

## Session 2019-2020

### **Posted Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

On Friday evening (13<sup>th</sup> March) we were treated to a fabulous presentation by Norman McNab, a highly respected photographer of Milngavie & Bearsden Camera Club and also an expert and seasoned mountaineer. Norman's audio-visual presentations were of a series of stunning winter mountain images depicting "Scotland's Sub-Arctic Landscape", set out as a storyline progressing from south to north from the mountaintops of Lomond and the Trossachs, through the Central Highlands, Cairngorms, the Knoydart hills, to the mountains of Torridon, the Cuillins, eventually to arrive in northwest Sutherland and finish on the most northerly Munro of Ben Hope. Taken over the course of a number of years, Norman's photographs were of spectacular snowy winter landscapes but also included images showing the remarkable stamina and resilience of himself and his companions as they walked and climbed in freezing conditions, often camping in deep snow and gales at over 4,000 feet. A brilliant and most inspiring presentation !

**Unfortunately and most sadly, this had to be the Club's last meeting this season. Many other clubs throughout Scotland have decided to stop further meetings just now in view of Coronavirus and it was decided tonight that, regrettably, we should take the same course of action. Further details should soon become available on the Club's website at [www.carluke-cc.org](http://www.carluke-cc.org)**

### **Posted Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Friday evening (6<sup>th</sup> March) was one of those rare occasions when the seemingly constant quest for photographic excellence and image perfection gave way to some good old fashioned fun as four teams of members played "Match the Image". Over 100 random digital images had previously been submitted by members and each team in turn had to present an image while their opposing team had to match it with one of theirs as best they could. Rules of the game were a tad difficult to understand and the images were not always easily matched, but that made for all the more merriment and, on occasion, outright hilarity. In the end the "blue" team won, but who cared? Everyone had had a great time!

This Friday (13<sup>th</sup> March) we are to enjoy a presentation "Mountaintop Landscapes" by Norman McNab of Milngavie & Bearsden Camera Club and we'll no doubt be treated to splendid images of some wonderfully dramatic and rugged scenery.

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### **Posted Saturday 29th February 2020**

Friday evening was truly memorable as we were treated to a captivating presentation by Douglas May, a highly respected and awarded photographer of the Edinburgh Photographic Society. Douglas is an expert in the genre of "Contemporary Photography" in which history, a story or an event can be recounted by a series of images - and, in his talk, Douglas presented superbly illustrated accounts of events as varied as Oscar Wilde's imprisonment at Reading jail, the struggles for Irish independence a hundred years ago, as well as the changing face of golf at St. Andrews and the threat of nuclear attack in the early 1960s. Douglas has a passion for photography and likes to combine that with his other interests of history and music and his message to Club members was to have the courage to leave your comfort zone and get out and try something new!

This Friday will be an informal competition of "Match an Image" where two teams will be trying to do just that. Should be fun!

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### **Posted Saturday 15th February 2020**

At a packed meeting on Friday (14<sup>th</sup> February), Carluke hosted the annual Carluke v Lanark v Lesmahagow Interclub digital competition "Scottish Life" in which 30 digital images (ten from each club) were expertly and sympathetically judged by Clive D. Turner from Paisley. Clive proved not only a very competent and expert judge but also a very entertaining one and, while Carluke won the competition for the 14<sup>th</sup> year in a row, members of the Lanark and Lesmahagow clubs gracefully conceded defeat.

After a splendid informal buffet, Clive then most kindly treated us all to a presentation of 8 stunning short audiovisual presentations on a wide variety of photographic subjects from Scottish winter landscapes to scenes from downtown Chicago, from motorcycle racing to African wildlife and from the darkest images of Auschwitz and Birkenau to the heights of the Breitling wingwalkers and some wonderful images of wild birds. A truly splendid evening.

This Friday (21<sup>st</sup> February) will be the judging of the Club's 4<sup>th</sup> (Digital) competition this year by Bob Quig, a highly respected photographer and first president of Kilmaurs Photographic Club.

