

Session 2018-2019

Posted on Thursday 21st February 2019

Friday's meeting of Carluke Camera Club was unusual in that there were two separate speakers on the same occasion. Colin and Chrissie Westgate are two very well-known photographers from East Anglia. Chrissie has exhibited her work all over the world and Friday's talk concentrated on informal portraiture. She displayed many examples of her work, mostly taken in various parts of India, revealing the many aspects of society there. After an interval, it was the turn of her husband Colin, whose subject was "The Fine Art of Landscapes", and how careful processing can transform a routine picture into a stunning vista. Thanks to the outstanding quality of their work, Colin and Chrissie have both been elected as Fellows of the Royal Photographic Society, which is a unique achievement for a husband-and-wife team.

Earlier in the week, the Carluke Club had been involved in a Photo-print Battle competition with the clubs from Hamilton, Lanark and Motherwell. Club President Iain Pollock was very proud to announce that the Carluke team had won the battle by a substantial margin.

Next Friday's meeting will be the judging of the next round of the Club's Championship competition. The judge will be Ken Lindsay, a leading member of Eastwood Camera Club who has judged many competitions throughout the country. Meetings are held at 7.30pm on Fridays in St Andrews Church Hall in Mount Stewart Street and visitors are always welcome. Full details of the Club's busy schedule are available on its website at carluke-cc.org.uk

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The speaker at Friday's meeting of Carl Luke Camera Club was Hunter Kennedy, one of the Club's own members. Hunter's work is highly regarded throughout the country and, for which, he has been awarded the Gold Medal of the Royal Photographic Society, one of the oldest photographic societies in the world. He is also widely known as a judge in photographic competitions throughout the UK.

Friday's well-illustrated talk dealt with the development of photography from traditional black and white methods right up to the very latest full-colour digital methods.

Monday evening's workshop was titled "Need some help?" and a group of members brought examples of their own work, for discussion about the different techniques for dealing with the various challenges presented.

The speakers at the next Friday meeting are Colin Westgate, who is well-known for his atmospheric landscapes and Chrissie Westgate who is equally well-known for her people pictures.

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Posted on Thursday 7th February 2019

Last Friday's meeting was an "In-House Night" when two experienced members gave excellent presentations; Chris Bonnington on the subject of off-camera flash techniques and Ed Willis on the intricacies of setting up studio lighting. Both talks provided a wealth of useful information and advice, were very well received and also promoted much interest and discussion at this well attended evening.

This Friday promises to be a splendid and very popular evening as we are being treated to a presentation by husband and wife team, Rod Wheelans and Anne Greiner, from Dumfries Camera Club. Called simply "Holiday Snaps", we can rest assured that this illustrated talk from these two very highly respected photographers will be far more exciting and engaging than its title suggests!

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 on Thursday 31st January 2019

On Friday we were treated to an inspiring presentation by Jim and Joanna Stevenson from Kilmaurs Photographic Club, the first part of the presentation being of Jim's remarkable series of "street photography" images accompanied by much very helpful and encouraging advice for any others hoping to aspire to that photographic genre.

Following a short break the subject changed from "gritty" impromptu street scenes to stunning landscape images from Iceland and Norway's Lofoten Islands, again with much expert technical advice for any photographers planning a visit and wishing to capture glaciers, ice formations or the Northern Lights.

This Friday is an "In-House Night" and promises to be very helpful for any photographers struggling with supplementary lighting as two experienced members, Ed Willis and Chris Bonnington, will lead discussions on the subjects of off-camera flash and studio lights.

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Posted on Thursday 24th January 2019

At Friday's meeting of Carluke Camera Club, the guest speaker was Colin Robinson, a very well-known professional photographer from Kilmaurs, who specialises in Sport and Event Photography. Colin, who was returning after a previous visit to the Club, displayed a selection of his pictures, discussing the virtues of each, together with the challenges which had to be overcome with them. The second part of his talk concerned the special software which he uses at sporting events to process the pictures and transmit them to sports editors as speedily as possible.

Monday evening was the first of the Club's workshop evenings and dealt with nature photography. The Monday meetings are a very valuable resource, especially for those with limited experience of the technicalities. The Club is planning a number of outdoor visits for this and the first will be to Ballachulish in a few weeks.

This Friday's speaker will be another visitor from Ayrshire. Jim Stevenson, who photographs a variety of subjects so his talk is appropriately titled "A Mix of Work"

These evening meetings continue at 7.30pm on Mondays and Fridays in St Andrews Church Hall in Mount Stewart Street. Visitors and guests are always welcome and full details of the Club's busy schedule, as well as all contact details, are available on its website at www.carluke-cc.org.

