

# Phoenix Photographic Group

## Newsletter from Meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018

### Introduction

Ian opened the November “Members Pics” by welcoming all 21 Members present.

This “Members Pics was slightly different than earlier meetings, in that we also viewed prints. Followed by the results of the stop frame animation exercise, that had taken place a couple of weeks earlier. And Bob Bell’s “animated jpeg”, of which more, next Monday.

### News Items

No real news this week other than the new “Topic”. Which in a complete variation from the norm of the last few years, we are having an OPEN session. All the current topics have been swept away for the month of November. Anything goes. As long as it’s decent and legal.

### Activities

The activities began with John Ford getting the “Prints” going. Displaying his prints from the front, giving the details of each picture then passing them around the room for people to have a closer look. This exercise was repeated with prints from:

Bob Bell

Marie Lakin

Margaret Cross

Rob Cross

Frank Gill

Geoff Setterfield

The next element of the meeting - viewing the stop frame animations. Two groups had created the images used to build these animated films – one loosely called “John Ford’s group”, the other “Geoff Setterfield’s group”. John’s storyboard was of a pop group performing on stage with guitar and microphone; Geoff’s a couple of Sumo wrestlers, battling it out until both fell to the floor. Both of these animations turned out to be highly successful and recognizable. As the original images were also in John’s camera, he had the opportunity to build an alternative, tailored version to which he added both titles and a Queen soundtrack. It was brilliant, though I guess Freddie Mercury is probably turning in his grave ... but where? Zanzibar? Lac Leman? West Ken? This may be PPG’s greatest ever mystery.

And finally, we started what has become the traditional “Members Pics”.

For next hour or so we displayed 160+ pictures from more contributors than we have seen for some time. Some of these images were selected for further manipulation in the follow up session.

Having finished the viewing, a discussion started around the issue of Picture Frames for Stafford Hospital.

Marie Lakin who very kindly organizes and hangs the pictures within the hospital reported some of the original frames, which have been in use for some years are becoming unusable .

The discussion which took place, was around who should buy the replacements.

It was thought, though by no means certain, the original frames were financed or supplied by the hospital management.

During the discussion it was agreed by all present, an approach be made to the hospital management for funding of replacements, plus additional monies for a further 10 frames which Marie has found locations for. I agreed during the next week or so we will write to Stafford hospital management to try and clarify the position.

## Next Meeting

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November at Etching Hill Village Hall. When we will be looking at selected images which we try to improve. And a number of other items.

## Members Pics

Topics

OPEN

Any picture which is decent and legal, taken by the member submitting the image

Please send your images to:-

[ianchalstead@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ianchalstead@yahoo.co.uk)



Alan Shaw

Autumn colours



Geoff Setterfield

Autumn Colours



Bob Bell

Holiday Snaps



Joe Thatcher

Dereliction



Sue Tagg

Transport



Geoff Allsop

Holiday Snaps