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Friday evening's presentation to a packed hall was by Peter Paterson, a highly experienced, respected and awarded photographer from Edinburgh Photographic Society. His splendidly illustrated talk "Yellowstone in Winter" was about his travels there, starting with images of the Madison River and Grand Teton in winter with stunning photographs of geysers, hot springs and rivers amidst scenes thick with snow, but also including a variety of wildlife including bison, coyote, elks, deer and wolves. After the break Peter treated us, by contrast, to "Summer in Yellowstone and Alaska", many of the Yellowstone images having been taken in the very same locations as his winter ones but now featuring vast expanses of bright wild flowers and much bird life. Then we were off to Alaska and the Brooks River to marvel at the bears as they caught sockeye salmon as they leapt up the falls while more wildlife including American eagles and woodpeckers had been caught by Peter's lens. A truly splendid talk.

This Friday's meeting will be an inter-club competition, "Scottish Life", between Lanark, Lesmahagow and Carluke camera clubs.

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### **Posted Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020**

Two of the Club's most active members were the focus of Friday's (31<sup>st</sup> January) "In House" meeting, Gaille Gray's presentation "My Story so Far" being a spectacularly illustrated story of her amazing progress in photography from having being a total novice just seven years ago when her partner, Cammy, presented her with her first camera, through her experiments with close-up work, landscapes and street photography - until her most recent amazing still life work and Photoshop skills which have brought her much deserved acclaim and many awards with her stunning images.

Thereafter Robert Hendry presented "My Adventures in Sports Photography", another brilliantly illustrated account of his photographic progress, starting with images of rally cars taken as a youth with an old film camera, then progressing through a variety of sports including snowboarding, motor and motorcycle racing at Knockhill, cycling and rugby. Robert was also keen to share his knowledge of appropriate lenses and camera settings for each of these sports.

This Friday's (7<sup>th</sup> February) meeting also promises to be an exciting one, a presentation "Yellowstone in Winter and Spring" by Peter Paterson, FRPS, of Edinburgh Photographic Society.

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### **Posted Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

There was a packed house at Friday's meeting of Carluke Camera Club, when the speaker was Ken Lindsay, a leading member of Eastwood Photographic Society.

His talk, about "Travels to South America", featured photographs taken during his visits to Peru, Bolivia and Chile in 2018. In introducing his talk, Ken explained the very thorough planning prior to his trip, not only studying maps to plan his route but also identifying each of the subjects he wanted to photograph. This even included such details as time of sunrise, to ensure that the sun would be in the best position for each shot that he planned. The trip was followed by careful processing of each image afterwards, in order to fully capture the spirit and the atmosphere of each picture, and the techniques for this were all fully explained. Subjects included landscapes, natural history, local cultures and commerce, all of which combined to produce a first class show, with appeal to a wide range of audiences of general interest as well as specialist photographers.

Next Friday's meeting will be a members 'In House' event, and all details of this and all the Clubs' activities are on the website at [www.carluke-cc.org.uk](http://www.carluke-cc.org.uk)

### **Posted Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

It is not often that a speaker can be said to have had his audience totally enthralled yet this was certainly the case on Friday (17<sup>th</sup> January) when John Hannah, a member of both Eastwood and Bearsden & Milngave camera clubs, presented "Wildlife Opportunities", an inspiring talk richly illustrated with his own photographs which ranged from beautiful images of birds and mammals in Scotland to reindeer and bears in Scandinavia and elephant, hippopotamus and crocodiles in Botswana. John's knowledge of the natural world and his skills as a photographer are clearly second to none and his talk generated many questions and much discussion.

This Friday's meeting (on 24<sup>th</sup> January) also promises to be an exciting one, a presentation "Travels to South America" by Ken Lindsay, also of Eastwood Camera Club.

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### **Posted Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Friday's meeting of the Club was the first of the New Year and was meant to feature a presentation of the Scottish Photographic Federation (SPF) Portfolios. However, pressing constitutional issues prevailed and the evening was given over to a special general meeting at which many issues were thankfully very successfully and amicably resolved.

