

# Phoenix Photographic Group

## Newsletter from meeting of 13-Mar-2017

### Introduction:-

Ian greeted everyone and opened the meeting. The meeting today was to try to improve our abilities using cameras to take head and shoulder portraits.

### News Items:-

Next Monday the Photographic show is taking place at the NEC Birmingham. If anyone is interested then the entrance fees are £10.95 (concession) for pre booked tickets or £15.00 (concession) on the day.

### Activities:-

This week we started by running a short tutorial lent to us by Arthur & Paul Davies. This explained the art of taking portraits. Showed some of the different ways of positioning lights, of using flash to best effect. It also suggested some basic camera settings from which to start and then move onto further refine both camera settings and your techniques.

3 different stages were set up, each using a different lighting scenario.

1 used cool floodlighting from each side of the subject, with personal choice to use you camera flash from the front. Another, used the natural light from the open doors which look out on to the car park. And finally a stage with defused natural back lighting for producing portrait silhouettes.

### Topics currently are:-

**Silhouettes**  
**Facial Expressions**  
**Visions in Red**

Please forward any images which you wish to show to  
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### Next Meeting:-

Monday 20 March 2017.

There will not be a meeting at Etchinghill Village Hall next Monday. Ian & Joe, along with others, will be visiting Barton Marina. Obviously the really keen amongst us may choose to go, instead to the NEC – it is entirely your choice.

## **Barton Marina.**

Barton Marina has rows of colourful canal boats, a waterfront promenade with Shops, Pub, Cinema, Cafes and a Restaurant..

For those who have not previously visited this place it is easily reached off the A38.

Leave the A38 at the Barton under Needwood exit and follow signs to Barton Under Needwood. Having left the slip roads and roundabouts of the junction, heading towards Barton the turn for the Marina comes up very quickly on the left. Follow signs to the Marina. Pass the blue sign to the left and then turn right into the car park.

There are 3 entrances to the Marina proper, by walking round the pub "Waterfront", by walking through an arch halfway down. Or by walking round the Cinema end.

From around 3:15 to 3:30 we will be sat outside The "Waterfront" (weather permitting) enjoying a nice cup of tea. Please come and join the throng.

## **Members Pics**



Silhouettes

Ian Halstead



Joe Thatcher

Silhouettes



Ann Mayo

Silhouettes



Bob Bell

Silhouettes



Bob Southall

Facial Expressions



Sue Tagg

Facial Expressions



Wanted – Dead or Alive

Substantial Reward