. "The finished Print" by LJ Jarman.

8 Mar 1927

New members Miss Sharp 4 Ferry Path, Miss Oliver 40 Bradmore Street, Mr C Wilmore 95A St Phillips Road, Mr E Palarick Blake Pembroke College.

Annual exhibition discussion and awards by Mr MO Dell.

15 Mar 1927

W Farren on "Bird photography" – a subject he first became involved with in 1899.

22 Mar 1927

East Anglian Federation Mixed Subjects portfolio.

29 Mar 1927

New member: Mr FEE Harvey MA 23 Mackenzie Road

Mr Fred J Hawkins of the Hampshire House Photographic Society on "House photography"

5 April 1927

*Amateur Photographer* prize slides from 1926.

12 April 1927

No formal meeting – exhibition of originals of the *Photograms of the Year 1926*.

26 April 1927

Mr Miles C Burkitt FSA lantern lecture "Art as it was 15000 years ago"

[End of volume – there is then a gap in the minutes in the Cambridgeshire Collection until 10 April 1934]

## **1934**

10 April 1934

President Mr Herbert E Bush, Secretary TS Moore

A lantern lecture "Timber and How it Grows" given by Mr EH Brooks Boulton

17 April 1934

Six films by members of the Club's cine group were shown, including a film entitled "Cambridge" by Mr EJ Twinn.

24 April 1934

Annual Exhibition, judged by Mr Murry Barford FRPS

2 Oct 1934

Annual General Meeting

New members: Miss MJ Dick 70 Grantchester Meadows, Mrs Beasley 78 St Barnabus Road, Mr HP Clark 3 and 4 Botolph Lane, Mr EW Bond 29 City Road, Mr B Brandreth 61 Eltisley Avenue, Mr B Barker 27 Panton Street.

The Secretary's Report included mention of the death that year of Mr LJ Jarman.

Membership was up over the last year by nine. Over 1500 persons visited the Club's Annual Exhibition.

Officers for the year ahead: President: Herbert E Bush, Secretary: TS Moore, Treasurer: BGA Snelson, House Steward: TE Collier, Librarian: Mrs Collier, Lanternist EJ Twinn,

Council: Mrs K Moore, Mr EJ Twinn, Mr S Starks Field, Mr HV Johnson, JV Spalding ARPS, EF Watson, Mr Arnold Darlington.

Records Committee with the Cambridge Antiquarian Society: Mrs K Moore, Dr Palmer, Dr Robinson, Mr Tams.

The Club's rules were amended – the annual fee for a member was 10/- this was reduced to 5/- for the second and subsequent member resident in the same household. The annual subscription for 15-19 year olds was set at 5/-.

9 Oct 1934

New members: JE Stevens 211 Milton Road, Mr Phillip Brunney, Springfield Lodge Panton Street.

Lantern lecture by Mr W Farren "Birds of the Fens".

16 Oct 1934

New members: Lt Col RB Seymour Sewell IMS 18 Barrow Road, W Last 3 Carlyle Rd (Junior member)

Mr GB Macalpine BSc of E Leitz, London, gave a lantern lecture on "Leica Photography".

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The cine group is to make a film about the work of the club. Mr Squires to supervise the script.

23 Oct 1934

New members: Miss Dorothy E Smith Girton College, Dr JC Fidler 5 Holland Street, Mrs JC Fidler 5 Holland Street, Mrs H Gordon Crowe Islip House Huntingdon Road, Mrs EW Bond 29 City Road, Mr DG Wraith AWIPS 12 Eltisley Avenue.

A lantern lecture on "Insects" was given by Mr EJ Bedford FRPS.

30 October 1934

New members: Miss R Sewell 18 Barrow Rd, Mr Bull 220 Hills Road, Mr R Towers 36 Montague Road. A lantern lecture on "Over the Alps by car" was given by Mr SV Colbran, a former member of the club.

6 Nov 1934

New member: Miss Chivers, Homefield, Histon.

Mr SJ Bridge FRPS (Hon member) gave a lantern lecture on "A chat on portrait and figure work for the home side".