This Friday's meeting most definitely promises to be an exciting one, particularly for nature photographers - a presentation entitled "Wildlife Opportunities" by John Hannah of Milngavie and Bearsden Camera Club.

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### **Posted Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2019**

Friday's meeting of the Club was the last before its Christmas break and took the form of a very enjoyable Whist Drive accompanied by a splendid wine and cheese buffet. Very much an informal social meeting, we all had great fun and no-one took the card games too seriously. Thanks are due to Jim Plenderleith and Jack Watson for organising the whist drive and to Ed and Alison Willis for the excellent catering.

The next Club meeting is on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> January and is tabled a "Portfolios Night" which promises to be fascinating.

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### **Posted Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

The speaker, at the latest meeting of Carluke Camera Club, on 13<sup>th</sup> December, was Richard Speirs, a senior member of the Morton Photography Society in Carlisle, and who is well-known as a judge in many national photographic competitions.

During his talk called "Working with Light", Richard explained that, although the human eye is well able to detect images with great accuracy, the human brain only sees what it wants to see, or expects to see. This is why photographs do not always capture the atmosphere of the scene as we remember it. After demonstrating examples of this, Richard then went on to describe various adjustment techniques, such as colour or brightness, whereby the sense of the original subject can be successfully restored.

The Club's next meeting, on Friday, will be a social evening. This will be the last meeting of the year until the Club resumes its regular Friday meetings on 10<sup>th</sup> January with a Portfolios Night.

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### **Posted Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

The speaker at Friday's (6<sup>th</sup> December) packed meeting of the Club was Stuart McIntyre, a professional photographer from Motherwell, whose obsession is astrophotography. He gave a brilliant presentation of stunning photographs of the night sky in Scotland, some featuring the Northern Lights and the Milky Way, many of the images having been taken during hours spent high up mountains in darkness, snow and freezing conditions while most of us would have been comfortably asleep. His enthusiasm and dedication were so infectious that he had to field a host of questions after his talk from fascinated members.

This Friday (13<sup>th</sup> December) we have Richard Speirs of Morton Photographic Society, Carlisle, whose presentation "Composition and Working with Light" promises to be equally enthralling.

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### **Posted Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

The speaker, at the packed meeting of Carluke Camera Club on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019, was Duncan McEwan, who is the President of Paisley Colour Photographic Club. The subject of Duncan's talk was his experiences as the official team photographer for the Scottish teams at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne (2006), Delhi (2010) and Glasgow (2014). Whereas newspaper pictures are usually related to competition results, Duncans' excellent pictures reflected more of the general atmosphere of the games, including especially the efforts and emotions of the individual participants.

The speaker at the Club's next meeting will be Stuart McIntyre, the well-known professional photographer from Uddingston, whose talk has the very interesting title of "How to aimlessly wander around in the dark, like a pro". As usual, this meeting is open to visitors and will be held on Friday, at 7.30pm in St Andrews Church Hall in Mount Stewart Street.

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### **Posted Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

On 15<sup>th</sup> November, there was a full house, including visitors from other camera clubs, to hear the guest speaker at Friday's meeting of Carluke Camera Club. Michael O'Sullivan is a professional photographer based in Cork, in the south of Ireland. He specialises in commercial and fine art photography. His commissions include editorial and fashion photography, theatre publicity and documentary photography.

Michael discussed the various thought processes which go in to the planning of each image, as well as the techniques required for the actual shooting and processing of the image. These could include special outdoor lighting or smoke effects, as well as other unusual methods. Much of this is illustrated on Michael's own YouTube gallery. Monday evening saw the latest of the Clubs' workshop evenings, for beginners, when the subject was the use of Luminosity Masks to improve image quality.

The Club's next meeting will be the judging of the Club's Championship Print Competition, by Margaret Elliot, a leading member of Dumfries Camera Club. As usual, this meeting is open to visitors and will be held on Friday, at 7.30pm in St Andrews Church Hall in Mount Stewart Street.

