

# Phoenix Photographic Group

## Newsletter from Meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### Introduction

Another well attended meeting.

### News Items

Marie will be grateful for more photos for the hospital, if people can bring them in. The criteria is that they either are, or might be mistaken for, local areas. So a photo of trees taken from inside a forest in Scotland might well be OK, whereas a photo of Brighton Pier won't cut the mustard.

### Activities

We had just two items on the agenda this week. The first was a Powerpoint presentation by Roy Hodgkiss of his photographic exploits since the 1960's.

He showed the best 250 images and they were all outstanding. Wildlife, motor racing, locomotives, even models who were very scantily attired – he's photographed the lot with the same perceptive eye and understanding of the most effective exposure.

Everybody was most impressed and grateful to Roy for giving us a most entertaining presentation. A collection for charity was organized and this amassed £26.

The second item was a discussion about 'bought in' contributors. We've had many people running or modelling for sessions – such as Sue Day and Michelle Williams. They've all been 'mates' and have indulged us for free. We've almost exhausted our list of pro-bono contributors now, besides which there are other

people we can hire in for money offering different opportunities. The small animals, brought a week or so ago by Fiona Park was a good example.

This was your leaders' toe in the water, to gauge interest and willingness to contribute a bit extra to fund this sort of activity. But it did involve ensuring a 'quorum' in advance, collecting lots of £2 over several weeks, keeping a list of who had paid etc etc. Fine just once, but we leaders are not going to repeat that many times.

So what was suggested is a weekly sub of another 50p. So, 50p to Phoenix – for room hire, coffee etc and a separate 50p to PPG funds. And, over a year, we leaders will fix to spend that money on 'bought in' people to present, model or whatever.

The scheme to commence when Alan Shaw is back in harness and money collection etc is thus on a level ground.

This scheme was discussed and unanimously agreed. If any Newsletter readers, who were not present, have any objections to this, please let Bob, Ian or I know as soon as poss.

There was one "Any Other Business" item raised. This is a scheme communicated by CCDC who wish to refresh their stock photos of the local CCDC area. Their idea is that R&A camera club, Cannock camera club and PPG might 'split' the territory between them, go out and take photos of designated subject areas and give these images to CCDC for a payment of £150 to each club. And without any further thought given to it, that sounds like it might be a fair enough idea.

But a moment's further thought uncovers quite a range of less obvious, but nevertheless real issues. This would be our members involved in an activity for gain. Phoenix insurance doesn't cover that sort of thing, so your leaders would be exposed through encouraging you to do it. Then there's the question of rights to the images and any comeback through published photos of people or premises.

I can tell you that we're looking at this offer, but it's by no means a given that we'll take it up.

Next Meeting

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April (yes ... honestly) at the village hall.

**MEMBERS' PICS ..... WE NEED YOUR  
MEMBERS' PICS - PLEASE SEND SOME TO IAN**

Members Pics

**Topics**

Food

Not So Furry Animals Shoot

Table-Top Photos

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

No images this week – sorry. We will get a few of Roy's from his presentation and include them in future Newsletters.