

# Phoenix Photographic Group

## Newsletter from Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019

### Introduction

A high turnout yet again this week as 23 people attended for a practical session.

### News Items

The whole group was delighted that John Ford had come to the meeting, following his recent heart surgery. We warmly welcomed him back.

Bob Southall made an open offer to any members interested ... to provide some 'starter notes' for people using any version of PhotoShop, and to give some telephone support to people who followed them but still encountered difficulties. Bob explained that this is principally intended for people who have not used PhotoShop a lot, want to get more comfortable with using it but would appreciate help in getting over those initial hurdles associated with unfamiliarity. A piece of paper was circulated to record an e-mail list that Bob will manage to send out his cheat-sheets etc.

Rob and Bob Bell related cautionary tales about taking photos with no SD card or film inserted!

Bob also warned people not to buy mirrorless cameras that have no option to suspend exposure simulation when using flash. All a bit technical ... but a very important criteria IF you intend to buy a mirrorless camera in the future. Essentially the camera's a chocolate teapot in a flash situation if it doesn't allow you to suspend exposure simulation. Something you'd probably only discover once you'd spent you £400 plus.

### Activities

Joe gave a short presentation to introduce the practical exercise of photographing moving objects that could be relied upon to pass a specific point repeatedly – e.g. roundabouts, cricket balls, a dripping tap etc etc.

The intention of the afternoon was giving members opportunities to practice. Essential preparations were really to set manual focus and get the camera focused on the point the object would eventually show up and use a tripod and remote shutter control if possible.

It is then all down to anticipation, establishing your own 'cue' and timing of the shutter activation after getting that cue.



Joe and Bob Bell had provided several 'object launchers' of different types, to give members a range of situations that simulated conditions where people would want to set themselves up to take an impressive photo – for example a batsman being clean bowled.

## Next Meeting

Will be 25<sup>th</sup> February at the village hall. Baz Nelson will be talking to us about his project to photograph the inside and outside of Lichfield Cathedral. This will be more than just a 'slide show', including insights into how to get the best images under challenging lighting conditions, plus an AV that Bas has created from his photos.

## Members' Pics Topics

### Ad Images

Please send your images to: - [ianchalstead@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ianchalstead@yahoo.co.uk)



Bob Bell

Engine bay – Fierro's Garage - Edited



Alan Shaw

Stalactite



John Turner

Prospect of Whitby



Les Atkins

Les Dawson's Mother In Law



Roy Alexander

Street Vendors

**That's All Folks!!**