

Session 2016-2017

Posted on Saturday 8th April 2017

Last Friday was the judging of this season's annual Nature Competition for the much coveted James McDowall Trophy. The judge was Gordon Rae from Dumfries, himself a renowned and expert wildlife photographer. The best image in League 1 was by Mary Gibson and the best in League 2 was by Alistair Cox, but the trophy was finally awarded to Hunter Kennedy whose four images drew the highest cumulative score of the night.

After the break, Gordon very kindly gave us a wonderful and inspiring presentation of his own work including many stunning wildlife photographs from around Scotland followed by many fabulous images of brown bears in Alaska and polar bears at Churchill in northern Canada.

This Friday (Good Friday) there will be no meeting but next Friday (21st April) is to be a "surprise" night to be arranged by Libby Smith. As always, that meeting will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall at 7.30pm and new members and visitors will be most welcome.

Details of all of the Club's activities are on its website at www.carluke-cc.org.

Posted on Saturday 1st April 2017

Last Friday was "Members' Digital Night" in which members had been encouraged to bring along digital images to share without fear of overly zealous criticism. As a result, we were treated to a wonderful variety of interesting photographs of sport, travel, portrait, nature and architecture as well as images which reflected members' other hobbies and interests outside of photography. All of which generated some keen and light hearted discussion.

This Friday's evening promises to be a truly fascinating and inspiring one as it is the judging of members' prints and digital images for the year's major Nature Competition, the winner of which will receive the coveted James McDowall Trophy. The judge is to be Gordon Rae from Dumfries, himself an expert wildlife photographer, and he has also kindly promised to share with us some of his own fine images. As always, the meeting will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall at 7.30pm and new members and visitors are most welcome.

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Posted on Saturday 25th March 2017

Last Friday, members of Carluke Camera Club were delighted when Robert Hendry was presented with a Photographic Alliance of Great Britain (PAGB) silver medal. However, the main event was an inter-club competition between Carluke and Edinburgh Photographic Society, several of whose members were welcomed.

A total of 30 (15 from each club) digital images and 30 prints were presented and the overall quality was excellent. Clive Turner from Paisley Photographic Society judged fairly, giving much expert advice and adding more than a little humour to the event. In the end, Carluke narrowly won in both print and digital sections and Edinburgh graciously conceded defeat though their misery had been soothed by a fine presentation of tea and cakes at half time.

This Friday's evening promises to be fun with audience participation in "Members' Digital Night" for which all members are encouraged to bring along a selection of 15 digital images for impromptu presentation and discussion. As usual, the meeting will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall at 7.30pm and new members and visitors are most welcome.

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Posted on Saturday 18th March 2017

Last Friday's meeting of Carluke Camera Club featured the judging of the Club's Monochrome (black and white) Print Competition, by Robert Fulton MFIAP, MPAGB, who is a leading member of Paisley Colour Camera Club. Robert is also an executive committee member of the Scottish Photographic Federation and is very widely regarded for his landscape photography, which he has exhibited internationally.

In judging the Carluke competition he explained that, although most modern photographs are taken in colour, black and white images, taken in the right conditions and carefully processed, can have an equally strong impact. He was most impressed by the overall quality of the competition entries and discussed the strengths and possible areas for improvement for each individual entry. The overall winners were, in League 1, "Winter Pasture" by Hunter Kennedy and, in League 2, "Storm Surge" by John Barrington. Other outstanding entries were submitted by Gaille Gray, David Thompson and Susan Pinkus.

The Club's next meeting is on Friday 24th March and is an inter-club competition against Edinburgh Photographic Society, one of the oldest photographic societies in the UK, having been established in 1861.

Full details of this meeting are on the Club's website at www.carluke-cc.org.uk.

Posted on Saturday 11th March 2017

The speaker at last Friday's meeting of Carluke Camera Club was Rosemary Gillies, a leading member of Edinburgh Photographic Society. From an early age, Rosemary has had a keen interest in underwater diving and these two interests were brought together in her talk about "Life Under The Waves".

Rosemary discussed the water-proof equipment which is required for under water work, together with the specialised lighting equipment necessary for deep water work. All this was then illustrated by an impressive selection of her work in such places as the Caribbean Sea, the Philipines and other worldwide locations. The audience was treated, not only to expert guidance on the photographic aspects, but also a very well-informed description of the subjects displayed which included coral reefs, exotic seaweeds, tropical fish and much more, all in stunning colour.

