



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

7th March 2021

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Last Monday 1st March members had a wonderful zoom presentation by Polina Plotnikova. The first half was flowers and the second half still life, both with her interpretation of old masters which she presented with great clarity. www.polinaplotnikova.com



Dancing Flowers



Lensbaby Impressions



Multiple Exposure



New Work



Past Perfect



POLINA PLOTNIKOVA
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White on White

The approach to flower photography that I take is somewhat similar to that of a portrait photographer - for every flower and plant that I photograph, I always try to find its unique look, study its mood and character, and ultimately unlock the hidden beauty of my models. While appreciating the natural beauty of plants and trying to stay true to their original look, I do not limit my point of view to purely botanical. Instead, I try to lift a flower off its typical setting and put it into indeterminate space, where its beauty can be seen in all its purity.



Lensbaby



Old Masters



Painterly



Unstill Life

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Still life photography is great for a perfectionist - no one fidgets or makes faces, no sudden gust of wind or some other quirk of ever-changing weather can spoil your shot. But, by the same token, you cannot count on something interesting that just happens all of a sudden - it is all up to you; the choices are infinite, and the final result is entirely in your own hands.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic our seasons programme may be subject to last minute changes

Our upcoming programme for the 2020/2021 season is:

MON
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Presidents Trophy

19:30 Zoom Presentation
Presidents Trophy Competition
Projected Digital Images
Judge: David Graham



Judge Ralph Duckett and Club President Roy Hodgkiss presenting winner Graham Croft with the trophy



MON
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MAR
2021

Guest Speaker - Ashley Franklin

19:30 Zoom Presentation
Tonight our Guest Speaker is Ashley Franklin with his presentation 'The Wider World of Photography Pt.2

MON
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2021

Monthly Competition No.5

19:30 Zoom Presentation
Our Monthly Competition No.5
Subject: Architecture
Projected Digital Images
Judge: Bob Train



PDI's for Monthly competition No.5 are to be sent to the competitions secretary Dave Perry by the **8th March** [**dave.p46@sky.com**](mailto:dave.p46@sky.com)



Ashley Franklin
Website
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Photographs
Of Tuscany
On Group Tours

Looking forward to 15th March of a zoom presentation by Ashley Franklin an award-winning Derby-based photographer. His favourite quote "Wine is the answer. Now what was the question?" Favourite photography quotation? Ashley has two.

"Photography is the art of observation. It is little to do with the things you see and everything to do with the way you see them." **Elliot Erwitt**

"A great photograph is a distillation, a reduction of the chaos of our wider experience to a visually satisfying essence where what is excluded is as important as what is included."

David Ward

Midphot Acceptances

Congratulations to Andrea and Brian Wheatley, Linda Shaw, Dave Perry, Graham Orgill, Mary Eaton Margaret Beardsmore, Steven Moore and Paddy Ruske.



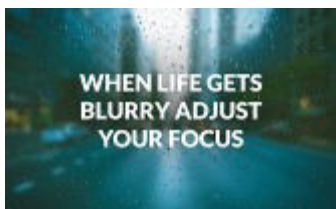
Well done Linda & Mary for Midphot acceptances. Bry had 15 accepted 1 commended and highly commended and a ribbon. 🏆 I had 2 acceptances. 😊

Fantastic news about Midphot acceptances, everyone has done brilliantly, I feel like a mother hen, so proud of my brood xx

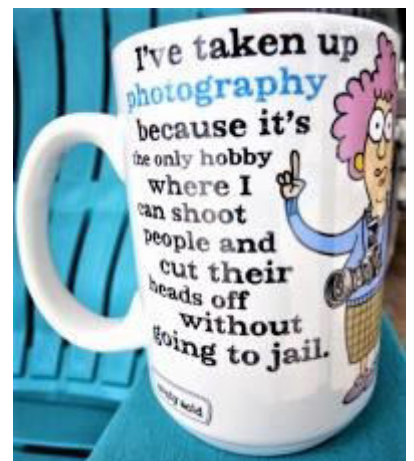
Well done to everyone accepted.

