



# Merry Christmas

## Newsletter 18th December 2022

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Dear members, as we reach the end of 2022 I would like to firstly thank the committee for their help throughout the year giving their time and energy in the running of our camera club. Also to you, our members for your support throughout the year, we look forward to 2023 when we have many more good speakers, competitions, practical and skill evenings to look forward to.

We wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Kindest Regards Carole

### CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHT

Well done to Mary for her organising skills and seasonal decorations.

Glyn was a great Master of Ceremonies and was rewarded by winning the Christmas Hamper. Roy read out his festive quiz with Marys and Glyn's tables sharing the main prize. Les was persuaded to play his guitar to entertain the members. My favourite was "House of the Rising sun". which probably dates me as a 50's baby. Lea Hall's Sue and her army of waitresses served up a Festive feast for the members. Plenty to eat and really hot, well done.

Thanks to all the members that provided raffle prizes. The bottle of gin I won might not last till Christmas. Nola picked her favourite potted plant and Odette was tickled pink with Les Arnott's donated lesson at his studio. Andrea was delighted with Odette's donated photo shoot.

A good night was had by all. Merry Christmas to all the members.

### CHRISTMAS GROUP THERAPY

I DON'T BELIEVE IN MYSELF.

I THINK I'M BI-POLAR.

ALL THE OTHER REINDEER LAUGH AND CALL ME NAMES.

I'M TRAPPED IN A DEAD-END JOB.





Sally Arnott

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Fantastic night at club. Big thanks to all and especially [Mary-Jane Eaton](#) for doing a fantastic job. Plus we jointly won the quiz 👍😊



The Monthly Competition No. 4 is a PDI competition with the subject "Open". All jpegs to be sent via email to [dave.p46@sky.com](mailto:dave.p46@sky.com) or on a memory stick by **Monday 9th January**. Please make a new years resolution to get all your images to the competition secretary on time please.



Jan Wilson

A big thanks to **Mary-Jane Eaton** for all the work that went into making last night such a huge success. It's much appreciated. Thanks to **Les Arnott** for the music, it's a bit unfair one person getting all the talent like that!!!!





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## 48th SMETHWICK INTERNATIONAL

7<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023

THE UKFIAP EXHIBITION CENTRE  
THE OLD EXCHANGE HOUSE,  
CHURCHBRIDGE, OLDSLEY,  
WEST MIDLANDS (Junction 2 M5)

SEE ALL ACCEPTED PROJECTED DIGITAL IMAGES  
AND A STUNNING AUDIO-VISUAL SHOW  
AND VIEW NEARLY 1000 ACCEPTED PRINTS

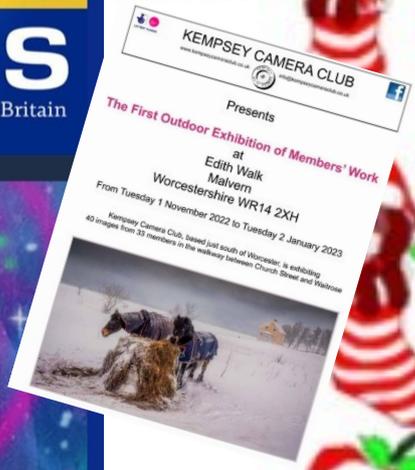
BOOKS OPEN ONE HOUR BEFORE PROJECTION IMAGE

| Category        | Open | Close | Open | Close |
|-----------------|------|-------|------|-------|
| Black & White   | 7am  | 10am  | 10am | 12pm  |
| Colour          | 7am  | 10am  | 10am | 12pm  |
| Experimental    | 7am  | 10am  | 10am | 12pm  |
| Natural History | 7am  | 10am  | 10am | 12pm  |
| Monochrome      | 7am  | 10am  | 10am | 12pm  |
| Portrait        | 7am  | 10am  | 10am | 12pm  |
| Street          | 7am  | 10am  | 10am | 12pm  |
| Travel          | 7am  | 10am  | 10am | 12pm  |
| Wildlife        | 7am  | 10am  | 10am | 12pm  |
| Winter          | 7am  | 10am  | 10am | 12pm  |

TICKETS £4.00 (ALL DAYS)

MAKE A DATE IN YOUR DIARY TO VISIT THIS GREAT INTERNATIONAL  
EXHIBITION AND AUDIO-VISUAL SHOW  
OPEN TO ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS  
ADVANCE BOOKING (GUARANTEED SEATS)  
(limited to opening days)

[www.smethwickinternational.com](http://www.smethwickinternational.com)



## Photo Talks UK

Weekly talks on zoom  
£3.75 per ticket



See e-news for this special offer



I wonder if, sometimes, we forget how fortunate we are to have so many excellent exhibitions in this country with internationals such as The Midland Salon, Bristol and Southampton; then there are the nationals like Southport, Midland Monochrome and Shrewsbury not to mention club exhibitions such as Leicester and Leicestershire

as well as a host of others. But how many of us take the time to attend these? I agree that it does not make much sense to travel half-way across the country to see some pictures, however beautiful, for a couple of hours but then there are so many events and they are spread around so well that we are all within reasonable striking distance of at least one or two each year. Although on those rare occasions when I gain an award attendance is very high on my priority list almost regardless of distance.

