

# Phoenix Photographic Group

## Newsletter from Meeting of 22 Oct 2018

### **Introduction: -**

Ian opened the meeting, welcoming the 17 members present. Outlining the afternoons activities. An AV from Bob Bell and talk from Geoff Setterfield about boating on the canals of Britain.

### **News Items: -**

A short news discussion regarding the present position of the PPG finances. Ian out lined the current account balance and told the meeting he had introduced a Petty cash account for those small purchases.

### **Activities: -**

Bob Bell Started the afternoons proceedings with his AV about a joint venture between Lister – Petter and a Chinese company building new and remanufacturing truck engines.

Geoff then took the floor.

This was a rerun of a talk he gave earlier in the year which was enjoyed by the members present at that time, Geoff agreed to repeat the exercise for those not present then.

The talk started quite naturally with the Trent and Mersey canal, its length, 92 miles, with 76 locks. Bringing out features of the canal

around Rugeley and surrounding areas, further explained with new and old pictures of Rugeley. His talk went much further afield to the end of the Trent & Mersey with pictures and description of the Anderton Boat Lift. Descriptions of parts of Worcester, its bridges, its Cathedral and the vagaries of canal boating on a flowing river, such as the River Severn, which is a very different experience to canals. We then travelled on the river Avon, visited Wales and Llangollen canal, with pictures of the aqueduct at Chirk and the famous Thomas Telford cast iron aqueduct at Pontcystellte. Going further along the canal towpath passed Llangollen to the weir at horseshoe falls on the river Dee, where water is fed from the river, into the canal. A very entertaining, instructive talk and picture show enjoyed by all present. Four images from the talk are shown below. Thank you, Geoff.

Then a discussion took place about how we should approach a different way of looking at straight from the camera images. A suggestion that each member who submits images should limit them to specific number. 3 or 5 was put forward. It was clear from the discussion it was an idea worth pursuing. But we need to be clear as a group of its objectives & set clear parameters as to what, as a group, we want and need to get from the exercise. Whether it's a one off, or a regular event. If it's a regular event then we need to be clear on its frequency. I think we need more discussion on this subject, before we launch into the subject.

**Next Meeting: -**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October @ 1.45 pm Etchingill Village Hall. When Bob Southall will introduce us to Macro Photography

## Members Pics

### Topics

Autumn Colours

Holiday Snaps

Transport

Dereliction

City Life

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Entrance to Hardcastle Tunnel

Geoff Setterfield



Wharfe Cottage

Geoff Setterfield



Moored at Tewkesbury

Geoff Setterfield



Misty morning on the Avon

Geoff Setterfield