

# Phoenix Photographic Group

## Newsletter from Meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

### Introduction

Sacre bleu – I look at my notes and realise I never noted how many people turned up for this meeting, but the number 16 is stuck in my head for some reason; so let's say that was it! Whatever, we kicked off our autumn term with a Members' Pics.

### News Items

Ian corrected the mail we'd sent out saying the total subs would be £1.50 this week. Tim had rightly pointed out that the increase in Phoenix subs to 50p/hour won't come into effect until it's ratified by the exciting AGM which will be held on September 19<sup>th</sup> at Lea Hall. Don't miss it folks. Sadly I shall be on a cruise when this takes place!

Ian also updated the group regarding Sandra being taken into hospital due to a severe asthma attack. The group send Sandra and John their best wishes.

The colour fidelity twixt laptop and projector – and indeed the Phoenix laptop members' laptops - was considered when we saw some photos with very bold colours. The question was asked if we still have the Spyder {which we do} followed up by a request to schedule a session specifically around the use of the Spyder.

### Activities

So, it was onto Members' Pics and Ian opened the session by saying that he hadn't received that many – at least not many from people who were present at that meeting. The protocol being that we only show the photos sent in by members who are actually there.

A "reviewers' panel" comprising Tim and Stephen was established and Ian kicked off the string of photo views. The topic was 'open' i.e. anything, so images of any subject were eligible. Consequently Ian had split them into his own categories of holidays, miscellaneous, birds, insects, animals and plants etc.

I think it's fair to say that we saw several pretty good photos.

Rob had also brought along a few of his mounted prints that he'd selected specifically to demonstrate that good photos don't have to be packed with colour, action, be busy all over etc. Rob's photos included a lot of 'blank' or 'blankish' space with other areas that really drew your

attention. Rob's small presentation was very effective ... naturally there were some good natured questions about 'why don't you crop it?', 'what's the subject?' etc !!

## **Future Meetings**

Next week we're at the village hall again and we'll be considering 'things you forgot to remember'. It's a camera basics session really, covering all the gotchas you have to hold in your mind the moment you switch that function button away from "Auto" or "Program".

## **Members' Pics Topics**

### **Still 'Open' – i.e. any subject**

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

**And here are a few images – some cleaned up to please the judges for the week! – from Monday's meeting .....**





Les





Maurice





Ian



Stephen



Roy

**That's All Folks!!**