

# Phoenix Photographic Group

## Newsletter from Meeting of 1st July 2019

### **Introduction**

Fifteen men (and ladies) on a dead-man's chest this week and the sun was shining without – just as well since a part of our activity was to involve loitering in East Butts Road.

### **News Items**

Marie told us that the lady she deals with at Stafford Hospital Outpatients (Carol) is most upset that our photos will be taken away. Nevertheless, given the reply we received that is what will happen and Marie will go in with an assistant or two (Joe volunteered) in a couple of weeks to remove the photos and leave empty frames on the walls.

Rob Cross had brought along lots of photography magazines, CDs of software etc for anyone who might be interested.

John Ford mentioned to Joe that he'd discovered some extraordinarily rare bee orchids, in Rugeley near McDonalds, on a Phoenix walk. In the photos below I attach his photo and a couple of my own ... I followed his directions and they are truly amazing.

### **Activities**

This week's Camera Basics practical session was in two parts:

The first for each person to take a number of defined photos, using manual settings – which were noted – in an attempt to get some simple, but really good photos. This all went off remarkably well outside the hall where there was plenty of daylight.

There was an 'inside' challenge to photograph a shuttlecock falling. It was found to be much more difficult, even using flash and, given that shuttlecocks don't fall that fast, underlines the issues for sports photographers in covered venues.

The second part of the afternoon was looking at the results on the laptop, reading from SD cards. This was not far short of an unmitigated disaster as Windows File Explorer would not open the individual images in Photos.

We got around this to some extent by viewing the same files in ACDSee, but experienced some strange and unusual behaviours when driving this. These are problems we saw a couple of weeks ago but hadn't had time to investigate.

That said, we did view and compare many photos and were able to discuss the processes followed in taking them.

## **Next Meeting**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July at Etching Hill Village Hall 1.45pm.

Please bring all your kit with you ... except probably not a tripod. There will be a 20 minute challenge to take the best 'action shot'. The session will start with briefing followed by an energetic activity in just one part of the hall, that we'll ask you to capture. Don't forget your flash guns and, remembering the shuttlecock, the bigger the better!!

## **Members Pics**

### **Topics**

For this month the subject is **OPEN**.

Please send your images to

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