

Phoenix Photographic Group

Newsletter from Meeting of 24 June 2019

Introduction: -

Ian opened the meeting by welcoming members to the June “Members Pics”. Going on to explain today’s meeting would be in 2 parts. Starting with an item carried over from last weeks, meeting which ran over time. So, we would start with a slide show by Arthur Davies of pictures taken 50 years or so ago. Followed by Members Pics of unusual angles / unusual objects.

News Items: -

The main item of news was a letter from Stafford Hospital regarding the renewal of some picture frames which over time had become worn and unusable. This has you are aware been ongoing for some time and we were asked to apply to the Hospital Arts committee for a grant to cover the expenditure, which Joe did some months earlier and was reported in these columns at the time.

The reply from the hospital was, as one member of the assembled group put it “downright rude with no mention of thanks for the years of pleasure given to the patients waiting for treatment”. I have, for your information copied the letter below.

12th June 2019

Mr Thatcher
143 Bower Lane
RUGELEY
Staffs
WS15 2TS

University Hospital of North Midlands NHS Trust
County Hospital
Weston Road
STAFFORD
Staffordshire
ST16 3SA

Dear Mr Thatcher,

Re : Artwork Proposal

Many apologies for not replying sooner.

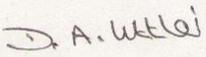
Further to your proposal from Phoenix Photographic Group, Rugeley. This proposal was discussed at the Arts Steering Group on the 4th June 2019.

Following on from this meeting, it is with regret that the Group rejected your proposal as they are planning a separate project involving staff that will help with Artwork around our County site.

We recently implemented a staff photography competition for display at Royal Stoke with great success. We want to do the same at County, improving perception of the hospital environment whilst celebrating and advertising the talents of our staff. Prints will also be on aluminium panels, as opposed to wooden frames, improving compliance with new fire regulations, reducing cleaning requirements and supporting better IPP.

If you require any more help or assistance in this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,


PP. Claire MacKirdy
Director of Operations for County and the Community

Armed with this information we asked for the opinion of the assembled group, which 100% agreed we should cease activities with Stafford Hospital and recover all our pictures.

Rob Cross brought a tripod which he kindly donated to any member needing such a thing. Alan Shaw was in need and quickly expressed an interest. Alan offered a donation to club funds Thank you to both Rob and Alan.

Rob Cross also made the meeting aware of Lichfield Camera Club are holding an exhibition at Chasewater Innovation Centre 2nd to 25 July 10 am till 4pm Mon to Fri

To make the showing of slide images using our powerful Canon projector Bob Bell has loaned the club a digital slide projector. This will be kept on the trolley together with the projector.

Activities: -

Arthur showed his slides giving the details and some stories which were part of the history. Some of the slide had degraded with age, I understand can be recovered using Corel software if the slide picture is converted to a digital image.

We then moved into the Members pics. We had some 80 images which we were soon through. These images coming from just 7 members. This led to a discussion as to why fewer people are putting forward pictures. The discussion led us into the various reasons, restrictions, weather, seasons etc. Members put forward ideas such as rolling alphabetic, such ABC for 1 month, then DEF and so on. That way people could

submit pictures with subjects beginning with whichever group of letters were current at that particular month. Finally deciding to have an OPEN category for this next month only when we will try to sort out a system which meets the needs of our members.

The discussion then moved to printers and more especially printer inks.

Rob Cross told us he used printer ink.com, photospeed was another supplier.

To finish Steven Frost brought us some prints to look at. They were varied in subject and also printed on different types of paper. A paper Steven used, gave a very distinct difference to the image was a Titanium paper, very expensive, so great care had to be taken during the preparation to print so every sheet counted.

Thank you, Steven.

Next Meeting: -

Monday 1st July at Etching Hill Village Hall 1.45pm.

This will be a basics meeting so bring along your cameras and any other bits you might need.

Members Pics: -

Topics

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

Please send your images to: -

ianchalstead@yahoo.co.uk



Bob Bell

Pencil Sharpener in bits

Funny Images



Ivan Wilkes

Grippers

funny images



Alan Shaw

Split Tree

Funny Images