13 Nov 1934 the Club's Annual Supper was held at the Dorothy Cafe

20 Nov 1934

New member: Mrs R Towers 36 Montague Road.

A lantern lecture "A Balkan Journey" was given by Mr AE Storr MA.

27 Nov 1934

A demonstration on Gevaluxe paper was given by Mr RE Beck LMS of Messrs Gevaert Ltd.

4 Dec 1934

Rev Hugh S Cuthbertson gave a lantern lecture "Through the Chilean Andes on Horseback" (Mr PAL Brunney operated the projector)

Council minutes 4 Dec 1934

Council stood in silence to mark the death of Mr EC Ogle former Treasurer.

11 Dec 1934



An exhibition of members work and an auction sale of members' surplus equipment.

## 1935

1 Jan 1935

The Club's annual social event – 50 members and friends attended.

8 Jan 1935

New member: Mr Fenton, the Cambridge Borough Librarian.

Mr Bush, the President gave a lantern lecture "With car and camera"

15 Jan 1935

Dr F Robinson gave a lantern lecture on "The Cotswolds and Mendip Hills"

22 Jan 1935

Mr HBT Stanton FRPS gave a lantern lecture "The selection of the subject".

29 Jan 1935

New member BHM Buck 11 Hills Road.

W Farren gave a lantern lecture "The Camera in Work and Play"

5 Feb 1935

New member: Mr HL Warren, The Priory, St Ives.

Lantern lecture "Press Button B, a photographic variety show" by Mr GH Dannant ARPS.

12 Feb 1935

New members: Mr CE Pettitt 23 Hobart Road, W Flack 7 Council Houses Milton.

A demonstration of "Three colour Carbro" by Mr FR Newings FRPS

19 Feb 1935

A collection of *Amateur Photographer* slides had not arrived in time for the evening and so a lantern lecture "The River Ouse" was given by Mr BGA Snelson".

26 Feb 1935

New member: Mr Henry Rottenburgh MA MIEE 5 Adams Road.

A lantern lecture "Mountaineering" was given by Mr Olaf F Block FIC HonFRPS.

5 Mar 1935

New member: LW Oliver FRPS 3 Salisbury Villas Station Road. Members lecturettes. Mr S Starks Field "Combination printing" and JV Spalding ARPS "A trip to New York"

12 Mar 1935

New members: Mr F Harris chemist Milton Road, Miss Hipwell c/o Mr F Harris Milton Road, Mr EP Wright Cambridge Road Ely.

A lantern lecture on "Travels to Normandy and Brittany" by Mr PG Field, Hon Sec East Anglian Federation.

19 Mar 1935

East Anglian Federation slides shown and critiqued.

26 Mar 1935

A lecture and demonstration on "How I make my lantern slides" by Mr W Tams.

2 April 1935

East Anglian portfolio and Bansall Shield prints shown and critiqued.

9 April 1935

A novel competition – members were invited to critique a set of prints and the person who put the first 6 prints in the same order as a panel of judges from the RPS won the competition.

16 April 1935

4 films by the club's cine group shown, plus two films from the Pathescope film library.

27 April 1935

Annual Exhibition 27<sup>th</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May 1935

1 Oct 1935

Annual General Meeting

New members: Mr S Fletcher 4 Canterbury St, Mrs Twinn, Tennis Courts Burrells Walk, Mr Clark, 71 Panton St, Mr F Tomlinson, Fern House Prospect Row, Mr D Pitman Fern House Prospect Row, Mr RL Day, 77 Alpha Road, Mr K McIntyre, 229 Milton Road.

The Secretary's report highlighted the death during the year of Mr EC Ogle. Membership had increased from 129 to 143, a gain of 14. Four members of the Club were Associate Members of the Royal Photographic Society. Three extra prize cups donated by members had been introduced during the year. A number of younger members were joining the Club. Officers for the year ahead:

President: HS Johnson, Sec: TS Moore, Treasurer BGA Snelson, House Steward Mr TE Collier, Librarian Mrs Collier, Lanternist Mr EJ Twinn, Council: Mrs K Moore, Mr EJ Twinn, Mr SJ Patman, Mr EF Watson, Mr Brickwood, Miss A Johnson, Mr RL Bacon.

