

Phoenix Photographic Group

Newsletter from meeting of 12th June 2017

Introduction

Just two items this week – news (plus this & that) followed by a presentation by John Ford on Google's Nik Collection of discrete image editing tools. There were 18 members at the hall.

News Items

As the people attending each weekly meeting can vary, Joe asked again for interest in proposed JCB and Curborough Trials Circuit visits. Response similar to last week – two for Curborough, 6 for JCB. Joe will publicise the planned events in the Phoenix Newsletter; if quorums are achieved the events will be arranged and announced.

A heads-up on a future event to honour the memory of John Simons was given. Peter Sidgwick and John Plester will be invited, as will Jean via Peter. Bob B suggested some Rugeley & Armitage members might provide material and attend – all agreed this was appropriate and Bob asked to 'arrange'. The date will be set and announced at next Monday's meeting.

There will be no meeting next week as Joe & Ian are going to be in Abbots Bromley.

Joe gave a suggestion for a place to photograph abundant wild flowers – that are just coming into impressive bloom – also insects feeding on the pollen.

He also showed a press cutting of an event held 50 years ago in Tamworth. People were asked to identify one of the people in its photo. The photo is shown below in Members' Pics. If you were not at the meeting, guess away!

Members advised a host of upcoming events people may wish to attend and take photos:

24 th June	Great Wryley Carnival
24 th June	Birmingham Steam (Trains) Festival at Tyseley Loco Works
24 th June	Armed Forces Event at Cannock Park
25 th June	Armed Forces Event at the National Arboretum
28 th August	ROSA Rugeley 10K Run starts 11:00 at Leisure Centre

Bob Bell asked if members would come to a Phoenix Music group meeting on Thursday morning in about 3 weeks' time to take photos. Four members volunteered.

Bob also announced that he intends to set up a professional studio + model shoot one Monday afternoon; he will ask for an initial £5 from people saying they will come {as no money tends to end in shaky commitment!}. Probably can cope with 20 people. 7 people said they want to attend.

Activities

The major session for the afternoon was a stonking session on three Google Nik modules led by John Ford.

John stepped through several worked examples, taking a base photo and processing it with Viveza, Color Efex Pro and Silver Efex Pro. It was a terrific explanation of the immense range of capabilities of all three modules.

Whilst there is no announced plan to cease download availability of the software, members were advised to take advantage of the free download immediately.

The group was very appreciative of this excellent session. Thank you John.

Members' Pics:

Please forward **Any Pics** you want to be included to

ianchalstead@yahoo.co.uk

Should the images sent not be of the "Topics" in current use, they will be kept in your file and brought out when a relevant topic has been introduced.

Topics

Coverall

Summer
Holiday Snaps

Mainstream

Roads
Wildlife
Architecture

Next Meeting

There will be no meeting, next week, 19th June. Ian & Joe will be taking photographs in Abbots Bromley at the time the meeting would have occurred. If any other members decide to go to Abbots Bromley independently, I'm sure we could meet up for a cup of tea at 3:30.

Should the weather forecast threaten this plan, an e-mail may be sent to advise a conventional meeting.

Members Pics



Joe's Edit

Guess Who?

e-mail your guess



Ian Halstead

Architecture



Bob Southall

Holiday



Bob Bell

Roads



Les Atkins

Roads



Bob Southall

Wildlife