Mobile Phone Apps

This page lists Mobile Applications that Alvin and others have found useful when out and about doing Photography. All are available on iOS, but only some are available on Android. A short description is provided for each and Alvin has also made a few comments based on his experience. If you know of an application that other members might be interested in, please email Alvin on club.tech.tdcc@gmail.com. Some apps are free, some require payment and some are subscription; the prices and terms can change so do your own checks.

Weather Apps

App	Android?	Summary	Alvin's comments
Rain Today	No	Tells you whether to expect rain the next hour.	Very accurate unless you are on the edge of a rain cloud so check the HD Radar facility to see what the clouds are doing.
Yr.no	Yes	Detailed weather forecasting App	Very good for outside the UK; for inside, use the Met Office app
Aurora	Yes	Tells you the chances of seeing the Northern Lights where you are.	Runs in the background and when you've forgotten all about it, it may alert you to possible sightings.
Light Pollution Map	Yes	Tells you about light pollution which is helpful for night photography.	Not used much
Clear Outside	No	Lots of useful information about predicted cloud, rain, visibility and so on.	Not used much
Windy	Yes	Very nice visual indication of wind direction and strength.	Particularly useful if you plan slow shutter speed shots of nature.
Met Office	Yes	UK weather forecasting app	Hour by hour predictions in the near future

Camera Apps

App	Android?	Summary	Alvin's comments
Slow Shutter	No	Takes camera photos on the phone with a slow shutter speed. Lots of options.	Not used much, but seems very easy to take multiple exposures.
Even Longer	No	Takes camera photos with very long exposure times.	Need to use this on a tripod.
Neoshot	No	Advanced stills photograpy with lots of options to give you control. Shows a histogram of your proposed shot.	Hardly used
Reeheld	No	Simple long exposure app	I prefer Spectre

ReXpose	No	Similar options to Neoshot but no histogram.	Used for bit but ditched as its Subscription - I used ProCam.
Spectre	No	Long exposure application which you can manage quite long exposures hand held.	Its possible to use hand held as it shows a stability indicator. You can set the long exposure for a minimum of 3 seconds, but its easy to stop it after, say, 1 second.
ProCam	No	Advanced stills photograpy with lots of options and simple histogram.	My preferred app for camera photography
Black Magic Cam	No	Video recorder	Tried it a little - I think I'd use it if I wanted to do a lot of videos
Double Exposure	No	Recommended by a speaker	I've hardly used it. Peter said he has it. I use Image Blender (next section)

Image Processing

App	Android?	Summary	Alvin's comments
Lightroom Mobile	Yes	Simplied version of Lightroom on the mobile.	Not used much; requires Adobe Photography Plan
Snapseed	Yes	Great application for editing photos on the mobile	I've often used a few simple facilities in it to send photographs of what I'm doing to the family.
Photoshop Express	Yes	Simplified version of Photoshop for mobile	I believe Femke and Una use this; requires Adobe Photography Plan
Image Blender	No	Allows you to blend two images from your library	Fun to use, especially if you take a photo and blend it with some background textures you may be saving on your phone.

Informational

App	Android?	Summary	Alvin's comments
Photopills	Yes	Great application containg a set of tools such as sun and moon movement during the day, depth of field calulator and exposure calculator.	Very useful
Photohound	Yes	Allows to search for locations to get out and do some photography.	Tends to have more images for the tourist locations. Includes worldwide locations.
Locationscout	Yes	More sophisticated variation of the above.	Subscription payment - think carefully about whether it is worth it

TPE	No	Fantastic app for tracking the sun, moon and stars.	Not used much
Golden Hour	Yes	Simple app to tell you about sunrise and sunset in your area.	Doesn't seem to do much more than Photpills
Tide Times	Yes	Very useful app to give you tide information, especially forecast high and low tides at any coastal location.	Very useful if you are planning some coastal photography.
Smart Bird ID	No	Identifies bird songs using the mobile microphone and gives you information about the bird	Used by Femke
SunServeyor		Fanastic app that shows you where the sun will be in the sky at any time using a clever "VR" type display.	Peter uses this, I've not used it much

Utilities

App	Android?	Summary	Alvin's comments
File Transfer	No	Easy to use facility to transfer between iPhone and PC	I've used it a few times to move lots of images and documents.
Mirroring	No	Mirrors the iPhone screen on to PC	Very useful for demonstrating iPhone Apps on Zoom, for example.
Airdrop	No	Allows easy transfers between Apple devices	Not used