The joint committee with the Cambridge Antiquarian society had not met and the President criticised the lack of fervour in the recording project. "The Camera" – a Club publication was discussed as it had made a loss – it was agreed to maintain the price at 4d per copy.

8 Oct 1935

New members: Mr Graham Kerr 51 Newmarket Road, Mr LFG Saggars 99 Arbury Road, Mr W King, Sunneyside, Stapleford.

A lantern lecture was given by Mr W Farren on "Fen birds".

15 October 1935

New member: Mr SAV Roper 57 Chesterton Road.

A lantern lecture on "Head Hunters of Borneo" was given by Dr AC Haddon FRS.

22 Oct 1935

Lantern lecture "Experiments on colour photography" by Mr CH Beale BSc AIC, from Messrs Duploy Ltd of Sawston.

29 Oct 1935

Lantern lecture "Fen land seen again" by Mr GH Dannant ARPS

5 Nov 1935

New members : Miss Jackson 32 Emery Street, Mr P Frost 103 Thoday Street

Lantern lecture "A cruise in the Norwegian Fjords" illustrated with lantern slides and cine film by Mr HE Isard.

12 Nov 1935

New members proposed: Mrs Gibson 212 Chesterton Road, Mr Roper, Chesterton Road.

Lantern Lecture "Take a cruise with a camera and colour plate to the Mediterranean, Morocco and the Atlantic Isles" by FR Newens FRPS

19 Nov 1935

The annual supper at the Dorothy Cafe attended by 60 members and friends.

26 Nov 1935

A Demonstration of "Bromoil" by Mr H Kersham from Messrs Kodak Ltd.

3 December 1935

"The problem of the print" RS Beck LMS

10 Dec 1935

The "Bridges" competition prints were exhibited and discussed, WC Squires and W Farren judges.

17 Dec 1935

Lantern lecture "The Services of the Post Office" Mr GW Hardy Superintendent of the Cambridge Post Office.

31 Dec 1935

The Club's Annual Social took place.

## **1936**

7 January 1936

Lantern lecture "Climbing Mount Everest" Mr N E Odell, one of the actual climbers on the last expedition.

14 Jan 1936

"Germany Re-visited" lantern lecture by J Dudley Johnston, HonFRPS

21 Jan 1936

Club members stood in silence to mark the passing of His Late Majesty, King George V.  
Lantern lecture "The dead cities of North Africa" Major Charles Howard FRGS

28 Jan 1936

New member Mr Wilson School of Agriculture.

The Club thanked Mr CB Coulson for the part he had played in getting tenants to use the club room. The arranged speaker was unable to attend and so there was a discussion on appropriate entries for the club's next competition on "Trees"

4 Feb 1936

"The zoo's who's who" by Mr C Roberts ARPS

11 Feb 1936

A visit to the Cambridge University Zoological Laboratories in Downing Street on the invitation of Prof J Stanley Gardiner FRS

18 Feb 1936

New members: Mr TJ Passingham, Greenside, Trumpington, Mr WG Collins 51 Highworth Avenue, Mr GHN Pettit School of Agriculture

"Here and there in East Anglia" lantern lecture by BGA Snelson

25 Feb 1936

New member: Mr EM Collins 51 Highworth Avenue

"Some Indian Villages" lantern lecture by Dr F Robinson.

3 March 1936

"With a Camera in Kent" by Mr AC Marden

10 Mar 1936

There was a vote of thanks to Mr Herbert E Bush ARPS who had presented the Club with a vertical enlarger.

"China, its people customs and industries" lantern lecture by Mr RS Clay DSc.

17 Mar 1936

East Anglian Federation competition lantern slides were shown and the critiques of the judges read. The Club agreed to write to the Federation deploring the discouraging tone of the criticism, which it was felt was calculated seriously to discourage members from submitting their work for criticism and exhibition.

The club resolved to ask the Cambridge Antiquarian Society to send along a speaker to update them on what was required for record prints.

