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Camera Club

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Programme Dates

5th SPF Digital League

12th Dave Mason
Mainly Street

19th 3rd Round Digital
Image League

26th Nigel Norris
Steal from the Best

Happy New Year

Best wishes for 2012 to all our readers. May your images be imaginative, your compositions considered, your focus perfect, your colours correct and your enthusiasm undimmed.

Programme Changes

Please note that there are a couple of changes to the programme this month.

Paul Foley has had to cancel his planned talk on the 12th January. In Paul's place we have a photographer called Dave Mason. Dave was recommended to us by Paul Foley, and Paul describes him as a "brilliant street photographer". Dave and Paul are both members of the Arena and Mirage groups.

Dave Mason's presentation is entitled "Mainly Street", and it will be in the form of digital projection. He is also hoping to bring along some prints for us to look at during the interval.

Rob Stephen is unable to give his planned talk *Dummies Guide to Digital Image Enhancement* on 26th January. This talk will now take place on April 12th.

On 26th January Nigel Norris will now give his talk *Steal from the Best*, which was originally scheduled for April 12th.

Congratulations

365/365

For those of you on Flickr who have been following Dean Bostock's 365 project, the turn of the year means the end of his marathon effort to take one photo every day of the year.



I've picked a few of my favourites here – click on the image to go to Dean's Flickr page.



It takes a combination of stamina and imagination to keep such a project going without getting stale or repetitive. Well done, Dean, and thanks for an entertaining year.



by Dean Bostock

Girls' weekend away!!

Nicky Knight goes in search of Red Squirrels.



Claire and I decided to have a weekend away but unlike other women we did not go to a luxury hotel with a spa to get pampered, no we went to the Yorkshire Dales to photograph Red Squirrels!

Simon Phillpotts is a fantastic wildlife photographer who I have followed on various forums over a number of years. He lives in the Yorkshire dales and specialise in the birds and mammals of the Dales. Simon has built a purpose built Red Squirrel hide in a woods (the first in England, I believe).

Claire has a posh new car so I let her drive, that was an error as she programmed her sat nav for

the weirdest route, a 5 hour journey took us 7 hours and we went through Oxford city centre, Leeds city centre as well as Harrogate and when I say city centre I mean city centre, not the ring roads but on a plus side I saw lots of Christmas lights!

We stayed in a village pub which was lovely and we arranged to meet Simon at 8am the next morning. The next morning as we drove through the Dales there was snow on the tops of the hills and it was very dark and grey, not really the weather you want to be photographing things in the woods.

The hide itself is a good size with 3 windows at the front, one at the side and one at the back these are all at chest height and then 3 on the floor at the front so you can get down on the floor for some eye level shots. All the windows have the ability for you to mount your tripod head direct on to the frame so you do not need to take a tripod. We tried using the tripod heads but found it easier to use beanbags on the window frames as they were

quicker to move from window to window.

We then had a short wait for the squirrels to arrive, they came 1 or 2 at a time, they scamper up and grab a nut, sometimes dashing away again, other times staying to eat. I could not believe how fast they move and even when they are sitting they are still twitching. Due to the light on the day I did not manage to use an ISO lower than 1600 but still got some shots I am pleased with. Simon puts his perches at various distances so we were using lenses from 200mm up. It was a magical 4hrs!



I am already booked to go back in March with Adrian and some friends; we plan to do some other photography with Simon as well,

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as Yorkshire has some great wildlife.



Simon also does morning trips to the hide for people who do not want to spend a whole day in the hide and he is willing to take a family group to show them the squirrels plus he runs lots of other courses, if you want to find out more please see Simons website for details (www.wilddales.co.uk).

Simon and his wife also run a village shop and small tea room in West Burton which is well worth a visit (www.westburtonvillageshop.co.uk).

Nicky Knight

Christmas Dinner

The annual Christmas Dinner was, as usual, immaculately organised by Sandra. Not only good food, but quizzes, and prizes for those unsporting enough to take the quiz seriously. Thanks, Sandra!



Thanks to Cath Farrow for the photos.

Notices

Camera theft

Dave Cole spotted this interesting [article](#) about tracking down stolen cameras. If you haven't already done it, make sure you have a note of all the serial numbers of your cameras and lenses, and have a look at what shows up in the EXIF data – it may come in useful.

Equipment for sale

We have received an email from a gentleman who has some 'vintage' camera equipment to dispose of as part of his late father's estate. Various items, but the main item is a Canon 35mm AE-1 Program and FD lenses. If you might be interested please contact me for more details.

Events

Salisbury Camera Club
Print exhibition Guildhall,
Salisbury Jan 23rd-27th.

