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"Cleaning day"
- Derrick Whitmore

A Monthly Insight into the activities of Stroud Camera Club

STROUD CAMERA CLUB



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Welcome to Stroud Camera Club

We hope you enjoy this Newsletter. If you want any help with matters relating to the club, or your photography in general, we are here to help.

Chairman: Roger Matthews

Secretary: Trish Bloodworth

Treasurer: Leslie Holmes

Competitions: Richard Atkinson

Publicity: René Cason

Programme: Ali Garrett

For more information, including contact emails for all the committee please go to www.stroudcameraclub.co.uk



"Chinstrap penguin" – Leslie Holmes

Roger's (Final) Report

As we reach the end of another season of Club Nights it is time to pass the gavel to Mick West after serving the past four years as your Chairman. Where did the time go? To have served as your Chairman has been a real privilege and an immensely enjoyable experience thanks in no small part to an exceptional committee and to you, the members. Your friendship and support has been very much appreciated.

I am writing this, my final, Roger's report prior to the result of Thursday night's 3-team Challenge being known lest I sign-off with any hint of regret for what might have been. My team will either have delivered my third consecutive win...or, we will have been robbed 😊. Having completed my training as a club competition judge at the weekend, I can see how mistakes could be made, but I can confidently say that my team 'did good' whatever the result. Thank you not just to my team, but to all the members who regularly contribute their images to our competitions and Members' Nights - you are the reason why our Club is as vibrant and successful as it is.

Although I will be retiring from the Committee to give Mick free-rein to guide

the Club through the next chapter of its existence, I will continue to support the Club in any way that I can and will continue to play a part in selecting our external competition images. I have no doubt that the Club is in safe hands and will continue to thrive under Mick's guidance and with the support of your fantastic Committee - onwards and upwards!

The Club will be 85 years old this weekend (4th May) and has perhaps never been in better shape - if only we could all be in such great shape at that age! I will raise a glass to our founders...not that I really need an excuse to do so!

Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing many of you at our weekly Summer Club outings where we can focus on practising our art in the company of friends.

AND FINALLY – REMEMBER
Nothing changes if nothing changes.

Pattern, Texture, Many

The member evening on 25th April saw plenty of different interpretations of the theme. Members shared their thoughts about their own images and this was complimented by various comments and questions from other members. Creativity was in evidence, with Ali probably having the most unusual entries with her take on a piece of rotting wood with flaking paint. Many members could see a complete landscape in the image, as Ali herself had. Carol showed her creative flair sharing a range of images she had created with snapseed, whilst Malcolm shared his images from various building site hoardings.

Jane used an older image for her texture, with an amazing aerial view of the Australian outback.

Allan Jeffcutt showed his many waxwings, which all bar one appeared to have posed beautifully for him, and on the theme of many, Roger gave us his encounter with many fish, all swimming sideways except for the one who wanted to be different!

Watch out for more interesting themes for members' nights next season.

The review >>>

AGM highlights

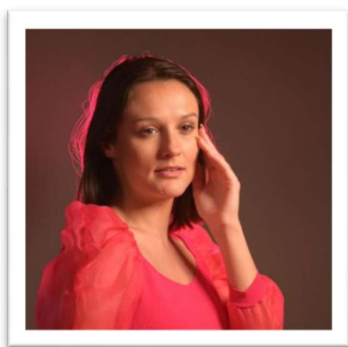
The AGM is never going to be a highlight of the year – but it is integral to the running of the club.

The minutes are available via the website for logged in members, but a couple of points to note include welcoming Carol Barchou to the committee, and thanking Ali Garrett for her sterling work as programme secretary over the past couple of years.

Very big thanks also go to Richard Atkinson who will hand-over the role of Competition Secretary to Kerrin Malone with also the change to the new competition software Pixoroo which has been developed by Aleks Gjika. Further details about member required engagement will be given before the start of next season.