Club President Iain Pollock announced the results of the recent Scottish Life Inter-Club Competition hosted, this year, by Lanark Camera Club and where Carluke Camera Club achieved a runaway score to soundly defeat all of the other participating clubs.

The Club's next meeting, on Friday 17th March, will be at 7.30pm in St. Andrews Church Hall, and will feature The Club's mono Print Championship, judged by Robert Fulton MFIAP, MPAGB, a leading member of Paisley Colour Camera Club.

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Posted on Saturday 4th March 2017

"It's A Knock-Out" was a novel way of judging the Club's latest competition at Friday's Camera Club meeting. Entries were restricted to 128 images, and these were projected, in pairs, on a screen before the audience. By a show of hands, the members of the audience then selected the preferred one of each pair and, by this process, half of the images were rejected. This reduced the number of images to 64, and the whole process was repeated, reducing the number of entries to 32. The process was repeated for a further four rounds before the final result was produced. The winning entry was "Chelsey", submitted by Alistair Cox and the runner up was "The Workhouse Maid" by Eddie Coccozza. Third prize went to Gaille Gray for "The Buachaille" and fourth was "Glenfinnan Viaduct" by Billy Chapman.

Next Friday's meeting will have a guest speaker, Rosemary Gillies whose subject will be "Life beneath the Waves". This meeting will begin at 7.30pm on Friday, in St Andrew's Church Hall, Carluke. Guests are most welcome and full details can be found on the Club's website at www.carluke-cc.org.uk

Posted on Saturday 25th February 2017

Last Friday, members of Carluke Camera Club felt proud and delighted when Hunter Kennedy announced the results of the Scottish Photographic Federation (SPF) Club Print Championship 2017 Awards in which Carluke had been awarded Best Overall Club in Scotland as well as Best Club in the Monochrome section.

Thereafter was the judging of this season's 2nd digital championship competition, very expertly and sympathetically carried out by Ken Lindsay from Eastwood Photographic Society. He judged fairly and gave some very welcome advice and guidance. The winner of League 1 was Hunter Kennedy with "Low Light Rannoch", followed in second place by David Owen with a lovely portrait "Natalie" and with a striking mountaineering image "Free Climbing Roscoe's Wall" from Chris Bonnington coming third. All three places in League 2 were taken by John Harrington with a variety of very fine landscape/seascape images.

This Friday's evening promises to be fun with audience participation and judging in "It's a Knockout" when over 120 members' digital images will be displayed in pairs and successively eliminated, eventually leaving a final winner. As usual, the meeting will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall at 7.30pm and new members and visitors are most welcome.

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Posted on Saturday 18th February 2017

The speaker at Friday's meeting of Carluke Camera Club was Joan Blease from the Lancashire and Cheshire Photographic Union. Joans' photographic skills are widely recognised throughout the UK. Joan had travelled north, to Scotland, to judge the Annual Print Championship of the Scottish Photographic Federation, held at Stirling University. Her visit to Carluke attracted a large audience with visitors from other local camera clubs and the subject of her presentation was "Bad Start – Great Finish".

This title was based around Joan's assertion that there are no new subjects left to photograph, anywhere. Success depends on what you do with the image, before the final result is completed. The complexities of modern digital photography offer a virtually unlimited number of options for reprocessing images. For example, contrast, colour balance and intensity can all be changed as can the size and shape of the subject. It is also possible to superimpose other images onto parts of the original.

The options are limitless and while there have always been generally-accepted guidelines for producing high quality images, Joan Blease urges photographers to put these aside and experiment with unconventional methods.

To illustrate her point, she displayed images of several very famous paintings from the past, by such artists as Van Gogh, Renoir, Leonard da Vinci. After demonstrating how each of these artists had abandoned the standard conventions of art to produce such stunning results, she urged photographers to do likewise and experiment with their work. Naturally, this was followed by a very stimulating question and answer session which was much enjoyed by all present.

Next Friday's meeting will be the judging of the Club's digital competition and full details are on the website at www.carluke-cc.org.uk.

