

Phoenix Photographic Group

Newsletter from Meeting of 19th Nov 2018

Introduction

Ian brought the meeting to order whilst Joe was still fighting the laptop and projector – the laptop was painting one image on its own screen and sending a different one to the projector! By a lucky twist of fate it all righted itself, well after a prolonged re-boot and finally sprang into life, ready for the afternoon's main event. Technology eh?

News Items

Ian again appealed for more photo submissions. Next week will be 'autumn straight from the camera', but do send a lot more of your ordinary Members' Pics please.

Sue told us that next week is the very last call for committing to Christmas Lunch at the Rag on 17th December. She'll need your £5 deposit immediately and very shortly afterwards – on 3rd Dec - the balance, which will be £14.95.

Joe reported that he's written to Stafford Hospital with a request for a dozen new frames. A copy of his letter is at the end of this Newsletter.

Activities

This week's main event was a photo-illustrated presentation by David Dixon, on the subject of railway trains. It was truly fascinating and much enjoyed by the audience. If you missed this afternoon, you missed a treat.



The presentation was grouped into sections, such as steam and electrics ... but went onto illustrate other aspects like structures and buildings, carriages and track and maintenance.



The danger in putting together a talk on a specialist area like this is that only a few can sustain interest. But David's approach was so informative, based on his photos and knowledge through travels all over the world, that even the "definitely-not-train-nutters" were engrossed.



Some of the photos and stories were unexpected – like this amazing junction on the Chicago 'L'.



And a fascinating tale about how, through a personal connection, with a favour owed, he'd been transported in 'royal' style in South America, in this carriage – complete with bath, bedroom, his own chef etc etc.

So once again, a big thanks to David for an entertaining afternoon.

Next Meeting

Monday 26th November at Etching Hill Village Hall. Autumn photos, straight from the camera. How did you do? Time to find out!!

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

Three members' pics this week:



Llandudno

Ian Halstead



I know not where!

Les Atkins



Middleport Pottery

Joe Thatcher

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18th November 2018

Mrs Claire MacKirdy
Director of Operations
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Dear Mrs MacKirdy

Photographs in the public areas of Outpatients – request for support

I'm writing to ask for your help with an aspect of Outpatients that has probably never been brought to your attention. It is however an aspect that has been of considerable value to visitors and patients for many years.

Over those years the Rugeley Phoenix Photographic Group has voluntarily – but in full agreement with the hospital – provided, and periodically refreshed, a large number of mounted photographic prints that can be seen today, hanging on the walls of the public areas. These prints help to make any hospital visit less imposing, creating interest and a talking point for patients who may be waiting for some time in the corridors and other designated areas.

When this long standing arrangement was originally made, the hospital provided all the frames. These had to comply with certain mandatory hospital specifications; they cannot, for example, include glass as the protective layer.

Outpatients, as you know, has recently undergone considerable refurbishment, at the conclusion of which we have recommenced the 'photo cycling' activity. But a couple of frames now need to be replaced and there is an opportunity to hang ten additional photos in new areas.

I'm writing to ask if you would be prepared to supply twelve new frames, to enable this improvement to be achieved.

Yours faithfully

George Thatcher

Leader – Photographic Section of the Rugeley Phoenix Activities Club