Newbury Camera Club – 19th Jan
Will Cheung (if you missed his talk to us)

Steyning Camera Club – 18th Jan
Colin Westgate FRPS
The Wonders of Iceland

Competitions

London Documentary – [LIDF2012](#)
Closes 31st Jan



BCC 2011-2012 Print League Round 2

Name	Title	Score	Name	Title	Score
A			B		
Cath Farrow	Scilla	10	Robin White	Vancouver Roof	8.5
Lin Osborn	Frog on Red Leaf	10	Mike Barnett	Little Grebe	8.5
Lin Osbourn	Venice at Dusk	10	Mike Barnett	Wet and Dry	8.5
Shaun Davis	Poppy Seedhead	10	Leena Roy	Squid in Colour	8.5
Derek Murrells	Smooth Waters	9.5	Ken Lane	Fungi	8.5
Mike Farrow	Old Tin Mine	9.5	Bill Randall	Battle of Britain	8.5
Derek Murrells	Woodland Stream	9	Paul Crane	Lady with Blue Hat	8.5
Graham Marks	Water Vole	9	Suzette Landau	Forget-me-not	8
Keith Polwin	Chalk Hill Blue	9	Suzette Landau	Window in Selbourne	8
Phil Davis	Belvedere at Dawn	9	Robin White	Alotment Robin	8
Shaun Davis	Chalkhill Blue	9	John Beesley	Lake District Stream	8
Brian Burwood	Roma	8.5	Gina Stead	Swans at Sunset	8
Graham Marks	Miss Whiplash	8.5	David Dyash	Winter Robin	8
Keith Longman		8.5	Dave Cole	Fungi	8
Keith Polwin	Puffin with Sprat	8.5	Lorraine Milford	Malta - Malina Street	8
Nigel Norris	Stanage Edge	8.5	Brenda Hooper	Green Pastures	8
Peter Malcolm	Monarch Butterfly	8.5	Paul Crane	Lady with Red Hat	7.5
Val Rose	Paul	8.5	Paul Crane	Boy with Flute	7.5
Win Voysey	No title	8.5	Leena Roy	Boy in Field	7.5
Jim Hill	Mother and Child	8	Ken Lane	Blooms	7.5
John O'Carol	Young Singer	8	Gina Stead	Afternoon Tea	7.5
Keith Longman	Girls Best Friend	8	Dave Cole	Passion Flower	7.5
Mike Farrow	Broken Window	8	Colin Austin	Fuscia in Vase	7.5
Mike French	Wier Will	8	Colin Austin	Rose in the Rain	7.5
Nigel Norris	Green Lamp	8	Bill Randall	Playtime	7.5
Phil Davis	The Caldera, Santorini	8	Andrew Summersgill	Nightlights	7.5
Stuart Lacey	Golden Gate	8	Andrew Summersgill	Master of the Baith	7.5
Val Rose	Jessica	8	John Beesley	Lake District Countryside	7
Wyn Voysey	Looking Down	8	Ernest Bow	Driftwood	7
Brian Burwood	Strid Valley	7.5	Ernest Bow	Egyptian Dancers	7
Cath Farrow	Bark	7.5	David Dyash	Shakespeare to St Pauls	7
Jim Hill	Canterbury Street	7.5	Brenda Hooper	Winchester Cathedral	6.5
John O'Carol	Tree	7.5	Brenda Hooper	Sunflowers	6.5
Mike French	Double Take	7.5			
Peter Malcolm	Dreamy Bluebell Wood	7.5			
Stuart Lacey	Beadnell Panorama	7.5			

Name	Rnd1	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd2	Total	Name	Rnd1	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd2	Rnd3	Total
A						B						
Keith Polwin	10	10	9	8.5	37.5	Paul Crane	8.5	9	7.5	7.5	8.5	41
Phil Davis	10	9	9	8	36	Bill Randall	8	9	7.5	8.5		33
Lin Osbourn	7.5	8.5	10	10	36	Ken Lane	7.5	9.5	7.5	8.5		33
Keith Longman	10	9	8	8.5	35.5	Leena Roy	9.5	7.5	8.5	7.5		33
Derek Murrells	8.5	8.5	9.5	9	35.5	Mike Barnett	7	9	8.5	8.5		33
Shaun Davis	9.5	7	9	10	35.5	Robin White	7	9	8	8.5		32.5
Stuart Lacey	10	8.5	7.5	8	34	Dave Cole	7.5	8.5	7.5	8		31.5
Jim Hill	10	8	7.5	8	33.5	Andrew Summersgill	8	8	7.5	7.5		31
Wyn Voysey	8.5	8.5	8.5	8	33.5	Colin Austin	7.5	8	7.5	7.5		30.5
Mike Farrow	8.5	7.5	9.5	8	33.5	Gina Stead	7.5	7.5	8	7.5		30.5
Nigel Norris	8.5	8	8.5	8	33	Suzette Landau	8	6.5	8	8		30.5
Cath Farrow	8.5	7	10	7.5	33	John Beesley	7	7.5	8	7		29.5
John O'Carol	9.5	7.5	7.5	8	32.5	Ernest Bow	6.5	6	7	7		26.5
Graham Marks	8	7	9	8.5	32.5	David Dyash	6.5		8	7		21.5
Val Rose	8	7.5	8	8.5	32	Brenda Hooper		8	6.5	6.5		21
Mike French	9.5	6	8	7.5	31	Ann Fryer	7	7.5				14.5
Brian Burwood	7.5	7.5	7.5	8.5	31	Lorraine Milford			8			8
Peter Malcolm	6.5	6.5	8.5	7.5	29							