Leslie Holmes, as Treasurer, was able to confirm that the club is in a healthy state, and that the next season membership fees and system will remain as per this year. So, watch out for your membership renewals in late July/early August ready for the next season in September.

Finally, as was expressed at the AGM, Roger Matthews is to be applauded on leading the club over the past 4 years, not only through the worrying times of Covid, but onwards to the healthy state we are currently in, with a thriving membership, great camaraderie and excellent exposure on both the regional and international stage. Thank you, Roger. Mick West will assume his Chairmanship with the club in a great position.



"Natasha in colour" – Guy Bryan

Facebook

Why don't you view some of the member images on our Facebook Group?

If you are not yet a member, simply click the link within Facebook and answer 3 quite simple questions. Upload your image to the group – ideally for an image post use 2048px on the long side (either height or width) to get the best resolution for anyone viewing.

Be aware of "privacy" rules before posting.

Please "like" and "comment" on members' posts.

For more information go to
<https://facebook.com/stroudcameraclub>

Three Way Team Challenge >>>

The 3-way team challenge was a fitting finale to the season. The 3 team captains for this year were Roger (defending his previous 2 wins), Mick (as incoming Chairman) and Ali (as outgoing programme secretary).

The night was tense, with Mick having put together the entered images in a fabulous slide show, and members entering their scores, where possible, using their digital technology (aka phones!) Well-done to everyone for embracing this new tech!

Some great images were once again on display, and several images scored very high marks across the board.

The three captains identified their "Captain's picks":

Roger – Karen Hackney "Night sparks"
Mick – Mark Halling "Break the tackle"
Ali – Malcolm Marner "Tiger longwing feeding"

After half time refreshments, (thank you to Annie for arranging all this) a suitable thank you to Liz Merrett for coping with us on the bar all season, and a suitable presentation and thank you to Roger for his Chairmanship over the past 4 years, the top three images selected by the members, as the highest scored, were announced:

Ian Peters – Fearless

Francis Mrihda – Lone Tree

Adam Bilton – Ogwen Valley View

Mick drummed up the tension before announcing the winning team.....



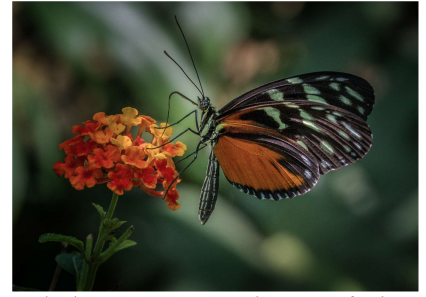
Before the challenge – teams at the ready

Yes, yet again Roger's team won!

Three Way Challenge – Captain's Picks



Karen Hackney – *Night sparks*



Malcolm Marner – *Tiger longwing feeding.*

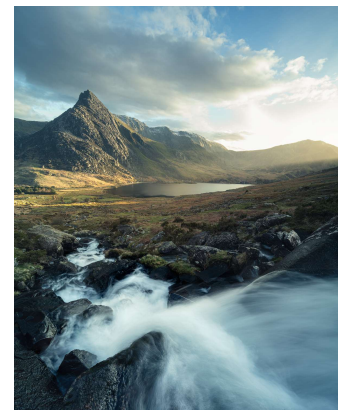


Mark Halling – *Break the tackle*

Highest scoring images – Three Way Challenge



Francis Mridha – *The lone tree*



Adam Bilton – *Ogwen Valley View*



Ian Peters - *Fearless*

Image of the Year – Print winner



“Arctic tern fishing” – René Cason AFIAP

IOTY – Print scoring 20



“Ripples” – Richard Atkinson

Photography is the beauty of life captured – Tara Chisholm

Image of the Year – Digital winner



“Serious Friends” – Trish Bloodworth EFIAP

IOTY – Digital scoring 20



“Nesting heron” – Mark Halling

"Photography is the story I fail to put into words." – Destin Sparks

2024 competitive thoughts...