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There was a full house of members, and visiting guests from other camera clubs, to hear the speakers, Dave and Sheila Coates, address Carluke Camera Club on the subject of "Pictures all around us". This highly regarded husband and wife team are members of Northallerton Camera Club, in Yorkshire, and the excellence of their work has been recognised by both of them being elected as Members of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain. (PAGB)

Their work covers a wide range of topics but focussed especially on wild flowers and landscape views. There were vivid shots of flowers including wild orchids, while the landscape views covered several continents, starting with their home territory of the Yorkshire Dales. They demonstrated how different times of day and, of course, different weather conditions can dramatically change the atmosphere of the scene from the same viewpoint. Further afield, there were stunning scenes from North America, from such locations as Death Valley, The geysers of Yellowstone National Park and the incredible rock formations of Antelope Canyon in Arizona. While this showing would have had a wide appeal to a general audience, Friday's Camera Club audience were doubly impressed by the technical quality of the work, much of which was undertaken in difficult conditions.

Monday's Members Workshop was a Critique Night, when members were able to bring examples of their own work and to discuss, with fellow members, any difficulties in achieving high quality results.

Friday's meeting will be addressed by another visiting speaker, Joan Blease, whose subject will be "Bad Start – Great Finish" and, as always, visitors will be made most welcome. The meeting will begin at 7.30 pm in St Andrews Church Hall and full details are on the Club website at www.carluke-cc.org.uk

Posted on Saturday 4th February 2017

The speaker at Friday's meeting of Carluke Camera Club was Tom Doherty, a past President of Queen's Park Camera Club in Glasgow, and the title of his talk was 'Watt's Glasgow'. School teacher Eric Watt, now deceased, was formerly a leading member of Queen's Park Camera Club and who spent many years during the 1960's in creating a huge picture library, recording the important social and commercial aspects of Glasgow life. On his death, he bequeathed his collection of 7,000 colour slides to the city.

His pictures showed such scenes as a farrier, placing new shoes on the horse which still pulled the baker's cart. There were scenes of children playing hopscotch in streets where there was hardly any motor traffic to endanger them; and crowds packing themselves on to the tramcars, still running at that time. Interestingly, almost every picture showed buildings which were black in colour, simply because the smoke-control Acts of Parliament were still to be passed, and both commercial and domestic life depended so much on the burning of coal. Apart from the photographic interest, this was a talk of widespread interest of those who were around in this forgotten time, as well as to those who were not there. Tom Doherty is one of a number of volunteers who are currently compiling a catalogue of this huge collection, with the eventual aim of publishing the best images in book form.

At next Friday's meeting, the speakers will be Dave and Sheila Coates, from Yorkshire, and their subject is "Pictures all around us". The meeting will begin at 7.30 pm in St Andrews Church Hall and full details are on the Club website at www.carluke-cc.org.uk.

Posted on Saturday 28th January 2017

Friday's meeting of Carluke Camera Club was the judging of this season's 2nd colour print competition, very expertly and sympathetically carried out by Jim Dyas, himself a previous member of our club and well known throughout Scotland for his excellent photography and expert judging. He judged fairly and gave some very welcome advice and guidance as well as a plethora of interesting and amusing tales. The winner of League 1 was Gavin Forrest with "Tummel Dawn", a glorious landscape in mist, followed in second place by Hunter Kennedy with a fine nature shot of a macaque with baby, with a superb composite image from Jim Hill coming third. The first two places in League 2 were taken by Lindsay Bryson with a fine cityscape in first place and a lovely portrait in second, third place was taken by John Harrington with "Winter Storm".

This Friday's event will be a presentation by Tom Doherty from Queen's Park Camera Club entitled "Eric Watt's Glasgow". Eric Watt had been a distinguished member of QPCC who took photographs of Glasgow over a period of four decades, later bequeathing several thousands of his photographs of historical and social importance to the City of Glasgow. We look forward to what we are sure will be a fascinating and inspiring evening. As usual, the meeting will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall at 7.30pm and new members and visitors are most welcome.

Next Monday's training workshop will be led by Libby Smith for those members of the Critique Group.