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### **Posted Saturday 9th November 2019**

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November, the meeting of Carluke Camera Club was an 'In-House' evening when three of the most experienced members each gave a presentation of some of their latest work. Alistair Cox, John Harrington and Libby Smith have gained nation-wide awards for their work and, apart from discussing the technical challenges involved, the subjects displayed were of much general interest. The subjects involved included portraits of dogs and of people, of Ireland including the Copper Coast and the towns of Cobh and Belfast, and the RAF Museum at Duxford. Naturally, there was much to discuss about all these images.

At next Friday's meeting, the Club will welcome Michael O'Sullivan FRPS, FIPF on his second visit to the Club. Michael comes from Cork in the south of Ireland and is well known for his very original presentation manner and top-quality photography.

Visitors and members of other clubs will be most welcome to attend the meeting, which is at 7.30pm on Friday in St Andrew's Church hall in Mount Stewart Street.

### **Posted Saturday 26th October 2019**

Friday night (25<sup>th</sup> October) saw the judging of the Club's first Digital Competition of the season by Gordon Scott of Mid Calder Camera Club. Gordon judged the 66 digital images expertly and fairly, giving much helpful advice and constructive criticism. The final winner of League 2 was Eddie Coccozza with a brilliant nature shot "Cuckoo and Robin Fighting" while Gaille Gray took first place in League 1 with a stunning still life image "Anemone Posy".

This Friday (1<sup>st</sup> November) we have another expert speaker, Mick Durham, F.R.P.S. from Dumfries, a highly acclaimed nature and landscape photographer, who will present "A Year in the Life" - which we are sure will be an enthralling illustrated talk.

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### **Posted Saturday 19th October 2019**

The guest speaker at Friday's meeting of Carluke Camera Club was Ross McKelvey, the well-known barrister from Belfast, whose reputation for portrait photography attracted visitors from other local camera clubs to the meeting. Apart from his High Court legal work, Ross also provides professional photography and training at his studio in Belfast.

His talk covered all aspects of portraiture, from positioning of the subject through to choice of background and subsequent processing of the image. This was all illustrated with many excellent photographic prints and the meeting concluded with a lively question session.

The next meeting will be the judging of the Club's digital image competition by Gordon Scott from Mid Calder Camera Club. The Clubs' meetings are held at 7.30pm on Fridays in St Andrews Church Hall, Mount Stewart Street, and visitors are always welcome, whatever level their photographic skills are.

### **Posted Saturday 12th October 2019**

Friday night (11<sup>th</sup> October) we were treated to a wonderful illustrated talk, "Landscapes of Scotland and Scandinavia" by Mark McColl of Ayr Photographic Society. Mark is essentially a "traditional" landscape photographer and commenced by showing us many beautiful photographs from parts of rural Scotland including Skye, Glen Coe, Torridon and the Outer Hebrides. His enthusiasm for capturing the perfect image was inspiring, many photos requiring long treks in arduous conditions at unearthly times of day to achieve. After the break Mark concentrated upon his several trips to Scandinavia in his search for perfect light and perfect composition - and we were amazed by his many stunning images of the Northern Lights over Arctic landscapes which he had so expertly and painstakingly captured in freezing conditions.

This Friday (18<sup>th</sup> October) we have another expert speaker, Ross McKelvey from Belfast, a highly acclaimed photographer whose speciality is studio work and portraiture - an evening not to be missed.

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### **Posted Saturday 5th October 2019**

Friday night (4<sup>th</sup> October) saw the judging of the Club's Annual Print Competition by Dougie Allan of the Beeslack Penicuik Camera Club. A total of 84 photographs in ten categories including landscape, nature, sport and more were presented and Dougie judged each image very fairly giving much helpful and constructive advice. Winners in the various sections included Mary Gibson, Ed Willis, Robert Hendry, Hunter Kennedy, Janet Russell and Gaille Gray. Overall winner in League 1 was Janet Russell with a stunning composite image "Haunting" while Alasdair Martin's beautiful nature photograph "Waxwing" won him first place in League 2.