Posted on Thursday 17th January 2019

Following the usual Christmas holiday break, Carluke Camera Club has now resumed its Friday meetings, beginning with the annual "Guess Where" competition, which was organised by Ed Willis and Sadie Paterson. This year, a record number of teams were entered for what is always guaranteed to test their photographic and general knowledge skills to the very limit. After a very closely fought battle, the Grand Trophy was taken home by the 'Over 60's' team.

At next Friday's meeting, the guest speaker will be Colin Robinson, a very well-known professional photographer from Kilmaurs, who specialises in Sport and Event Photography. He will be displaying a selection of his pictures and discussing the virtues of each, together with the challenges which had to be overcome with them.

A group of members has recently visited Ardgaty, near Doune, to visit the Red Kite sanctuary and to photograph these spectacular birds of prey. After becoming extinct in Scotland, the Red Kite was reintroduced by the RSPB in 1990 and, although the population is still small, it is flourishing around Ardgaty, which provides some very challenging photographic opportunities.

Further outdoor expeditions are planned for later in the spring, while the evening meetings continue at 7.30pm on Friday evenings, in St Andrews Church Hall in Mount Stewart Street. Visitors and guests are always welcome at these meetings and full details of the Club's busy schedule, as well as all contact details, are available on its website at www.carluke-cc.org.

Posted on Thursday 10th January 2019

Carluke Camera Club resumes its weekly meetings on this Friday, 11th January, following the customary Christmas holiday break. This meeting will feature the annual "Guess Where" competition, which is organised by Ed Willis and Sadie Paterson and is guaranteed to test the member's photographic and general knowledge skills to the very limit.

The Club has a varied programme of meetings, aimed at photographers of all skill levels, from beginner onwards. Over the next few weeks, several well-known guest speakers will be attending, while other evenings will be devoted to tuition and to competitions. These meetings are held at 7.30pm on Friday evenings, in St Andrews Church Hall in Mount Stewart Street, and visitors and guests will be made very welcome. In addition to these indoor meetings, the Club has organised outings to various locations of photographic interest.

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Posted on Thursday 3rd January 2019

A party atmosphere prevailed at last week's meeting of Carluke Camera Club where a packed house of members were in attendance for the Club's famous Rainbow Whist Carnival. This very eagerly-contested competition culminated with the First Prize in the Ladies section being awarded to Sadie Paterson and with Billy Chapman taking the gents prize. The Endeavour Prize was lifted by Libby Smith, and the very enjoyable evening was rounded off with a sumptuous buffet provided by Ed and Alison Willis.

The Club now takes a break until Friday 11th January 2019, when the competitive skills of the members will be tested again, in the annual "Guess Where" competition. This is organised by Ed Willis and Sadie Paterson and is guaranteed to test the member's photographic and general knowledge skills to the very limit.

The meeting will be held at 7.30pm in St Andrews Church Hall in Mount Stewart Street, and visitors and guests will be made very welcome.

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Posted on Thursday 20th December 2018

Friday's meeting was the GDPU Image League Competition between Carluke and Motherwell camera clubs and the judge was Fiona Brims, a highly respected photographer from Grangemouth. Each club had submitted 20 excellent and varied digital images and Fiona's judging was not only fair and well considered but she was also at pains to provide much very helpful advice and guidance. In the end, Carluke were the victors with a total of 334 points to Motherwell's 316 and the evening finished with much friendly informal discussion over tea and cakes.

This Friday's meeting will be the last one before Christmas and will take the form of an informal "Games Night" with cheese and wine which should be fun, though Libby has not been very forthcoming about exactly what that will entail!

The first meeting after Christmas will be the annual informal "Guess Where?" competition on 11th January, 2019. All meetings begin at 7.30pm on Friday in St Andrews Church Hall in Mount Stewart Street and visitors and guests are always most welcome.

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Posted on Thursday 13th December 2018

What a treat we had on Friday! Alan and Julie Walker from Keswick Photographic Society presented a wonderful illustrated talk, "The Wild West in Winter - the wildlife and snowy landscape of Montana, Wyoming and Utah". And that's exactly what was on the menu: a fabulous collection of splendid winter scenes from Yosemite and other National Parks of America as well as a host of beautiful winter photographs of birds and mammals from ravens to mountain lions and grizzly bears. Alan gave an excellent presentation, frequently prompted and corrected by Julie, not only describing the many stunning photographs they had both taken but they also later offering very much sage advice to any photographer wishing to visit these parts: advice not only on photographic techniques but also on how to prepare properly to cope with temperatures as cold as -20°C or more while travelling and photographing scenes or wildlife.