Sure, we can see the images in the on-line gallery or in one of those all too rare, printed catalogues but this can never compare with actually being there for the showings. Dropping into these exhibitions is, as I see it, an essential part of my photographic journey; I get to see what others are doing, gain inspiration from their work and, this is especially true for print exhibitions, I get the chance to study real quality in images and consider how my work stacks up against the best. An image may look great on your computer monitor but it can be something else projected onto a big screen. I also get to meet up with old friends; make new acquaintances and over the years watch these become real friends. I also get to say a personal thank you to those selfless volunteers who devote countless hours, often at the expense of their own photography, to running the exhibition so I can show my work there.

Bob Goode ARPS EFIAP/g CPAGB BPE3

**Vale of Evesham Camera Club - National Digital Internet Exhibition Photo2023**

Accepted images on website from 12th April 2023

Vale of Evesham Camera Club proudly announces the staging of our 34th Annual and 25th National Exhibition [www.photo2023.net](http://www.photo2023.net) which has both BPE and PAGB patronage (No. 2023-022).

**The Exhibition is open to 4 Digital Categories:-**

- Colour Images
- Experimental/Creative Images
- Monochrome Images
- Natural History Images

**NOTE:** The exhibition uses the size format 1600x1200 pixels.

**SELECTORS:-**

- Sandie Cox** ARPS, DPAGB, EFIAP – Experimental, Monochrome and Natural History
- Martin Fry** FRPS, EFIAP/g3, FBPE – Colour, Monochrome and Natural History
- Paul Hassell** FRPS, FIPS, MPAGB, FBPE – Colour, Experimental and Monochrome
- Jenny Hibbert** MPAGB, EFIAP/g, AWPf – Colour, Experimental and Natural History

**Entry can be made easily online at [www.photo2023.net](http://www.photo2023.net). Every entrant receives a Printed A4 Colour Catalogue.**

**photo 2023**

**VECC National Internet Exhibition**

The Vale of Evesham Camera Club

Patronage of the British Photographic Association

**Exhibition Website opens for entries 1st January 2023**

**KEY DATES:-**

**Last date for Entries: Tuesday 28th February 2023**

Selection: Sat 11th and Sun 12th March 2023

Accepted images will be viewable on the exhibition website [www.photo2023.net](http://www.photo2023.net) from 12th April 2023 until the following years' exhibition.





# MidPhot 2023

## Celebrating 60 years of MidPhot

Opens for entries Jan 1st  
closing date for entries: Feb 11th

Exhibition will be held at the  
Old Schoolhouse, Churchbridge, Oldbury  
March 22nd to 26th

Newbury Park Buses © David Bray Dunchurch PS

### Classes and Awards

#### Colour Prints

Best Print–Judith & Roger Parry Trophy  
Best Landscape–MidPhot Golden Jubilee Trophy  
Best Portrait–Jill and Peter Young Trophy

#### Monochrome Prints

Best Print -Terry Chapman Trophy  
Best Landscape–Phil Swain Trophy  
Best Portrait Print

#### Projected Digital Images

Best General Image–Mildred Sothorn Trophy  
Best Landscape–Graham Hodgkiss Trophy  
Best Contemporary Image–Bert Gutteridge Trophy  
Best Projected Portrait–Sutton Coldfield Trophy

#### Nature Prints

Best Print–Alex Watson Memorial Trophy  
Best Print of a Mammal–David Moore Trophy

#### Nature Projected Images

Best Image–MCPF 75th Anniversary Trophy  
MidPhot Nature Trophy

Each judge in each class will be able to award an  
MCPF Medal to a photograph of their choice.  
MCPF Ribbons will be awarded in each class.