Image of the Year. Judged by Colin Walls saw a high number of super images from many members Don't forget you can view all the images on our website – just click on "Results".

Some beautiful prints were on display and a **Digital**

noticeable number of new printers have been in evidence this season. With 12 of these competing for the Image of the Year.

In the digital section 21 members were competing for the top spot.

Prints

René Cason - Arctic Tern fishing - 20

Richard Atkinson - Ripples - 20

Trish Bloodworth - Mama Wag - 19

Roger Matthews - Crested Hawk-Eagle - 19

Richard Atkinson - Fight - 18

Guy Bryan - textures – 18

René Cason - Northern Fulmar - 18

Roger Matthews - Window to the Soul - 18

Jeff Wilson - The Girl in the Yellow Dress - 18

Trish Bloodworth - Equus - 17

Ian Peters - The Lone Tree - RIP - 17

Mick West - Devil's Bridge Venice - 17

Trish Bloodworth - Serious Friends - 20

Mark Halling - Nesting Heron - 20

Leslie Holmes - Family Portrait - Nashipai and Cubs - 19

Mick West - Crossing the glass bridge - 19

Richard Atkinson - Tributary - 18

Annie Blick - Good Friends - 18

René Cason - Determination – 18

Brian Dinnage - ANOTHER SIX! - 18

Ali Garrett - The Cosmetic Counter - 18

Roger Matthews - Bite! - 18

Annie Blick - My Beautiful Launderette - 17

Trish Bloodworth - Run the rainbow - 17

René Cason - Sara Longwing - 17

Mark Halling - Scream – 17

Leslie Holmes - Little cat stretch - 17

Roger Matthews - The Game Pantry - 17

Francis Mridha - Stormy Sea - 17

Geoff Perrett - A Man, A Dog and A Bottle of Sherry. - 17

Geoff Perrett - Flowers 03. - 17

Ian Peters - Damn Flies! - 17

Mick West - Leaving the Pub - 17



"Scream" – Mark Halling

coming up >>>

Summer Club

Please watch out for bulletins. Summer Club will commence from Thursday 6th June 2024.

Some Summer Club events will be weekend events and not Thursday evening.

New season will start Thursday 5th September

Next Competition

26th September

OPEN NO 1

Hand in and enter by 12th September

INTERNATIONAL SALON NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following members who have had acceptances into International or National (BPE) Photographic Salons/Exhibitions!

Roger Matthews

Trish Bloodworth

Leslie Holmes

René Cason

Mick West

Annie Blick

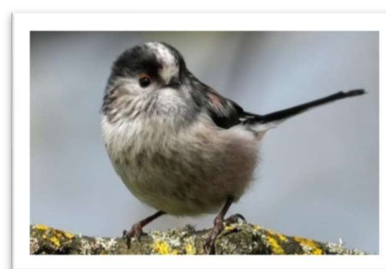
Richard Atkinson

CONGRATULATIONS

Please send details of your acceptances or other external "wins" to secretary@stroudcameraclub.co.uk
Apologies if you are missed here – please let me know so you can be added next time.

ADVANCE WARNING

- IMAGES YOU WILL NEED!
 - Nature but not nature
 - Water, Water everywhere
 - Your style in mono
 - Recreate an album or bookcover