This Friday's meeting will be the GDPU Image League between Carluke and Motherwell and the judge will be Fiona Brims. As always, this meeting will begin at 7.30pm on Friday in St Andrews Church Hall in Mount Stewart Street and visitors and guests are always most welcome.

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Friday's meeting of Carl Luke Camera Club featured the Interclub Competition for the coveted Clydesdale trophy between Carl Luke, Lanark and Lesmahagow clubs, a total of just 30 digital images being judged by Dougie Allan, a well respected Scottish Photographic Federation judge and also a member of Beeslack Penicuik Camera Club. The meeting was well attended by members from all three clubs, Dougie's judgement was deemed to be considered and fair and, despite Carl Luke being the largest of the three clubs, there was little in it regarding the final results with Carl Luke just winning with 176 points over Lesmahagow's 166 and Lanark's 156 points. Dougie dealt with the judging very efficiently so, after a break for a cup of tea, he very kindly treated us all to a short presentation about drone photography and videography, showing a short series of aerial photographs and also a wonderfully inspiring video of the Penicuik area in glorious autumn colours.

Mondays' members' workshop classes have now finished for this year but Libby requests that members get in touch if they wish to suggest subjects for workshop discussions in the New Year.

This Friday's meeting promises to be a hit with Alan and Julie Walker from Keswick presenting "Wild, Wild West" which will feature much winter landscape and wildlife photography from Montana, Wyoming and Utah. Definitely not to be missed!

As always, this meeting will begin at 7.30pm on Friday in St Andrews Church Hall in Mount Stewart Street and visitors and guests are always most welcome. Full details of all of the Club's busy schedule, as well as all contact details, are available on its website at www.carluke-cc.org.

Posted on Thursday 29th November 2018

Friday's meeting of Carl Luke Camera Club featured the judging of the Club's latest print competition by Ian Tully, an extremely well-known professional photographer who is a member of Milngavie and Bearsden Camera Club. The competition attracted a record number of 120 entries and the judge complimented the members on the overall high quality of the entries. The winner of the colour section was 'First in Line' by Hunter Kennedy, while the first prize black and white print was 'My Room' by Libby Smith.

Monday's member's workshop class was led by Vice-President Libby Smith when members were able to receive valuable feedback and analysis of their competition entries.

This Friday's meeting will be the judging of the inter-club Clydesdale Trophy competition which is keenly competed for by members of several neighbouring clubs. The judge will be Douglas Allan who was one of the leading camera men on the BBC award-winning programme 'Blue Planet'.

This meeting will begin at 7.30pm on Friday in St Andrews Church Hall in Mount Stewart Street. As well as members of the competing clubs, visitors and new members, including beginners, are most welcome and full details can be found on the Club's website at www.carluke-cc.org.uk

Posted on Thursday 22nd November 2018

The speaker at Friday's meeting of Carl Luke Camera Club was Roger Hance, from Colchester in Essex, and who is a Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society. Roger is widely known for the quality of his work and was also appointed to judge the recent Scottish Photographic Federation's Championship at Stirling University. At Friday's meeting, which was attended by visitors from other clubs, Roger discussed examples of his work, which covered a large variety of different, and very interesting, subjects. His talk was very appropriately entitled "The more I practice, the luckier I get!"

Monday's workshop class was led by Chris Bonnington, when members were invited to bring examples of their work and to discuss the techniques that they had used, following an earlier workshop.

This Friday's meeting will be the judging of the Club's latest print competition, by Ian Tully, another well-known photographer who comes from Glasgow.

The meeting will begin at 7.30pm on Friday in St Andrews Church Hall in Mount Stewart Street. Visitors and new members, including beginners, are most welcome and full details can be found on the Club's website at www.carluke-cc.org.uk

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Posted on Thursday 15th November 2018

Friday's meeting of Carluke Camera Club was an "In House" meeting, led by three of the Club's most experienced members.

Chris Bonnington, Robert Hendry and Cammy Scott each delivered a 20-minute presentation on a different aspect of processing digital images. Time was also allowed for open discussion of each topic. This new meeting format was well received by the members and is likely to be repeated in some future meetings.

Monday evening's members workshop class dealt with adjusting and sharpening of your pictures during processing.