24 Mar 1936

"Cinematography as an art" by Me EJ Twinn – and a cine film "Morning" was shown

31 Mar 1936

*Amateur Photographer* competition slides projected and discussed.

7 April 1936

The Bansall Shield prints and East Anglian federation slides were shown

28 April 1936

Opening of the Club's annual exhibition at the Guildhall by the Mayor. All the prize winners listed in the minutes.

6 October 1936 Annual General Meeting

New members proposed: Ralph Kipper, Lyndalem Sawston, HG Ayres "Red Mays" Hauxton, Miss G Belton 82 Tenison Road, Miss Arnold Newmarket Road, Mrs Gibbens 41 Eltisle Ave Mr TL Miller Hall Farm Gilbert Road, Mr PJ Tabraham 272 Milton Road, Miss Violet Brown 5 Haymarket Road, Miss Josephine Brown 5 Haymarket Road.

The Secretary reported that the Club had 138 members, compared with 143 the previous year. Mr Herbert Bush had a print hung at the Royal Photographic Society Exhibition and Mrs Lettice Ramsey had two prints in the London Salon of Photography. The Club had come third in the Bansall Shield competition and between 6000 and 7000 persons had attended the Club's annual exhibition over its 8 days. The work of the cine group had attracted great interest and large numbers.

Officers for the year ahead: President: HS Johnson, Secretary: TS Moore, Treasurer BGA Snelson, House Steward: Mr TE Collier, Lanternist: EJ Twinn, Librarian: Mrs Collier, Committee: Mrs Moore, Mr Twinn, Mr Watson, Mr Bacon, Mr Brickwood, Mr Patman, Mr Turner.

13 Oct 1936

New members proposed: Miss Cook 19 Cranmer Road, Mr JM Hunter 31 Owlston Road, Mr CO Pilgrim 105 Hawthorne Way.

"25 years ago in rural Spain" lantern lecture by Mr W Farren

20 Oct 1936

New members proposed: Mrs AG Thompson Woodlark Road, Mr Roy A Marston 11 St Johns Bedford.

Three lecturettes were given by GH Dannatt on "problems using miniature cameras", "in love with Cinderella" and "experiments in colour photography".

27 Oct 1936

New members proposed: AB McGrigor Trinity College 5 Portugal St, Mr Winkworth Milton House Milton, Mr BGA Snelson gave a talk and demonstration on lantern slide making.

3 Nov 1936

"A little holiday in France" lantern lecture by GEW Herbert

10 Nov 1936

"Print production on Kodak papers" a demonstration by Mr BJ Twinn

17 Nov 1936

The competition prints for the "Trees" competition were shown and critiqued. Mr RCB Gardener gave a talk on "Trees and tree photography".

24 Nov 1936

The Club's annual dinner at the Dorothy Cafe

1 Dec 1936

A portraiture demonstration by Mr H Yolland Moyses, with a live model.

8 Dec 1936

"Through Denmark into Sweden" lantern lecture by Mr Kenneth Baker ARPS

15 Dec 1936

New members proposed: Mrs Danby 3 Milton Road, Miss Danby 3 Milton Road, Mr FW Cartwright 65 Victoria Road.

"The maiden voyage of the Queen Mary" lantern lecture by Mr W King – the meeting was held at the Dorothy Cafe

## **1937**

5 Jan 1937

The Club's annual social event was attended by 50 members.

12 Jan 1937

A lecture on Kodachrome – a new colour process for cinematography, by Mr ST Ternouth of Messrs Kodak.

19 Jan 1937

FJ Jones ARPS lantern lecture "St Albans"

26 Jan 1937

East Anglian Federation Slides displayed and the judges critique read by Mr AG Thompson

2 Feb 1937

"Between France and Spain" lantern lecture by Mr PB Dannatt.

9 Feb 1937

"Pictorial photography" Mr Robert Chalmers FRPS

16 Feb 1937

"The English Lakes" lantern lecture Dr F Robinson

23 Feb 1937

New member proposed: Rev HM Wardwill, Wentworth Rectory  
*Amateur Photographer* prize slides shown and critiqued.