- Chris Shaw** · 6 d · 🌐
Congratulations Linda, got 5 acceptances in MIDPHOT
- Graham Orgill** · 6 d · 🌐
I had 4 acceptances and 5 scored 11 points ..story of my life!!!
- Margaret Beardsmore** · Admin · 6 d · 🌐
Dave Perry also got 3 acceptances so well done Dave x

- Margaret Beardsmore** · Admin
I had 2 that scored 11 as well, it just proves they are there or thereabouts rather than stinkers 😊
Like · Reply · 5 d
- Margaret Beardsmore** · Admin
Graham Orgill thanks - instead of 'stinkers' I think some are 'misunderstood' 😊
Like · Reply · 5 d
- Robert Ruske**
3 Accepted and 9 on eleven. As i said to Mr Duckett the acceptance is always one more than I score!!!! LOL



- Steve Moore**
I had 4 accepted and 6 that scored 11....
Like · Reply · 6 d
- Margaret Beardsmore** · Admin
Steve Moore well done x
Like · Reply · 6 d



In total the members have clocked up more than forty acceptances and probably as many near misses. Graham Orgill would like these members to send him j pegs of these entries so they could be considered for the exterior club competitions in the near future. Graham's email is graham.orgill@hotmail.co.uk



Margaret Beardsmore had 3 acceptances.

Triptych—Bee Eaters Courting Ritual got a commended. The Reader was accepted as was Lichfield in the mist. If other members would like me to put their accepted images in the newsletter would they e mail them to me at gjcaddick@hotmail.co.uk



Remembering Margaret Cross

I have received a really nice letter from The Gurkha Welfare Trust (GWT) the charity Margaret and I have been fundraising for over 20 plus years. They ask if they could name a school building project in Nepal after Margaret.

It rocked me back somewhat as I am still a bit of a wreck emotionally but it was such a pleasant, if that's the word, surprise that GWT held Margaret in such high esteem (not withstanding my dedication of my recent award to her and her work throughout the years)

The school is to have a new 3 classroom block built that would be dedicated to Margaret. The school is in the Chitwan district of Nepal near the Chitwan National Park, a tiger reserve that Margaret and I have visited frequently over the years.

I will be responding with a very firm "Yes" to their question.

I cannot think of anything more appropriate with which to have my Margaret remembered.

[Gurkha Welfare Trust](#)

Rob



In place of the practical evening 12th April the club is organizing a practical evening on zoom. Hopefully this all goes to plan but it does need the members to participate and send in their improved images to Dave Perry dave.p46@sky.com
The images will be sent to all members by email shortly.

A Common Picture

This fun competition will take place on 12th April on zoom.

All members will receive the same 4 Images and we would like you to choose 2 of these and alter, Improve, add to, remove from In fact use your imagination as little or as much as you want to using whatever software you have, Images to be returned by 29th March.

Paddy Ruske has very kindly offered to critique these on the night with members interaction.

QUIZ TIME

Roy has set another quiz, so get your thinking caps on and complete the quiz and send it to Roy Harrison at harrison290@talktalk.net
Remember the winner receives a £10 voucher. Answers need to be in by 6pm Thursday 25th March. Results in newsletter dated 27th March.

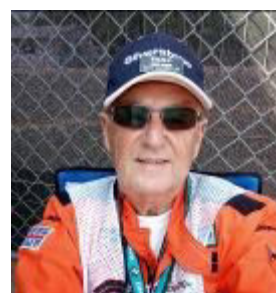
CAMERA CLUB QUIZ 4

PHOTOGRAPHIC

- 1 What is the meaning of the 2 following abbreviations? "TIFF & PPI"
- 2 One of the best software tools for adjusting contrast is "Curves"? True/False
- 3 Name 3 settings in the "AWB" menu on your camera apart from AUTO.
- 4 Give 2 benefits in using a "Macro Lens".
- 5 A "Fisheye Lens" normally has a focal length of 14mm or less - True/False
- 6 There are 2 types of Fisheye Lens, what are they. [2 answers reqd]
- 7 What is "HDR" Imaging and what do the letters stand for? [2 answers reqd]
- 8 Where would you use a "SOFTBOX DIFFUSER"
- 9 What is a "Monopod"
- 10 When the image contains a lot of "Noise" what do they mean and what creates this situation? [2 answers reqd]

POT LUCK

- 11 What year did the Berlin Wall come down.
- 12 Name the year the Apple I- phone was launched.
- 13 What year did the Woodstock Festival take place.
- 14 Carnivorous plants, what is so special about them.
- 15 When playing snooker, what is the highest break [points] that can be scored in one go.



Tie Break -- German Chancellor Angela Merkel received a doctorate for a Theses for which subject? - A- Politics B- Astronomy C- Quantum Chemistry



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Members that did so well with
their Midphot acceptances may
want to look at other exhibitions
they can enter. There is no excuse
now, so it's all systems go.