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Posted on Saturday 21st January 2017

Members of Carluke Camera Club enjoyed their meeting on Friday which was led by two of the Club's leading members. First, Mary Gibson gave an illustrated talk about her own photographic work with an emphasis on natural history, especially wild birds and some fascinating images of hares. This was followed by Hunter Kennedy, who is also the current President of the Scottish Photographic Federation, and who showed a wide-ranging selection of his own work. Many of his images had been captured on some of the Club's organised outings to such areas as the Western Isles. Both speakers gave very helpful analyses of their work, outlining the particular problems they had met and how these had been overcome.

Club Vice-President Libby Smith gave details of the forthcoming members' workshops which will be held on Monday evenings for the next eight weeks. These sessions will concentrate on how members could improve their images and Monday's topic will be "Adding depth to images, and improving sharpness"

This Friday's meeting will feature the judging of the Club's Print Competition by Jim Dyas, a visitor to the Club, and whose photography is well known throughout Scotland. The meeting will begin at 7.30 pm in St Andrews Church Hall and full details are on the Club website at www.carluke-cc.org.uk.

Posted on Saturday 14th January 2017

Carluk Camera Club's meeting on Friday featured a viewing of the entries to the 2016 Portfolios of the Scottish Photographic Federation (SPF). The SPF is a network of almost 100 photographic clubs from throughout Scotland and was founded in 1903 to "promote the art and science of photography through interaction".

The portfolios is a national competition open to clubs and to individuals, so Friday's viewing gave an opportunity to view some of the very highest quality of photographic work from throughout Scotland. The evening was compered by Hunter Kennedy, the current SPF President who is also a member of Carluk Camera Club.

This Friday's meeting will be "An Evening of Two Halves" with John Gallagher and Mary Gibson. The meeting will begin at 7.30 pm in St Andrews Church Hall and full details are on the Club website at www.carluke-cc.org.uk.

Posted on Saturday 17th December 2016

Carluk Camera Club's annual Christmas Quiz took place on Friday evening at their usual venue of St Andrew's Church Hall. Club members were each allocated, at random, to one of the seven teams who competed in what was a very mind-searching and humorous evening. The evening concluded after a most enjoyable cheese and wine buffet but, undoubtedly though, the highlight of the evening was a surprise visit from Santa who had taken time off from his busy schedule to pay a special visit to the Club.

The Club now takes a holiday for two weeks, until the next meeting on Friday 6th January, when there will be another quiz – "Guess where". That evening will also be the last opportunity to hand in entries to the Club's colour Print competition, which will be judged by visiting judge Jim Dyas, at the meeting of 27th January.

Posted on Saturday 10th December 2016

Friday's meeting of Carluk Camera Club was a GDPU Interclub Competition between Carluk and Gryffe Camera Club, Houston. Our president, Iain Pollock, welcomed the several members of Gryffe who kindly joined us and Charlie Moore of Eastwood Photographic Society judged a total of 40 wonderfully varied digital images (20 from each club), Carluk finally coming out on top with 340 points to Gryffe's 316. Gryffe graciously conceded defeat and the evening was ended with informal chats over a cup of tea and a splendid spread of cakes and scones provided by those club members who are as skilled with their ovens as they are with their cameras.

This Friday's event will be the last before Christmas and will be the annual informal Quiz Night organised by Jim Plenderleith and accompanied with cheese and wine - cheese and biscuits provided but bring your own wine or soft drinks. As usual, the meeting will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall at 7.30pm and new members and visitors are most welcome.

The first meeting after Christmas will be another fun "Guess Where?" competition, organised by Sadie Paterson and Ed Willis, on Friday, 6th January, 2017.

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Posted on Saturday 3rd December 2016

At Friday's meeting of Carluke Camera Club we were all saddened to learn of the death of Hugh Jarvie who had been a longstanding and faithful member of the club as well as a very good friend to many of us.

The evening's speaker was Shahbaz Majeed from Dundee Photographic Society who gave a very inspiring illustrated talk on "Long Exposures", showing some fabulous photographs and also giving us a wealth of advice and guidance on taking photographs with exposures sometimes as long as several minutes.

This Friday's meeting will be the judging of the GDPU Image League - "Carluke vs Gryffe" by Charlie Moore. As usual, the meeting will be held in St Andrews Church Hall at 7.30pm and new members and visitors are most welcome.

