Stratford Photo Group

Keeping you up-to-date

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Blenheim Palace Lake

Photoshop (R) CC 2015

In the last issue of this newsletter I related how I had just switched from PS5 to CC 2015. In an attempt to learn more about the new software I looked at quite a few of the videos which are easily found on the internet but sadly decided that in order to learn so much I really needed a book besides me whilst I experimented with CC. Earlier this year I attended a photographic course at the V&A and one of the tutors seemed very knowledgeable about Photoshop (R) so I asked him for a recommendation about a book. He immediately came back with "Adobe Photoshop (R) CC for Photographers" by Martin Evening. With Debit card in hand I set off to Waterstones and ordered it (ca. £38). Only two days later it was ready to collect.

Wow, it is big - 726 pages and the author has managed to keep it so short by making two additional chapters available to download! Many of the photographs used in the book are also available on the author's website.

With such a large book there has only been time for me to dip into into it at the moment but my first impressions are that it is a well written and fairly easily understandable book. I like the way the author often explains how Photoshop (R) works in situations. However, to me, the index has not been well drawn up and I sometimes find it difficult to find what I'm looking for. At the moment I'm pleased that I have purchased the book but time is needed to reach my final conclusion.

Phil Welch who is another recent convert to CC is using a book by Scott Kelby for guidance and I hope he will write a review of that book for a future edition of this newsletter.

Dave Buckland

What's on at the Club?

6th October at 19:45 - 7:45pm Mono Interest Group - Michael Robertson-Smith. A chance to start getting into B&W. Talks by various club members who are experienced in B&W.

8th October - 2pm to 4pm Workshop at Wellesbourne Village Hall. Final critique session for Merit 1 - bring a few prints or images on sticks.

13th October - 7.45pm

Merit 1 Part 1 - Print Competition at the Clubhouse.
Judge - David Venables DPAGB BPE4

20th October - 7.45pm

Merit 1 Part 2 - Projected Images Competition at the Clubhouse.
Judge - Chris Baldwin

22nd October - 2pm to 4pm Workshop at Wellesbourne Village Hall.

Post mortem of Merit 1 competition.

3rd November - 7.45pm

Lecture at the Clubhouse.

"A Digital Lane Returns" Mike Lane FRPS
One of the UK's premier Wildlife Photographers, Mike Lane FRPS, talks about his images from the U.K and abroad, including Ospreys, black grouse and capercaillies in Finland and the Komoda dragon from Indonesia. Also British wildlife subjects such as hares and woodcock.

5th November - 2pm to 4pm

Workshop at Wellesbourne Village Hall.

Workshop contribution £2 each.

8th November - TBA

Field Trip to Oakley Woods to photograph the fungi.

Library Exhibition 2015

A very successful exhibition of members work finished at the Henley Street library on 3rd October. On show were 70 images personally chosen by members to represent their work. People from around the world left their comments in a visitors book. The comments are recorded below.

Lovely photos! It would be great to see some of Stratford for local tourists.

Super exhibition - good variety of techniques and subject matter. SLB

Excellent photos. UT

What a delight to stumble across. RDT

Some really beutiful and imaginative images. A&BF

Great work and variety of images. (Pelican "Bill" was one of my favourites).

A great collecttion of photos.

Wow. Godfreey Tavis, Aston-u-Lyne

Amazing standard of photography, wonderful subjects. P Reeve

Great car pics. Brian

Superb! (Envious) Peter

Excellent exhibition. Andrea (Australia)

Excellent exhibition as usual. Well set out and high quality. Rex Darby

I can only agree with Rex. S

Interesting exhibition. Well done. K&H

Absolutely fantastic exhibition. Well done everybody. Mark Lunn (son of the late Jeff Lunn club member).

Beautiful photographs, art captured perfectly. What a beautiful town. Laureen and Heather - Liverpool

Excellent. Richard Ord - Stratford

What a wonderful diversity of photos ... and all of exceptional quality. Well done. Manya Chadwick Ottawa Canada

Beautiful photographs. Jess Australia

What's on around the Country

Until 8th November	Blackpool Illuminations. Buy a "Kiss me Quick" hat and take some great shots of the lights.
	http://www.visitblackpool.com/illuminations/
7-11 October	Horse of the Year Show. Held at the NEC Birmingham.
	http://hoys.co.uk/index.php
9th October	Night Light Leeds. Street Performances and a whole host more.
	http://whatson.leeds.gov.uk/lightnight/Pages/default.aspx
11th October	Start of the Mop Fair in Stratford. Good shots can be found when the fair is settting up. Great night shots can also be found.
11th October	East of England Autumn Show. Animals on show range from mice to Shire horses.
	http://www.peterborougharena.com/events/autumn-show-october-2015/

16-18 October Railway in wartime. North Yorkshire. One for Malcolm here.

http://www.nymr.co.uk/wartime/

17-18 October Countryside Live. Harrogate. All sorts of animal things and a sausage competition!

http://countrysidelive.co.uk/

21-22 October Showman's show. Chieveley. All the information you need to set up your own show plus lots of photo opportunities.

http://www.showmans-directory.co.uk/showmans-show/about-the-show

25th October October Plenty. Starts outside the Globe in London and is free.

http://www.thelionspart.co.uk/octoberplenty/

26-31 October Starlight Specials. Matlock. Vintage trams and special lighting.

http://www.tramway.co.uk/events/starlight-spectacular

31 October Haloween. Ghouls and ghosties out all over the place.