This Friday's speaker will be Roger Hance, from Colchester in Essex, and who is a Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society. His talk is entitled "The more I practice, the luckier I get!" and it will deal with various aspects of digital photography. As usual, it will commence at 7.30pm on Friday in St Andrews Church Hall in Mount Stewart Street. Visitors and new members, including beginners, are most welcome and full details can be found on the Club's website at www.carluke-cc.org.uk

Posted on Thursday 8th November 2018

There was a packed house at Friday's meeting of Carluke Camera Club when the guest speaker was Mike Sharples, who is a member of Smethwick Photographic Society, one of the largest and most successful clubs in England. Mike is well known for his work which has earned many distinctions for him, and it encompasses a wide variety of subjects, such as landscapes, portraits and sport. Such is his reputation, that Friday's meeting was also attended by a large number of visitors from other local camera clubs.

Saturday and Sunday were occupied by the Club's annual autumn outing which, this year, went to the Lake District. Members participating will be displaying their work at a future club meeting and, especially, showing how they dealt with the challenge of poor weather..

In view of the outing, there was no member's workshop on Monday, this week.

This week's meeting will be an "In House Evening" hosted by Club Vice-President Libby Smith. As usual, it will commence at 7.30pm on Friday in St Andrews Church Hall in Mount Stewart Street. Visitors and new members, including beginners, are most welcome and full details can be found on the Club's website at www.carluke-cc.org.uk

Posted on Thursday 1st November 2018

Friday's meeting of Carluke Camera Club featured the judging of this season's first Digital Image Competition by Rob Davis of Ayr Photographic Society. More than sixty projected images were presented and it was clear from his remarkably in-depth and perspicacious critique of each and every one of them that Rob had spent very considerable time and effort assessing the entries. Yet his comments were sympathetic and constructive, giving much welcome and helpful advice on both image capture and post-processing. The entries covered photographs of all genres and were all of excellent quality but four images were particularly praised by Rob and came in at joint first place - and they were the works of Gaille Gray, Mary Gibson and Jim MacFarlane.

Monday evening saw another Workshop, this one focused on critiquing and defining which qualities in a photograph make it either appealing or otherwise. The Club welcomes members of all skill levels and the remaining Workshops will cover many different aspects of photography.

Next Friday's meeting, as usual, will take place at 7.30pm in St Andrews Church Hall, when we shall be treated to "An Evening with Mike Sharples", Mike being a highly respected photographer and a member of the prestigious Smethwick Photographic Society. This meeting will be open to members from other Clubs to attend.

As always, new members and visitors are most welcome and full details can be found on the Club's website at www.carluke-cc.org.uk

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Posted on Thursday 25th October 2018

The speaker at Friday's meeting of Carluke Camera Club was Irene Froy, who was originally a member of Dundee Photography Society before moving to England and joining the Wrekin Photographic Society in Shropshire. Irene is a well known speaker and has lectured widely, including an earlier visit to Carluke, and the meeting was also attended by members of other local clubs.

Her presentation was entitled "Pastel Moments" where the colour intensity of pictures was very subdued. Included were such subjects as early morning mists, cloud effects and many more. The gentle colours presented a very relaxing and peaceful atmosphere to viewers.

Monday evening saw the latest of the very popular Beginner's Workshops, which was led by Libby Smith. Her topic was "Printing Black and White Pictures", for which her skills are widely respected, although the evening began with some very basic tasks before progressing to much more complex work.

The Club welcomes members of all skill levels and the remaining Workshops will cover many other aspects of photography, at all levels of skill. Next Friday's meeting will be the judging of the Club's Digital Image Competition by Rob Davis from Troon.

Club meetings take place at 7.30pm in St Andrews Church Hall and new members and visitors are most welcome. Full details can be found on the Club's website at www.carluke-cc.org.uk

Posted on Thursday 18th October 2018

The speaker at Friday's meeting of Carluke Camera Club was Campbell Skinner, a quantity surveyor from Greenock and who is Past President of Greenock Camera Club. He is also a member of the Scottish Photographic Circle. Amongst the latest of his many achievements was to have no less than 15 prints accepted for the 2018 Scottish Salon Exhibition and he was also awarded the PSA Gold Medal for the overall best black and white print.

His very interesting talk "My Journey with Photography" began with a revue of his earliest work and then followed how it has steadily developed up to the present day.

Monday evening saw the latest of the Beginner's Workshops and this one was led by Chris Bonnington, whose subject was "Adjustments and Adjustment Layers" The Club welcomes members of all skill levels and the remaining Workshops will cover many other aspects of photography.

Next Friday's speaker will be Irene Froy, who was originally a member of Dundee Photography Society before moving to England and joining Smethwick Photographic Society. Irene has lectured widely, including an earlier visit to Carluke, and an invitation has been issued to members of other local clubs to attend. Irene's subject on Friday will be "Pastel Moments".