We were delighted to learn that several members had very recently received awards for their images, Mary Gibson receiving a SPF bronze medal and Gaille Gray, Cameron Scott and Robert Hendry each receiving a CPAGB award.

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Posted on Saturday 26th November 2016

Last Friday's meeting featured the judging of the Club's Monochrome (black and white) Competition by Ian Tully, from Bearsden and Milngavie Camera Club and who is an Associate of the Royal Photographic Society. He is also recognised as an official judge by the Scottish Photographic Federation.

Although most photography today is in colour, black and white images, if correctly exposed and then carefully processed, can produce some very striking results. Commenting on the overall very high quality of the entries, Ian Tully discussed the merits of each entry in turn, identifying their strong points as well as any weaknesses, and this led to a very enjoyable and instructive evening for the club members.

This week's Friday meeting will feature "Long Exposures" by guest speaker Shahbaz Majeed, a Multi-Award Photographer from Dundee Photographic Society. As usual, the meeting begins at 7.30pm and is held in St Andrews Church Hall in Mount Stewart Street. Visitors and guests are most welcome and full details can be found on the club's website at www.carluke-cc.org.uk

Posted on Saturday 19th November 2016

The guest speaker at Friday's meeting of Carluke Camera Club was one of the UK's foremost photographic exhibitors, Kathryn Scolah from Southport. Her topic was 'Composite Images' whereby, by imposing upon a photograph, various parts of other different images, the photograph is gradually built up, piece by piece, in order to enhance the impact of the original. The final image is not intended to be an accurate record of a specific scene, but an image artistically created to convey a message from its creator, and Friday's talk was illustrated with some very striking images.

This Friday's meeting will be the judging of the Club's Monochrome (black and white) Competition by Ian Tully, past President of Kirkintilloch Camera Club and an Associate of the Royal Photographic Society. The meeting begins at 7.30pm and is held in St Andrews Church Hall in Mount Stewart Street. As always, the meeting is open to all and guests will be made most welcome. Full details are on the club's website at www.carluke-cc.org.uk

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Posted on Saturday 12th November 2016

The speaker at Friday's meeting of Carluke Camera Club was Howard Tate from Pontefract in Yorkshire. With a university degree in photography, the quality of Howard's work is widely respected and he is currently the Secretary of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain. He specialises in very large scale prints and his talk concluded with a magnificent panoramic print of horses racing and which measured 3 metres in width !

Vice President Libby Smith also reported on the Club's success in the recent Clydesdale Trophy Competition hosted by Lanark Photographic Society.

This Friday's guest speaker will be Kathryn Scolah who is very widely known for her composite images. The meeting begins at 7.30pm and is held in St Andrews Church Hall in Mount Stewart Street. The meeting is open to all and guests are most welcome. Full details are on the club's website at www.carluke-cc.org.uk

Posted on Saturday 5th November 2016

The speakers at Friday's meeting of Carluke Camera Club were wildlife photographers, husband and wife, Tony and Carol Dilger from Yorkshire. The Dilgers are internationally highly regarded for their work, which also includes organising instruction courses and overseas safaris in pursuit of wildlife photography. Friday's talk was entitled "A Talk on the Wild Side" featuring the wildlife of South Africa in the Kruger and Kalahari National Parks. The stunning clarity of the photography displayed some very unusual aspects of the wildlife which are not clear on TV pictures.

Wednesday saw the first session of the Club's "Digital Photography for the over 50s". This course, which is supported by the National Lottery's "Awards for All" fund, follows on from a very successful first run earlier this year, and is now fully subscribed. Subject to demand, though, the Club might consider a further course in the future.

The speaker at this Friday's meeting also comes from Yorkshire and is Howard Tate, the secretary of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain. This meeting will begin at 7.30pm in St Andrews Church hall and visitors are most welcome. Full details are on the Club's website at www.carluke-cc.org.uk

Posted on Saturday 29th October 2016

Friday's meeting of Carluke Camera Club was the judging of this season's 2nd club competition (colour prints), very expertly and sympathetically carried out by Guy Phillips from Helensburgh who judged fairly and gave some very welcome advice and guidance. The winner of League 1 was Hunter Kennedy with "Ever Changing Light", a glorious photograph of Buachaille Etive Mor in winter, followed in second place by Janet Russell with a fine composite image, "Servitude", and Mary Gibson's "Waiting and Watching", a stunning photograph of a pair of kingfishers, in third. League 2 was won by Alastair Cox with "Hound Portrait", followed by two fine landscapes, "Afterburn" and "Loch Bad a' Ghail", both by John Harrington, in second and third places respectively.