2 Mar 1937

"The lights O'London" – night photography in the capital - Mr GA Slight ARPS

9 Mar 1937

Due to the illness of the booked speaker, Mr RS Beck led a discussion on prints and exhibitions.

16 Mar 1937

A number of travel cine films from the LMS Railway Co shown by Mr RS Beck

13 April 1937

"Some aquatic and marsh plants" lantern lecture Mr GJ Bedford FRPS

20 April 1937

Cine Group evening . Films shown: "The Gannet", Mr Arnold Darlington, "Some Moorland Birds" Mr Arnold Darlington, "Flood" Mr W King, "Kodachrome" Mr W King, "How a tennis racket is strung" Mr EJ Twinn, "In Devon again" Mr EF Watson

27 April 1937

Opening of the Society's annual exhibition, which ran to 4<sup>th</sup> May. The minutes list the prizes awarded in the different classes.

5 April 1937 Annual General Meeting

New members proposed: CB Osmond 88 Huntingdon Road, GM Clowes 101 Arbury Road, HT Radford St Victoris Milton Road, Mr AJ Neale 39 Panton street, Mr Rufus H Mallison 7 Rose Crescent, Mr Bell 27 Searle Street, Mr Boyd 45 Blinco Grove, Mr G Smart 36 Rustat Road, WH Sawyer St Neots Road Hardwick, Master W Moose 7 De Freville Ave, Mr DA Hubbard 5 Flamstead Rd, Capt GE Gray 31 Rustat Road, Dr SH Pritchard 58 St Andrews St, Mr N Webb Jones Royal Hotel Trumpington Rd.

The Secretary reported that membership numbers were steady and attendance at meetings had been good. The bus strike had adversely affected numbers attending the exhibition. Captain Hatfield had a print in the Royal Photographic Society's exhibition and Mrs Lettice Ramsey had two prints in the London Salon and Mr Brickwood had a print in the Alliance Competition. The House Steward mention a dancing lady and a bridge club, two tenants to whom the club rooms had been sub let.

Officers for the year ahead:

President: CB Coulson

Secretary: TS Moore

Treasurer: Miss M Johnson

House Steward: Mr TE Collier

Librarian: Mrs Collier

Lanternist: Mr EJ Twinn

Committee: Mrs Moore, Mr EJ Twinn, Mr EF Watson, Mr G Turner, Mr F Ives, Dr Richards, Mr H Brickwood.

Council minutes 22 June 1937

The Club's cine group to join the RPS new scheme for cine societies.

12 Oct 1937

Proposed new members: Mr Eric E Flett 15 A Malcolm Street, Mrs HT Radford St Victori Milton Road, Mr B Garner 17 Willow Place, Mr E Kirkham 46 Hills Road,  
Lantern lecture by Mr W Farren on "The home life of some familiar birds"

19 Oct 1937

Proposed new members: Miss M Bailey 92 Hartington Grove, Mrs Drake 9 Leys Ave.  
Mr Percy R Salmon FRPS lantern lecture "Melbourn and Neighbouring Villages"

26 Oct 1937

Proposed new members: Miss Juliet Haddon 67A St Andrews Street, Mr RE Banks The Cottage, Newton.

Cine films shown from LMS Railway Co

2 Nov 1937

A minute silence marked the death of Dr WH Bansall.

New members proposed: Mr Fell 50 Bateman Street, Mr Quartermaine 3 Fitzwilliam Street.