"Long tailed tit" – Glyn Heskins

UPLOAD YOUR IMAGES – to your gallery and our Facebook Group

High Scoring Prints



“Textures” – Guy Bryan

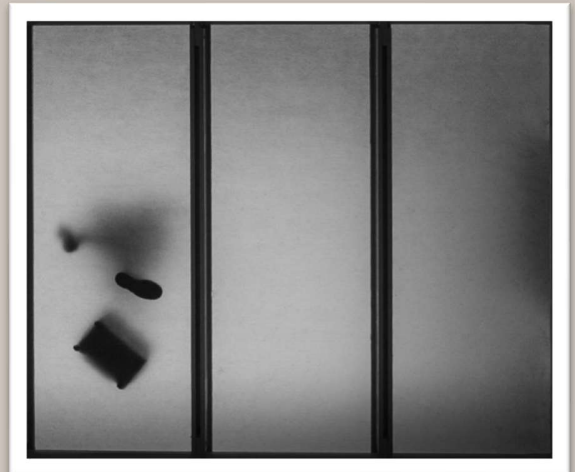


“Fight” – Richard Atkinson

High Scoring Digital



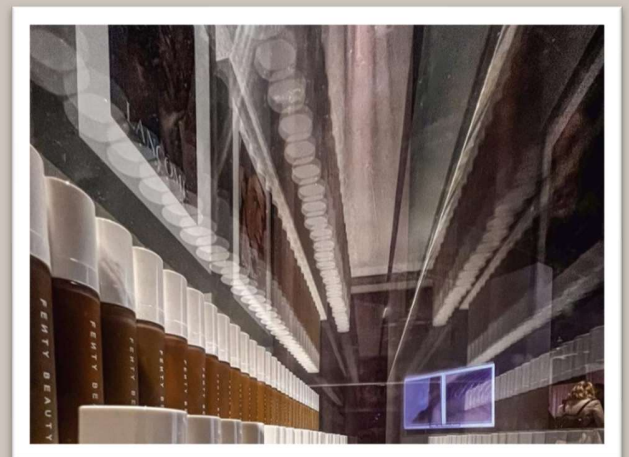
“Family Portrait - Nashipai and Cubs” – Leslie Holmes



“Crossing the glass bridge” – Mick West



“Another six!” – Brian Dinnage



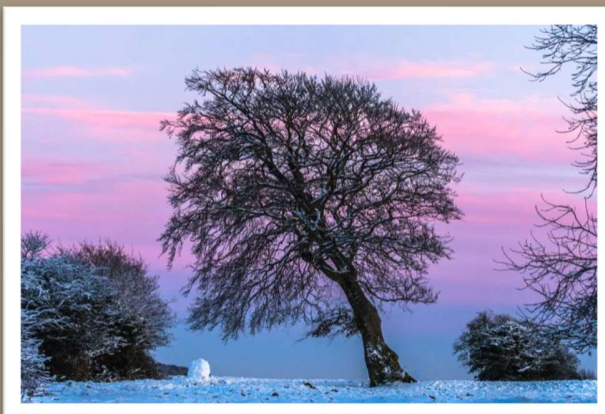
“The cosmetic counter” – Ali Garrett

“Life is like photography. You need the negatives to develop.”— Ziad K. Abdelnour

More High Scores from the Print Competition



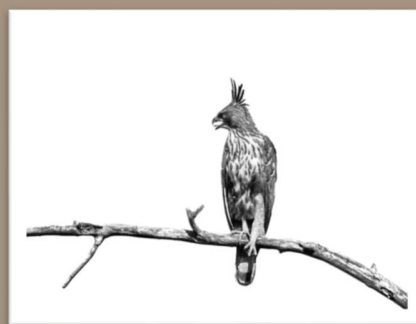
"The girl in the yellow dress"
– Jeff Wilson



"The lone tree - RIP"
– Ian Peters



"Devil's bridge - Venice" – Mick West

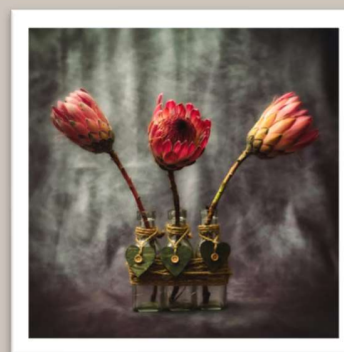


"Crested hawk eagle" – Roger Matthews

More High Scores from the Digital Competition



"Good friends" – Annie Blick



"Flowers 03" – Geoff Perrett



"Stormy sea" – Francis Mrhida



"Bite" – Roger Matthews