This Friday's event will be an evening meeting with Tony and Carol Dilger, wildlife photographers based in Yorkshire. As usual, the meeting will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall at 7.30pm and new members and visitors are most welcome.

Next Monday's training workshop will be led by Ed Willis and Tom Robley on the subject of Nature Photography.

Details of all of the Club's activities are on its website at www.carluke-cc.org .

Posted on Saturday 22nd October 2016

The speaker at Friday's meeting of Carluke Camera Club was Stewart Dodd, a member of the Dundee Photographic Society, whose presentation, "54 Degrees South", was a fascinating and inspiring talk about his travels in the south Atlantic Ocean and his adventures in South Georgia, illustrated with a wonderful variety of digital images and AV presentations depicting many remarkable landscapes and seascapes as well as the island's diverse wildlife and inhospitable climate.

This Friday's meeting will be the judging of the club's 2nd competition (colour prints) by Guy Phillips. As usual, the meeting will be held in St Andrews Church Hall at 7.30pm and new members and visitors are most welcome.

Next Monday's training workshop will be led by Libby Smith on the subject of "Advanced Printing".

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Posted on Saturday 15th October 2016

The speaker at Friday's meeting of Carluke Camera Club was Margaret Elliot, a prominent member of Dumfries Camera Club and also a respected judge of photographic club competitions. The title of her presentation was "Photography – My way", during which she illustrated the various different techniques which she has used during her career. This included the use of black and white, of colour, and of a blend of both in a single image.

Next Friday's meeting will be addressed by Stewart Dodd, whose presentation is called "54 Degrees South". As usual, the meeting will be held in St Andrews Church Hall at 7.30pm and new members and visitors are most welcome.

Monday's training workshop will be led by Libby Smith and will deal with Photoshop Filters.

Details of all of the Clubs' activities are on their website at www.carluke-cc.org.

Posted on Saturday 8th October 2016

Friday's meeting of Carluke Camera Club featured the judging of the Club's Digital Image Championship by Colin Robertson, a very experienced and respected judge from Kilmaurs, in Ayrshire. Commenting on the overall high standard, Colin was also able to offer some very constructive observations on each entry before announcing the winners which were, in League 1, "Highland Cotton Fields" by Remi Wojtowicz and in League 2 "Lighthouse" by Stuart Glover.

This Friday's meeting will be entitled "Photography My Way" by our guest speaker Margaret Elliot. This will commence as usual at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church hall and, as always, is open to visitors.

Next Monday's training workshop will be aimed at the Help and Assessment Critique Group for Beginners & Intermediate users who will deal with Adjusting Images in Photoshop (No Layers).

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

Posted on Saturday 1st October 2016

Camera Club President Ian Pollock welcomed a full house to last Friday's meeting which was the judging of the Club's Digital Print Competition. The judge was Tony Potter from Workington, one of the UK's most knowledgeable judges. The 94 entries were each displayed and carefully assessed before the two winners were announced, namely "I Love Nicky" by Mary Gibson and "Brown Cricket" by Alistair Cox.

This Friday's meeting will be the judging of the 1st Club Championship Competition by Colin Robinson from Kilmaurs, another much respected national judge. Friday will also be the deadline for handing in prints for the Club's 2nd Championship Competition.

Monday's workshop session, this week, was in two parts dealing with mounting of prints for display and downloading images from your camera. Next Monday's workshop (10th October) will be led by Club Vice-President Libby Smith and is aimed at advanced users dealing with Photoshop tools.

New members, including beginners, are always welcome at all meetings which are held in St Andrew's Church Halls, in Mount Stewart Street, at 7.30pm.

Full details can be found on the Club's website at www.carluke-cc.org.uk

Posted on Saturday 24th September 2016

Following the September week-end holidays Carluke Camera Club re-starts on Friday 30th September at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church Hall, Mount Stewart St Carluke, when Tony Potter will judge the club's Annual Print Competition. The following Monday, that's Monday 3rd October, Tom Robley & Billy Chapman will present a workshop on Print Mounting and Computer Basics starting at 7.30pm again in St Andrew's Church Hall. Members are also reminded that the last hand-in date for the 1st Colour Print Competition for the Club Championship is Friday 7th October.

