

Phoenix Photographic Group

Newsletter from Meeting of 12th Nov 2018

Introduction

This was a “Members’ Pics” Part 2 week. For this type of meeting it wasn’t a bad turnout – 15 members. But we’ve noticed there are many people who don’t come to these sessions and wonder if the attraction of re-visiting some of the pics shown on the previous Monday might be waning. Also, for this week, only three photos had been earmarked for discussion and adjustment. Consequently we’d pulled together various other items and introduced the afternoon in tribute to our founder, Miss Ella Knee. Joe was rightly rebuked and abused for delivering such a dreadful pun in public.

News Items

Ian asked everybody to mark photos they send to him as either ‘standard member’s pics’ or ‘autumn straight from the camera’.

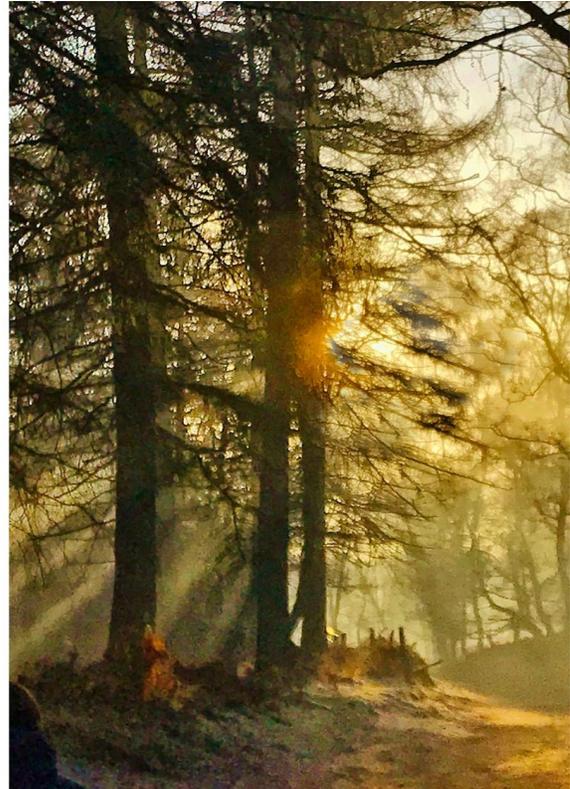
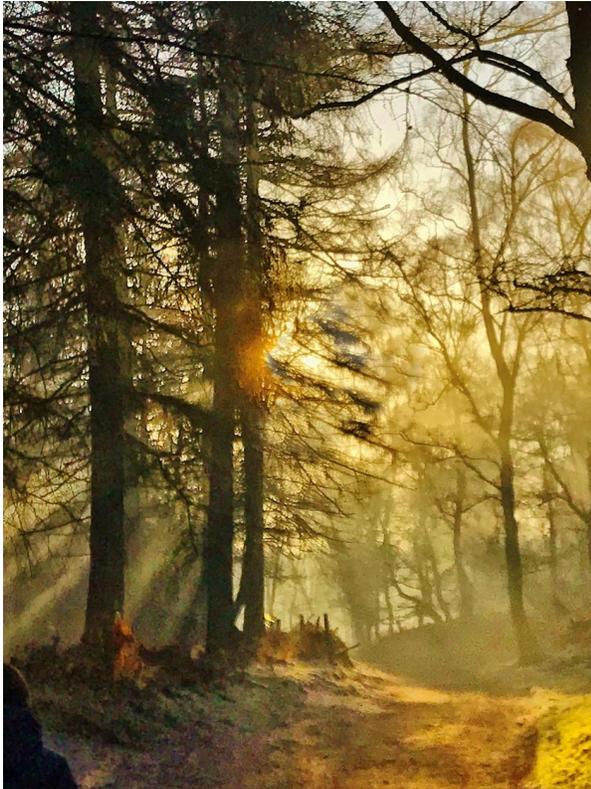
Activities

The first item was a look at those three member’s pics.



Strangely this GIMP correction caused a lot of debate as it had been achieved by a simple rotation, crop, followed by some copying and pasting of sky etc areas to fill in the gaps. Plus there was a general demand to get rid of the black spit/island on the right.

The next photo was Geoff Setterfield's sun behind the tree; discussion about this was really interesting. It had previously been suggested that the photo could be improved by cropping out the tree on the right. Both Joe and Geoff had done precisely that:

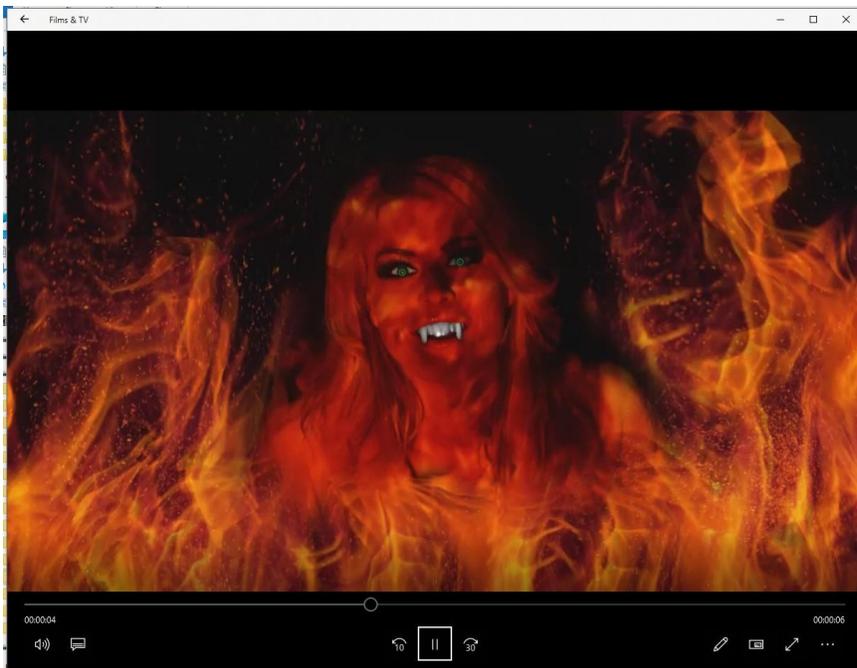


And it was generally agreed that the picture was not improved at all in this way.

Lastly we had Marie's photo of Tyneham Village, where some inconsiderate tourist wearing a brilliant white top had had the audacity to stand behind a window embrasure, where she could be clearly seen in the photo. Again, by simply copying and pasting from areas of another window embrasure, Joe had removed the lady from the scene.



We then looked at Bob Bell's jpeg > mpeg transformation:



Bob showed us, on the computer, exactly how he'd managed to get dynamic movement out of a static image using Corel PhotoMirage. Very clever!

This was followed by an excellent talk and demonstration (again by Bob) on the use of a free piece of software (CombineZP):



that carries out all the image stacking, scaling, aligning and combining that are necessary to 'amalgamate' a set of images created with varying focal points ... i.e. it lets you perform photo stacking. Software can be downloaded at:

<https://combinezp.software.informer.com/>

(as per image above).

Next Meeting

Monday 19th November at Etching Hill Village Hall. David Dixon will be delivering an illustrated talk on Steam Locomotives from around the world, based on his own travels and photography. He's a true transport expert, so this should be an excellent session!

Members Pics

Topics

OPEN

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

Please send your images to:-

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Geoff Setterfield

Squirrel

Holiday Snaps



Sue Tagg

City Life



Bob Bell

Holiday Snaps