This Friday (11<sup>th</sup> October) we are to be treated to a presentation "Landscapes of Scotland and Scandinavia" by Mark McColl of Ayr Photographic Society. Mark is a highly accomplished and respected photographer who has earned several major accolades such as UK Landscape Photographer of the Year as well as Scottish Nature Photography awards, so we anticipate a very exciting, educational and entertaining evening. Meetings are held at 7.30pm on Fridays in St Andrews Parish Church hall, Mount Stewart Street, and visitors and guests are always most welcome.

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### **Posted Saturday 21st September 2019**

The meeting on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September was an "In House" night with two splendid illustrated presentations by Club members Chris Bonington and Janet Russell.

Chris detailed his experiences of photography using a drone, gave some very useful guidance for anyone considering taking up drone photography, and showed a splendid variety of aerial landscape and architectural shots he had taken around Britain.

After the break, Janet presented an overview of her thirty plus years of photography, showing us a wonderful variety of prints of landscapes of Britain and abroad as well as still life, portraits and sports. She then finished on her favourite subject of composite images - and treated us to some spectacular prints which had been expertly compiled from several different photographs.

There is no meeting this Friday (27<sup>th</sup> September), the next meeting being on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October when the Club's Annual Print competition will be judged by Dougie Allan, a highly respected Nature photographer whose work has contributed to many BBC programmes including Blue Planet and Frozen Planet.

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### **Posted Saturday 14th September 2019**

The guest speaker at the latest meeting of Carluke Camera Club, on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019, was Bill Higgins, a leading member of East Kilbride Camera Club, and whose talk was titled "Wing 'n' Things". Bill's interest in photography originally stemmed from his interest in natural history and especially in creatures that can fly, namely insects and birds. Through this interest Bill has developed some spectacular photographic techniques which were shown to great effect to a very appreciative audience on Friday.

Friday's meeting was also the "hand-in" for entries to the Club's Annual Print competition, which will be judged by Dougie Allan, who has been the principal photographer on many BBC programmes, such as Blue Planet and Frozen Planet.

The Club's next meeting will be an In-House evening when Club members Chris Bonington and Janet Russell will be discussing some of the common problems encountered by members. This will be held at 7.30pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019, in St Andrew's Church Hall in Mount Stewart Street, and visitors will be made most welcome.

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### **Posted Saturday 7th September 2019**

Carluke Camera Club held an informal evening when all members had been invited to bring a selection of the digital images which they had captured during the summer season. There was much to discuss, not only about the technical challenges in producing each image, but also about the subject matter which covered a very wide range of subjects from Carluke and right around the world.

Monday evening will feature the second of the Club's classes for beginners, covering basic camera techniques. This week's meeting will be addressed by the well-known guest speaker Bill Higgins, whose subject will "Wings and Things" which is nature photography, featuring a wide range of birds and beasties. This will be of interest to beginners and experts, alike, and the evening will also be the "hand-in" for the Club's Print Competition. This will be judged on 4<sup>th</sup> October by Dougie Allan, who was photographer for 8 years for the British Antarctic Survey, before transferring to the BBC where he has contributed to many natural history television programmes.

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### **Posted Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019**

The new session for Carluke Camera Club began with a well-attended meeting when Club Vice President Libby Smith outlined the Club's programme for the winter months.

The programme is aimed at all members, from absolute beginners to those with expert skills. For the beginners, the Club has arranged several teaching meetings while the more expert members are encouraged to enter the various competitions which are held regularly.

At other meetings guest speakers are invited to give illustrated talks about their own particular skills and subjects. These meetings also attract those members who have an interest only in the subject matter, rather than the photographic skills which are necessary. Recent meetings have covered such subjects as athletics, football, portraiture, landscapes, nature and many more.

Libby also reported on the Club's considerable success, recently, in competitions throughout Scotland and internationally.

Regular meetings are held on Fridays at 7.30pm and there are training workshops on Monday evenings. These are all held in St Andrews Church Hall, Mount Stewart Street and visitors are always very welcome.

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