Check the club website at carluke-cc.org.uk for further information.

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Posted on Saturday 17th September 2016

During the spring of 2016 Carluke Camera Club ran a very successful hands-on course for interested parties over 50 titled "An Introduction to Digital Photography". As a follow up we are now interested in obtaining further names for a second like course to be run sometime in the near future dependant on the response. Over a 6-8 week period you will become familiar with digital cameras, laptops, camera settings and software which should relate to your own equipment. All necessary equipment will be supplied by the club. All interested parties are asked to forward their name and contact details to Iain Pollock (Tel : 01555 770148 or e-mail ian.pollock@btinternet.com).

Members are reminded that there is no meeting on Friday 23rd or Monday 26th September due to the September holiday weekend. On Friday 30th September at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church Hall, Mount Stewart St Carluke, Tony Potter will judge the club Annual Print Competition.

Check the club website at carluke-cc.org.uk for further information.

Posted on Saturday 10th September 2016

There was a full house at Friday's meeting when the speaker was Eddie Telford, a Past President of Ayr Photographic Society. Eddie is also a much-respected competition judge and his presentation was entitled "My Early Relationships with Judges" and was illustrated with some excellent examples of his own competition entries. In his typically informative and humorous style, he discussed the strengths and weaknesses of each individual entry, much to the enlightenment and enjoyment of the audience.

The speaker at this Friday's meeting will be Camera Club Vice-President Libby Smith who will present an introduction to the Club's forthcoming workshops and demos. These will cover all aspects of photography from basics to competition standard. Friday is also the Hand-In date for the first Club Championship Competition.

The club is especially pleased to welcome new members of any capability or of none at all, and beginners' workshops will begin shortly. All Club meetings are held in St Andrews Church Hall in Mount Stewart Street, Carluke on Fridays at 7.30pm.

Full details are on the Club's website at www.carluke-cc.org.uk

Posted on Saturday 3rd September 2016

Club President Iain Pollock welcomed a very good turnout of members to the Club's first meeting of the new winter session. The meeting took an informal format with members having previously been invited to bring along some examples of their work over the summer months. A dozen members had taken up the invitation, each one having brought a number of images, covering a very wide range of subjects. While each image was displayed the owner discussed the subject and the particular challenges to overcome before producing the final image. The result was a very enjoyable and valuable learning experience, for all.

Club Vice-President Libby Smith also spoke to the Club about new format for the forthcoming competition season. The changes relate mainly to the size of images, suitable for the Club's projector.

At the start of the new season, the Club extends a particular welcome to any new members, whatever their skill level levels. Beginners are also especially welcome at the club's weekly workshops which are held on Monday evenings and cover all aspects of photography.

The weekly meetings are held in St Andrews Church Hall, in Mount Stewart Street, at 7.30pm every Friday. The syllabus covers a wide range of topics with in-house speakers as well as some high-profile guests as well as competitions and social events.

This Friday's speaker is Eddie Telford from Ayr Photographic Society. Eddie's work is very highly regarded and his presentation on Friday is entitled "My Early Relationships with Judges"

Club members are reminded that Friday is the latest hand-in date for the Club's Annual Print Competition to be judged by Tony Potter.

Full details of all the Clubs' activities can be found on the club's website at www.carluke-cc.org.uk

Posted on Friday 26th August 2016

Congratulations to club member Cameron Scott who received a FIAP Gold Medal from the '2nd International Salon Varna 2016' for his image titled 'Gull Feeding Frenzy'.

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Posted on Saturday 20th August 2016

Carluk Camera Club opens it's new session with an enrolment & Cheese/Wine evening on Friday 26th August at 7.30pm in St Andrews Church Hall, Mount Stewart Street, Carluk. All old and prospective members are warmly welcome. If you are interested in photography why not come along and see if the club is for you. We are one of the leading photographic clubs in Scotland and our syllabus has a mixture of Speakers, In-house and High Profile Guests, Competitions and Social Events. In addition the club runs instructional workshops for members. We also provide interest groups for Audio Visual, Nature and Portraiture. Hopefully something for everyone.