MidPhot 2023  
60<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition  
of Midland Photography  
Wednesday 22nd March  
to  
Sunday 26th March  
2023  
  
General Prints, General Projected Images  
Anne Sutcliffe FRPS EFIAP APSA PPSA  
Stephanie Cook LRPS DPAGB APAGB EFIAP/s  
Diane Seddon ARPS CPAGB AFIAP BPE3  
  
Nature Prints & Nature Projected Images  
Jenny Hibbert MPAGB, EFIAP/g AWPf  
Sue Hartley DPAGB BPE 2  
Sandie Cox ARPS DPAGB EFIAP

Cloning date for entries: 11th February 2023  
Cut-off for entries: 11th February 2023  
For more information visit our website at [www.midphot.org.uk](http://www.midphot.org.uk)

MidPhot is the only system that has been the MidPhot logo of the MCPF website  
www.midphot.org.uk

THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE, CHURCHBRIDGE, OLDBURY B99 2JG

**General Prints, General Projected Images**  
Anne Sutcliffe FRPS EFIAP APSA PPSA  
Stephanie Cook LRPS DPAGB APAGB EFIAP/s  
Diane Seddon ARPS CPAGB AFIAP BPE3

**Nature Prints & Nature Projected Image**  
Jenny Hibbert MPAGB, EFIAP/g AWPf  
Sue Hartley DPAGB BPE 2  
Sandie Cox ARPS DPAGB EFIAP



EVERY ENTRANT WILL RECEIVE A COMMEMORATIVE RIBBON

Let's see if we can make 2023 the best year for MidPhot entries and get a record number of acceptances from Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced.



# CHRISTMAS QUIZ



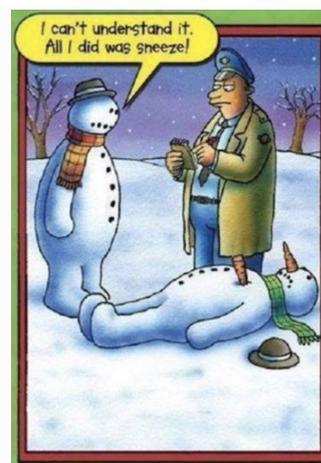
## CHRISTMAS FUN QUIZ 2022

- 1 What year were the electric lights introduced on Christmas trees a) 1900 b) 1882
- 2 Which alcohol is usually put into a trifle a) Sherry b) Whiskey
- 3 What year did Mariah Carey have a hit with "All I want for Christmas"  
a) 1990 b) 1994
- 4 How many scrabble points are scored with the word Christmas a) 16 b) 20
- 5 What is the name of Anna and Elsa's kingdom in the film "Frozen"  
a) Vanderville b) Arendelle
- 6 What type of food is a "pumpernickel" a) bread b) biscuit
- 7 What is a Christmas tree with fake snow called a) cotton tree b) flocked tree
- 8 What is the young actor's name who is left behind in the film "Home Alone"  
A) Kevin McCallister b) Kevin McCaw
- 9 Are Jaffa Cakes legally classified as a biscuit or cake a) biscuit b) cake
- 10 What is the name of Rene's wife in "Allo Allo" a) Edith b) Marg
- 11 Which flower comes from the ancient Greek word for "star" a) Pointer b) Aster
- 12 What period drama became the biggest Netflix show in January 2021  
A) Crown b) Bridgerton
- 13 What is mixed together to make the cocktail "dark and stormy"  
A) Guinness and blackcurrant b) Dark rum and ginger beer
- 14 What kind of aircraft is featured in the latest Top Gun film  
a) Lightning F35B b) F18 Superhornet
- 15 What was the name of the pub in Peaky Blinders where they often met  
A) Garrison Tavern b) Ship Inn

Another great quiz from Roy. This quiz is a fun quiz for members to test their brain cells without referring to google for the answers. See how many you get right. Some answers you will know and others you can have an educated guess. A 50% chance of getting it right. **This is a fun quiz, do not send your answers in to Roy. Answers in the next newsletter. Thanks Roy**



# QUIZ TIME



No. 16 An extra question to answer !

What was the first full programme to be shown on TV for Channel 4 in 1982 launched in the afternoon a) Place in the Sun b) Countdown

## CRACKER JOKES

Archaeologists in Egypt have discovered a tomb with a gold lining, filled with nuts and chocolate. They think it belonged to Pharaoh Rocher!

Did you hear about the pizza delivery man who was found lying in the street covered in anchovies, spicy beef, pineapple and pepperoni? - The police say he topped himself!

I hope you all a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR and will see you in 2023



## Programme January 2023

MON

**09**

### Guest Speaker - Ashley Franklin

JAN

**19:30** 'Davy Suite' Lea Hall Miners Welfare Centre

2023

Tonight our Guest Speaker is Ashley Franklin with his presentation 'Under a Tuscan Sky'

MON

**16**

### Practical Evening     Skills Evening

JAN

**19:30** 'Davy Suite' Lea Hall Miners Welfare Centre

2023

Practical Evening. Where some teach & others learn

MON

**23**

### Monthly Competition No.4

JAN

**19:30** 'Davy Suite' Lea Hall Miners Welfare Centre

2023

Monthly Competition No.4

Projected Digital Images: Subject 'Open'

Judge: Rob Ings

MON

**30**

### Guest Speaker - Chris Upton

JAN

**19:30** 'Davy Suite' Lea Hall Miners Welfare Centre

2023

Tonight our Guest Speaker is Chris Upton with his presentation 'The Art of Travel Photography'



Return visit by **Ashley Franklin**. His website will give members an insight into his presentation "Under a Tuscan Sky"  
[Click here for website.](#)

**Skills Evening** Stephen Frost has organised another great evening. More information by 9th January so you can decide on what you want to do. Don't forget your cameras and laptops and flash. A few of the skills are set out below.

