

Phoenix Photographic Group

Newsletter from meeting of 24 April 2017

Introduction:-

The meeting opened by Ian welcoming everyone to the meeting, 16 members present. Apologies from Joe, due to constraints of unavoidable domestic duties. Ian then went on to outline the itinerary for the afternoon. A short talk by John Turner followed by activities to try and improve our ability to take advertising picture of items we wish to sell using on line media such as eBay.

News Items:-

John Simons is in New Cross Hospital, Ward 24, and has been for the last week. We wish him a speedy recovery. I'm sure if you visit John will be very pleased to see you.

Again the problem of what can we photograph in public has risen its head again. A letter written by Andrew Trotter Chief Constable and issued by the Association of Chief Police Officers of England, Wales & Northern Ireland, gives guidance. A copy of the letter was handed out at the meeting, Should you need a copy, please email ianchalstead@yahoo.co.uk

Just prior to the meeting I received a copy of WHN a motor magazine. Within this I read an article which discussed at some length an interview with Martin Parr, President of the Magnum Photographers. Magnum are a peer run group of professional photographers, founded in 1947, who the members elect new members into their ranks. Currently there are 49 members worldwide. I read to the group some of the article which carried a similar message in many areas, which we as a group continually aspire to meet. One final comment which is valid for all photographers. "If you want to take great pictures. Look at great pictures".

I explained as next week was a Bank Holiday there would be no meeting. This was met with cries of protest. Clearly a meeting was wanted, and therefore on Monday 1st May we will be at Etching Hill, as normal. See "Next Meeting" for details.

Rob Cross thought the present system of Topics was missing some of the opportunities which are around at different times of the year. Over the next few

weeks we will be looking at ways in which we can put an umbrella over the chosen topics to cover a wider spectrum of subjects.

Current Topics:-

**Facial Expression
Architecture
Wildlife**

Please forward your pics to:- ianchalstead@yahoo.co.uk

Activities:-

We opened with John Turner, along with technical operator Sandra. John started talking about his time as merchant seaman, about his time in many ports, which he illustrated with photos of the time. He then moved on to how he found himself on the catwalk as a model, again with photos to show his prowess. He then told about his time in Athletics, travelling the world with the team. Finally talking about his retirement, his allotment, and his time with Phoenix in general. Taking time to explain how he gained knowledge with the photo group to improve his pictures. Thank you John for an entertaining half hour.

Moving on to the afternoons main activity, I started by explaining how I had learned to sell using eBay. Showing some of the pics I had used in the selling process.

I had brought to the meeting, some new items of automotive hardware which I bought as new old stock several years ago. Most have now been sold on, but these remain and as such were used as models. Also I brought some Zippo lighters which had quite small but important writing on the base.

Next Meeting:- Mon 1st May

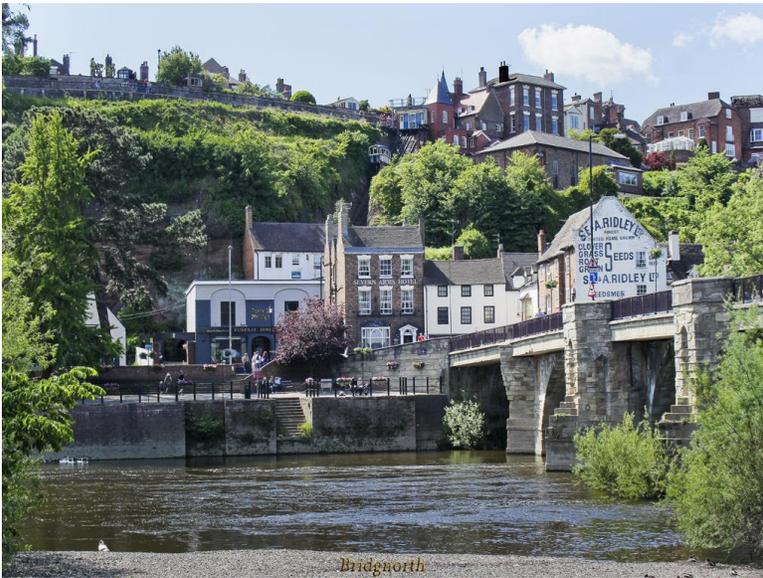
Old photo repair. Bring your old photos and your cameras and your tripods.

Members Pics:-



Ann Mayo

Wildlife



Bob Southall

Architecture



Geoff Alsop

Facial expression



John Ford

Facial Expression