Lantern lecture "A variety show with Hollandaise Sauce" by Mr GH Dannatt ARPS

9 Nov 1937

Proposed new member: Mr H Buckton 6 Claremont

Lantern lecture "Our successful expedition to Nanda Devi in the Himalayas" by Mr NE Odell, (Noel Odell was a mountaineer and explorer)

16 Nov 1937

Proposed new members: DC Rought-Rought and RC Rought-Rought Heath House, Brandon

Lecture and demonstration on "Developing" by Mr Graham Turner

23 Nov 1937

Mr EC Rutherford FRMetSoc, lantern lecture on "Our weather and the beauties of the skies"

30 Nov 1937

Demonstration of "Chloro-Bromide papers" by Mr S Bridger FRPS

7 Dec 1937

Annual supper at the Dorothy Cafe

14 Dec 1937

Auction of members' surplus equipment

## **1938**

4 Jan 1938

Annual social attended by 50 members

11 Jan 1938

A lecture with cine film on "The making of sub standard films" by George H Sewell ARPS

18 Jan 1938

Proposed new member: Mrs Richards 21 Grange Road Cambridge.

A talk and demonstration on "Enlarging" by Mr G Stretton Smith, by arrangement with Kodak Ltd.

25 Jan 1938

East Anglian Federation lantern slides shown and associated critique read by Miss N Moore.

1 Feb 1938

Members stood in silence following the death of Mr RH Bullen FRPS, "an old friend of Club.

Proposed new member: Mr Ivor G O'Dell 24 Kendal Way.

Lantern lecture on "Bits of old Cambridge" Mr W F Turner, a former member of the Club.

22 Feb 1938

Proposed new members: Miss Nolan 7 Round Church Street. Mr NFB Toombs St Barnabas Road

Lantern lecture "Perambulations of a pensioner", Mr Walden of West Wickham, Kent

1 Mar 1938

Lantern lecture on "Reminiscences of 25 years ago" by Mr W Farren and Mr WC Squires.

22 Mar 1938

Lantern lecture "Northumberland" by Mr S Starks-Field

29 Mar 1938

Display of the East Anglian Bansall Shield Competition prints and a talk by Mr PG Field Honorary Secretary of the East Anglian Federation on the history of the Federation.

5 April 1938

Proposed new member, Mr Fenn of King and Harper, Milton Road.

Lecture by Mr SB Carter of Stratford upon Avon "The trials of an amateur film maker.

12 April 1938

An evening with the Club's Cine group. Films shown were "Firewood" by EJ Twinn, "Castleland" Mr EF Watson, "Life history of a cuckoo" Arnold Darlington, "May Week" W King, "Continental yours" W King, "Out of the blue" W King, and "The last word" by the club's cine group.

26 April to 3 May 1938

The club's annual exhibition, held at the Round Church school rooms. The results of all the classes were listed. Interestingly among the awards was a certificate presented to professional photographers Ramsey and Muspratt.

4 Oct 1938 Annual General Meeting

Proposed new members: Mr T Howells 70 Blinco Grovre

Mr KG Mason 30 Norfolk Street

Mrs Squires Millington Road

Mrs Jones 28 Millington Road

Miss Jones 28 Millington Road

Mrs J Arnold 68 Walnut Tree Avenue

Mr H Pattison Marshalls flying school

Mr B Christian 61 Coronation Street

Mr HE Pitts 31 Mill Road

Mr CJ Matson 36 Orchard Ave

Mr H Draper The Green, Barrington.

The Secretary reported a slight increase in membership and good attendance at meetings. The Club had two successful outings. The annual exhibition had to be held at a different venue due to non availability of the Guildhall and had been well attended. The President asked members to look out for possible tenants to use the Club room – they were losing the Bridge Club which had been bringing in £12 per year. The Cine group reported that two members photographs were shown at the Royal Photographic Society event. Officers for the year ahead: President CB Coulson, Secretary: TS Moore, Treasurer: Miss M Johnson, Hall Steward: TE Collier, Librarian: Mrs TE Collier, Lanternist: EJ Twinn, Committee: Mrs Moore, Dr Richards, Mr Twinn, Mr Buckwood, Mr Turner, Mr Drake, Mr Watson. Dr Robinson and Mr Tams delegates to the Cambridge Antiquarian Society.



11 Oct 1938

Proposed new members: Miss N Stevenson 45 Hills Ave, Miss Grierson 6 Little St Mary's Lane, Mr AR Buckton 6 Cleremont, FS Chappell Cory House Northampton Street, Mr J Reed 2 County Police Houses Castle Hill.

