

# Phoenix Photographic Group

## Newsletter from Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019

### Introduction

With some difficulty, Ian opened the meeting. A public apology from Joe to Sandra whom he erroneously accused of contributing to the din. We're seriously considering a double-trumpet horn for Ian, as the present model doesn't seem to bring the meeting to order effectively. Especially when 24 members have turned up for the meeting. But they'd turned up in numbers for good reason as you'll see below .....

### News Items

Ian updated the group on the hospital photos. Marie and Joe had been to the hospital and removed all the PPG prints as planned. Marie had brought a number with her for the owners to collect. The nursing staff at Stafford had expressed a good deal of cynicism about "Stoke" delivering on its intentions to populate outpatients with staff photographs.

Frank mentioned a number of events that provide photo opportunities; details for people wanting to take advantage of these are:

Newstead Abbey and Steampunk Picnic 28th July

<https://www.newsteadabbey.org.uk/visit/>

1940's At Stonehurst Farm, Mountsorrel 17th August

<https://www.operationcharnwood.co.uk/operation-charnwood>

Gloucester Goes Retro 24th August

## **Activities**

There was just one item on the agenda this afternoon – Tony Slater delivering a presentation of his activities over the past 10/12 years as a birdwatcher. Tony explained that he isn't first and foremost a photographer and that he started by taking 'record shots' - which record the fact that he's actually seen the bird in question. Such is his dedication to the hobby – getting up at silly hours in the freezing cold, lying for long periods in mud, etc etc – that he started to capture some excellent and unusual images. His techniques and skills quickly developed, so whilst he'll still say he's a birdwatcher and not a photographer, he was able to keep the group pretty spellbound for a couple of hours simply because his pictures are so impressive.

Everybody enjoyed the presentation and was keen for Tony to do a second 'show' sometime in the future.

## **Next Meeting**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at Etching Hill Village Hall @ 1.45.

When Ian will be picking his way carefully through the Members' Pics!

## **Members Pics**

### **Topics**

Open

Anything which is legal, decent & your work.

Please send your images to:

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

No attached members' pics this week for logistical reasons!