- Margaret Beardsmore : Know your Camera to include depth of field and understanding the camera triangle i relationship between ISO ,Shutter speed, and F stop
- Steve Moore : Session 1 Basic Lightroom. Session 2 More advanced Lightroom .I have asked Steve if he can include resizing images.
- Lida Shaw (not yet confirmed) Photo stacking , and extension tubes.
- Les Arnott : Camera Flash,Camera triggers, and how to set up your camera to use flash.
- Dave Perry : Mount cutting and tips on how to mount a photograph.
- Stephen Frost : Topic yet to be determined .alternatively Modeling for Les Arnott

#### SMALL GROUP & ONE TO ONE TUITION

Mutually Convenient Dates



Another return visit from Chris Upton. To see Chris's work please go to his website.

[Click here for website.](#)

All I want for Christmas is you...

Just kidding.  
Get me camera equipment.





## Chappers Photography

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Red Kite Hide  
Photography...

Wed, 22 Feb | Rhayader



Harriers & Eagles  
Photography...

Tue, 04 Apr | Lakenheath



Osprey Photography  
Hide Workshops

Mon, 10 Apr | Oakham



Wild West  
Photography...

Sat, 13 May | Laredo Western Tow...



Battle of the Alamo –  
Full Scale Re-...

Sat, 17 Jun | Abbots Bromley



Heritage Day 2023 -  
'At the Movies'

Sat, 12 Aug | Abbots Bromley



**Chappers Photography**

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Battle of the Alamo - full scale reenactment photography event.

On 17th June I will be hosting a full scale battle reenactment just for photographers – I don't think there has ever been a photography workshop on this scale before! Expect around 200 reenactors recreating the Battle for the Alamo just for photographers -

<https://www.chappersphotography.co.uk/event-details/battle-of-the-alamo-full-scale-reenactment-photography-workshop>

This event is still on early bird price offer plus an additional 10% off with the 'Xmassaver' code!

#reenactment #reenactments #reenactmentlife #reenactmentphoto  
#reenactmentphotograph #reenactmentphotography #reenactmentphotographer  
#reenactmentphotography\_ #reenactmentphotographers #alamo #battleofthealamo



**Lee Chapman** shared a post.

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This is the biggest photography event I have ever attempted to organise... what could possibly go wrong?



British Mammal  
Photography...

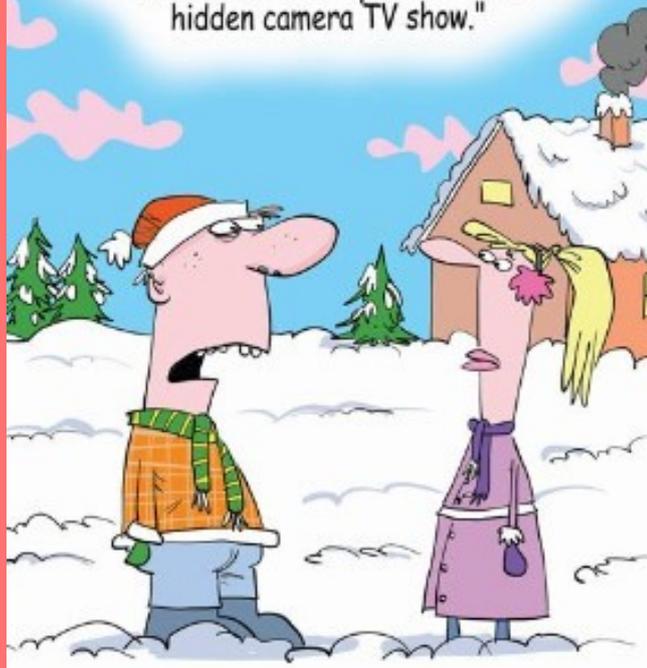
Sun, 15 Oct | Rugeley



# HAPPY NEW YEAR



"Think about it... a fat guy in a red suit who lives at the North Pole with a bunch of elves and drives a sleigh guided by flying reindeer. We've GOT to be part of some hidden camera TV show."



Merry Christmas