Lantern lecture "Protective devices in nature" by W Farren.

18 Oct 1938

Proposed new members: Mr P Zuppinger 58 Cambridge Road Shelford, Mr FC Swann BA 251A Chesterton Road, Mrs Haddon, Mr W Dungay 18 Guest Road.

Lantern lecture "Expedition to NW Greenland and Canadian Arctic" by Mr JM Wordy MA

25 October 1938

Proposed new members:

RC Jude, 2 The Quadrant St Ives, Miss HED Boning, 6 Summerfield, Mr HFJ Dall, 4 Trafalgar Road, Mr G Heath, 12 Peyps Way Girton. The booked speaker, Mr Dannant, was unable to attend and so Mr BGA Snelson gave a lantern lecture "The River Ouse re-visited".

1 Nov 1938

Proposed new member, Mr DJ POidgeon "Cavendish" 31 Gilbert Road.

A demonstration was given on Gevaert chlorobromide papers by Mr RS Beck, London.

8 Nov 1938

Display of members' colour slides

15 Nov 1938

Proposed new member Mrs C Cripps International Club St Peters Terrace

Lantern Lecture "A Moorish adventure" Mr HG Neville, London.

22 Nov 1938

Proposed new member Mr Patman 4 Holland Street.

Lantern lecture "The 1938 Expedition to Mount Everest" by Mr NE Odell, explorer and mountaineer.

6 Dec 1938

Lantern lecture "Craftsmanship with modern roll films" by Mr AWW Petherick of Messrs Kodak Ltd.

13 Dec 1938

Talk on and demonstration of Contax Cameras by a representative of Messrs Zeiss Ikon Ltd (speaker not named)

20 Dec 1938

Display of prints from the Peterborough Club – members invited to critique these and rank them, then compare their rankings with those of the judges where they were originally exhibited. Mr WC Squires gave a chat about the pictorial qualities of the prints.

## **1939**

10 Jan 1939

The booked speaker was unable to attend and so Mr CB Coulson gave a lantern lecture on "Our butterflies and moths". Reported in Cambridge Daily News 14 Jan 1939 p3

17 Jan 1939

Proposed new member Mr Alec Hardingham, Cherryhinton Road.

Lantern lecture "This England" by Miss EA Miller of Walthamstowe, the first lady lecturer at the Club for some years. Reported in Cambridge Daily News 18 Jan 1939

24 Jan 1939

Lantern lecture "With D in D" by GH Dannant ARPS, from the South Surbiton Society.

30 Jan 1939

Club Council agreed that the East Anglian Federation Salon would be held that year in Cambridge.

31 Jan 1939

Proposed new member, Mr Williams, 38 Station Road Histon.

Lecture on "The control of image tones on Kodak papers" by Mr R Kirley, on behalf of Messrs Kodak Ltd.

7 Feb 1939

Cine films taken at Whipsnade, Regents Park and Chessington Zoos by Mr HE Isard ARPS. Reported in Cambridge Daily News 10 Feb 1939 p5

14 Feb 1939

Proposed new member Mr A Lanham 78 Brooks Road

Prints from the East Anglian Federation Air and Space competition shown and critique read.

21 Feb 1939

Demonstration of the Bromoil process by Mr C Gaylor of Kodak Ltd. Reported in Cambridge Daily News, 23 Feb 1939 p5

28 Feb 1939

Lantern lecture "Adventures in Austria" by Mr HH Chalk of the South Surbiton Photographic Society.

7 March 1939

Proposed new member, Rev Dawson, Cedar Tree House, Madingley Road.

*Amateur Photographer* prize slides shown and critiqued.

14 Mar 1939

Lantern lecture "A tabloid tour of the Highlands" by Dr H Richards. Reported in Cambridge Daily News 17 Mar 1939 p6

21 Mar 1939

Lantern lecture "The St Lawrence River" by Dr F Robinson

28 Mar 1939

Lantern lecture "The Little England Beyond Wales" by Mr GEW Herbert, Surrey, reported in Cambridge Daily News 30 Mar 1939 p6

4 April 1939

Lantern lecture "The orchids of Kent" by Mr E J Bedford FRPS

11 April 1939

Lantern lecture "The romance of the English parish church" by Mr T Herbert Jones, London.