Club meetings take place at 7.30pm in St Andrews Church Hall and, as always, new members and visitors are most welcome. Full details can be found on the Club's website at www.carluke-cc.org.uk

Posted on Thursday 11th October 2018

Friday's meeting of Carluke Camera Club featured the judging of this season's Annual Print Competition by Peter Paterson, the Past President of the Scottish Photographic Federation.

Peter is well respected for his photography, which has been widely exhibited at home and abroad, and his success has earned him the Fellowship of the Royal Photographic Society. In judging the Competition, he was able to offer some very constructive comment on each of the entries.

The Competition comprised of ten different subject categories, with a winner for each. The overall winner was entitled "Badger Cub" by Mary Gibson.

Vice-President Libby Smith announced details of the Club's autumn outing, which will be a photographic expedition to Windermere on 3rd and 4th November.

Monday evening saw the second of the Beginner's Workshops and this one dealt with all the challenges of making prints of colour pictures. The Club welcomes members of all skill levels and the remaining Workshops will cover many different aspects of photography.

Next Friday's meeting, as usual, will take place at 7.30pm in St Andrews Church Hall, when the Club's guest speaker will be Campbell Skinner, a quantity surveyor from Greenock, who is a member of the Scottish Photographic Circle. His subject will be 'My Journey In Photography'.

As always, new members and visitors are most welcome and full details can be found on the Club's website at www.carluke-cc.org.uk

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Posted on Thursday 4th October 2018

The speaker at Friday's meeting of Carluke Camera Club was Gerald Chamberlin, who is Chairman of the Morton Photographic Society in Carlisle. In contrast to modern trends for colour, his work is mostly in black and white, and covers a wide range of subjects. However, thanks to very skilful processing, this can produce some very powerful images which he exhibited. Another very new development is his use of infra-red photography which also produces very striking images.

The Club welcomes members with every skill level and, with this in mind, Monday evening saw the first of the Club's workshop sessions for beginners. These sessions will cover basic levels of skill, gradually progressing.

Next Friday's meeting will take place at 7.30pm in St Andrews Church Hall, when the Club's print competition will be judged by professional photographer Peter Paterson whose work is widely respected and has been published very widely.

New members and visitors are most welcome and full details can be found on the Club's website at www.carluke-cc.org.uk

Posted on Thursday 13th September 2018

Friday's meeting of Carluke Camera Club featured a Member's Digital evening, when several members displayed recent examples of their work. As well as the photographic technicalities, which were discussed, the pictures covered a variety of subjects of general interest, including the Norwegian Fjords, the architecture of Rome, a cruise from Glasgow to Oban on the Waverley, and natural history.

The members at the meeting also agreed on certain changes to the rules for Club competitions, in order to simplify them and encourage even more members to participate in competitions.

The next meeting will be on Friday evening at 7.30pm in St Andrews Church Hall, in Mount Stewart Street. It will be an 'In-House Night' which will have a format completely different from the regular pattern.

Full details of all the Clubs' events are on their website at www.carluke-cc.org.uk

Posted on Thursday 6th September 2018

Friday's meeting was members' Enrolment Night for the 2018/2019 season. It was an informal night with cheese and wine while Iain Pollock (President) and Libby Smith (Vice President) greeted returning members as well as welcoming two new members. Libby presented the coming year's exciting syllabus which is to include presentations from several inspiring speakers, club and inter-club competitions and new "In House" nights dedicated to specific genres of photography. Also, in an effort to stimulate participation of members in competitions, proposals are suggested for modifying some of the competition guidelines, something which will be discussed in depth at this Friday's meeting.

This Friday is a Members' Digital Night, an opportunity to show, without fear or favour, some members' digital images, and a Special General Meeting will also be held to discuss competition rules and guidelines.

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 on Thursday 30th August 2018

Following the summer break, and having celebrated its 40th Anniversary, Carluke Camera Club resumes its weekly meetings this Friday, 31st August, with an Enrolment Evening. This will preview full details of a very varied and enjoyable programme of meetings for the coming winter months.

The programme is aimed at photographers of all abilities, including absolute beginners. Meetings range from basic tutorials to competitions for members with different levels of skill. At an advanced level, there is also participation in inter-club competitions and, this year, the Club has also achieved success at a national level. There will also be a number of guest speakers presenting a variety of subjects, many of which are of general interest, such as travel or nature, as well as demonstrating photographic skills. Several weekend outings are planned, with the first one being to the Lake District on 3/4th November and others are to follow. The winter programme also includes several social events.

Guests are always welcome at the Club's weekly meetings which are held at 7.30pm on Friday evenings in St. Andrews Church Hall in Mount Stewart Street. Full details of these, and other Club details, are available on the Club's webpage at www.carluke-cc.org.uk