Members are reminded to bring along their digital images on enrolment night for showing during the Member's Digital Night on Friday 2nd September. Members should also note the final hand-in date for the club Annual Print Competition to be judged by Tony Potter is Friday 9th September.

Check the club website at carluke-cc.org.uk for further information.

Posted on Saturday 13th August 2016

On Saturday 16th July Carluk Camera Club travelled to Warwick University, as one of the clubs representing Scotland, to participate in the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain Inter-club PDI Championship. Having qualified for the final Carluk was eventually placed 7th equal in the competition and Top Scottish Club. Congratulations must go to club member Eddie Coccozza who was awarded Paul Keene's Judge's Choice for his image titled 'Like wot you see, Sir?'

The club opens it's new session with an enrolment & Cheese/Wine evening on Friday 26th August at 7.30pm in St Andrews Church Hall, Mount Stewart Street, Carluk. All old and new prospective members are warmly welcome. If you are interested in photography why not come along and see if the club is for you. We are one of the leading photographic clubs in Scotland and our syllabus has a mixture of Speakers, In-house and High Profile Guests, Competitions and Social Events. In addition to the normal Friday club nights the club runs Monday workshops for members. We also provide interest groups for Audio Visual, Nature and Portraiture. In fact something for everyone.

Members are reminded to bring along their digital images on enrolment night for showing during the Member's Digital Night on Friday 2nd September. Members should also note the final hand-in date for the club Annual Print Competition to be judged by Tony Potter is Friday 9th September.

Check the club website at carluke-cc.org.uk for further information.

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On Friday 13th May the Club President Iain Pollock welcomed members of Carluk Camera Club to Carluk Golf Club for their Annual Dinner and Presentation of Awards. Presenting the awards was club member Mrs Alison Willis. Awards in the **Club Championship** Winner Gavin Forrest, Runner Up Chris Bonnington; Colour Print Section Winner Janet Russell, Runner Up Gavin Forrest; Mono Print Section Winner Gavin Forrest, Runner Up Chris Bonnington; Digital Section Winner Mary Gibson, Runner Up Chris Bonnington and Gavin Forrest. In **League 2 Championship** Winner Maurice Benyon, Runner Up John Harrington; Colour Print Section Winner Maurice Benyon, Runners Up John Harrington and Susan Pinkus, Mono Print Section Winner Maurice Benyon, Runner Up Susan Pinkus; Digital Section Winner John Harrington, Runner Up Maurice Benyon. In the **James McDowall Trophy (Nature)** Winner - Mary Gibson, Runner Up -Tom Robley, Best Image League 1 - Cameron Scott, Best Image League 2 - Bryan Buckley. In the **Annual Print Competition** Winner - Gavin Forrest, Best Image League 2 - Susan Pinkus, Category Winners - Chris Bonnington, Janet Russell, Alistair Cox, Mary Gibson, Bryan Buckley, Gavin Forrrest and Martin Pinkus. In the **Annual Digital Competition** Winner - Bryan Buckley, Best Image League 2 - Bryan Buckley, Category Winners - Robert Hendry, Matt Craig, Gavin Forrest, Janet Russell, Chris Bonnington, Susan Pinkus, Gaille Gray and Mary Gibson. Closing the evening Club Vice-President Libby Smith thanked Tom Robley, Gaille Gray and Cameron Scott for all their work in making the evening such a tremendous success.

Further information can be found on the club website at carluke-cc.org.uk.

Posted on Saturday 7th May 2016

At their final Club Night of the current session on Friday 6th May the members of Carluk Camera Club appointed the following committee : President - Iain Pollock, Vice-President - Libby Smith, Secretary - Ed Willis, Treasurer - Billy Chapman, Syllabus Secretary - John Gallacher, External Competition Secretary - Hunter Kennedy, Internal Competition Secretaries - Gaille Gray, Sadie Paterson & Cameron Scott, Committee Members - Alison Willis, Jim Plenderleith, Mike Arthur, Jim Pollock & Tom Robley, Publicity - Mike Arthur & John Cannon.

The Club's Meal & Presentation will be held in Carluk Golf Club at 7pm on Friday 13th May. Further information can be found on the club website at carluke-cc.org.uk.