18 April 1939

Cine group showed films by Mr W King, ME Danby and EF Watson

Cambridge Daily News 4 May 1939 p4  
CAMBRIDGE PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

To wind up the 1938-39 season the club held a members' exhibition of prints and slides from April 24th to May 2nd. This was arranged to keep the interest of those who had made new pictures and which will be again exhibited to the public in the Guildhall next October. It has also been decided to hold the East Anglian salon of photography in conjunction with the club's annual exhibition. Two classes were provided, one for those who had won plaque or plaques, and the other for those who had never won a plaque. In the first class no awards were given, but each member was allowed to hang two prints, and a most delightful show they made, with such capable workers as the Misses Johnson, Messrs. WC Squires, ARPS, H Buckwood, T E Collier, B G A Snelson, F G Turner, H S Johnson, OB Drake and others. The second class was awarded prizes, thanks to Dr. H Richards, who provided a cup. In awarding the cup and certificates, the judge, Mr M Mason, said he found seven prints outstanding and had much difficulty in deciding the premier award. This he gave to Mr R C Jude for "Sideboard Decoration," for its technical excellence and quality. If, however, the print of Mrs. Kathleen Squires had been, in his judgment, trimmed a little differently, she would have been the winner. Other good work which won awards were prints by Miss Juliet Haddow and Mr, Trevor Passingham. To prove how close the competition was, only ten points divided the winners and the lowest hon. mentions. Other exhibitors were Miss Bailey, and Messrs, Pitts, Twinn, Blows, Draper, Toombs, Collins and Mrs. Drake. The lantern slides and colour transparencies, though again there were no prizes, were a beautiful lot, particularly those of Mr B G A Snelson. Others were also above the standard, containing such workers as Miss Cooke, Miss Hanscombe, and Messrs. Brickwood, Latter, Jude and Kidd. During the first evening a fine criticism of the prints was given by Mr M Mason, and a hearty vote thanks was accorded him. The second Tuesday evening brought the season to a very happy and successful ending with the presentation of the cup and certificates by Mrs. H. Richards, and the projection of the club's and East Anglian Federation slides. The criticism of the latter was read by Mr B G A Snelson. Refreshments were provided by the ladies. Votes of thanks to the lanternist, Mr E J Twinn, and to all who had helped were proposed by the President (Mr C B Coulson).

Council Minutes 17 Sept 1939

The Council started to plan for war, ensuring financial solvency by subletting rooms and negotiating a reduced rent with their landlady and reduced rates with the Borough Council.

24 Sept 1939 Special Emergency Meeting

Meeting called by the President to discuss the position of the Club and future policy regarding the War. Resolved that the Club should carry on as before. The landlady should be approached regarding lowering the rent, and meetings should start a little earlier in the evenings.

10 Oct 1939 Annual General Meeting.

Proposed new members: Miss EM Ward 41 Hartington Grove, Mr SV Culver 59 Woodlark Road, Mr GR Tucking ACIE Sidney House Sussex St.

The Club's landlady Mrs Hudson had halved the rent for the duration of the war. The dancing lady who had sub-rented from the Club was likely to return to Cambridge and resume the arrangement. The Secretary reported that the Club's annual exhibition had not been held – the Borough Council not wanting to proceed with the hire of the Guildhall due to the war. Mr Snelson and Mr Kidd had photographs exhibited in "the Royal". The President urged members to continue to support the Club during the war. Officers elected for the year ahead were:

President: BGA Snelson

Secretary: TS Moore

Treasurer: M Johnson

Lanternist: OB Drake  
Librarian: Mrs Collier  
House Steward: Mr Collier  
Committee – all re-elected as for the last year.

Cambridge Daily News 23 Nov 1939 p3  
Mr OB Drake lantern lecture "With a Camera in Sussex"

Cambridge Daily News 23 Dec 1939  
Dr H Richards lantern lecture "Leisure Hours".