

Session 2017-2018

Posted on Saturday 17th February 2018

Friday's Club meeting was a presentation by Des Clinton FRPS, a highly respected photographer from Drogheda, Ireland. Several guests and members of other clubs attended and what a wonderful night was had by all! Des presented us with a fabulous selection of photographs as well as a couple of AV presentations and I counted that he covered at least ten different subjects - from farming in Eastern Europe to street life in Belfast and from life in a Cistercian monastery to Ireland's abandoned cottages, each including some wonderfully intimate images and all accompanied by a very knowledgeable and entertaining commentary. A fabulous evening and a true inspiration to any aspiring photographer!

This Friday Eddie Telford from Ayr Photographic Society will judge our second Club Championship Digital Competition. Members are also reminded that 2nd March is the date of the Club's "It's a Knockout" competition for which members were invited to submit four digital images: there is just still time and images can be handed to Hunter Kennedy on disc by this Friday at latest.

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.

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 Saturday 10th February 2018

On Friday, Carluke Camera Club members were entertained by two presentations by club members. Starting the meeting, Gaille Gray and Cameron Scott showed a collection of their work, with particular emphasis on landscapes and close-up views. Following this, Gavin Forrest showed a selection of his images which were recorded during a recent visit to VietNam. Both presentations stimulated much discussion about photographic techniques and equally about the respective subject matters, reminding members of the wonderful scenery which we have here, in Scotland, and of the stark contrast in lifestyle between Scotland and VietNam.

Vice President, Libby Smith, proudly announced the results of the recent GP Cup Competition, hosted by the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain. Carluke Camera Club was placed in fourth position, out of 76 clubs from throughout the whole of the UK. In addition to this, Club member Hunter Kennedy won the first prize in one of the individual categories of the competition. Despite this impressive success, the Club is still very eager to cater for complete beginners, with regular sessions devoted to the basic principles of photography. New members and guests are always very welcome at these meetings.

At the Club's next meeting, on Friday 16th February, the speaker will be Des Clinton, a leading member of the Drogheda Photographic Society in Ulster. This will be an open meeting and members of other clubs and guests are warmly invited. This meeting will also be the 'hand-in' session for the Club's colour print Knock-out competition and it is hoped that all members will each enter four prints.

The Clubs' weekly meetings are held at 7.30pm on Fridays in St Andrews Parish Church hall, Mount Stewart Street, and visitors are always most welcome.

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Posted on Saturday 3rd February 2018

Friday's meeting was the Club's 40th Anniversary Dinner which took the form of a splendid four course Burn's Supper, attended by most of the Club's present members as well as several past members. After the meal we were treated to a preview of the public 40th Anniversary Print Exhibition for the following day as well as a splendid presentation by Libby Smith of colour slides and digital images taken by and including the work of members over the past four decades. It was wonderful not only to reminisce but also to be inspired by the sight of so many very fine images from the past, particularly as many had been produced using equipment far less sophisticated than our modern digital cameras.

Next Friday (9th February) there will be a presentation by Gavin Forrest, Gaille Gray and Cameron Scott entitled "A Night of Two Halves" to which all members, guests and visitors are warmly welcomed. As always, the meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. in St. Andrew's Parish Church hall.

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Posted on Saturday 27th January 2018

Friday's Club meeting featured the judging of this season's second colour print competition by Allan Gawthorpe from Aberdeen, a highly respected photographer who judged each of the 46 entries fairly and provided much helpful and constructive advice. League 1 was won jointly by Libby Smith and Gaille Gray and League 2 was won by Alistair Cox.

For members, this Friday a Burns Supper is taking place as part of the Club's 40th Anniversary Celebrations. And on Saturday, 3rd February the Club is hosting an Anniversary Exhibition from 12 noon until 4.00 p.m. open to all partners, friends and members of other clubs. Entry is free and tea/coffee and cakes/scones will be available for a donation to Club funds. The Exhibition, as with all meetings, will be held in St Andrews Parish Church Hall, Mount Stewart Street.

Members will also know that the Club meeting on 19th January was cancelled due to heavy snow. So the previously planned presentation by Gavin Forrest, Gaille Gray and Cameron Scott entitled "A Night of Two Halves" has now been re-scheduled for Friday, 9th February.

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Posted on Saturday 13th January 2018

On Friday, Carluke Camera Club hosted a packed meeting, with many invited guests from the Camera Clubs of Lanark, Hamilton and Motherwell, who attended the annual friendly competition between the Clubs. The evening's judge was the highly-regarded Bob Collins, a Past President of Queen's Park Camera Club. The overall winner of the competition was the home team from Carluke Club, who also provided a lavish buffet to conclude an excellent social evening.

Carluke President Iain Pollock reminded members of the forthcoming Club outing to Fort William, on February 24th/25th, to capture the delights of the local winter scenery. There are only a very few hotel rooms still available and anyone interested in participating is urged contact the Club as soon as possible. The Club is also planning a visit to the Isle of May, in July, to photograph the migratory sea birds which will be nesting there at that time.

Iain Pollock also reminded members of the Club's 40th Anniversary Dinner, on Friday 5th February, for which tickets are being taken up quickly but are still available. There will also be an exhibition of the best of member's photography over the 40 years since the Club's inception.

The next meeting, on Friday 19th January, is entitled "An Evening with Two Halves", presented by Club members Gavin Forrest, Gaille Gray and Cameron Scott.

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Posted on Saturday 6th January 2018

Members of Carluke Camera Club are looking forward to Friday's four-way "Print Battle" which will be a joint meeting with the local camera clubs from Hamilton, Lanark and Motherwell. In the competition, each Club enters a fixed number of prints which are assessed and awarded a point's score, towards the total points for each club. Friday's judge will be Bob Collins, a Past President of Queen's Park Camera Club, and who is widely respected for his own camera skills. As host club, Carluke will provide a buffet at the interval, thanks to the generosity of its members, and all donations from them will be very gratefully received.

Last Friday, after the Christmas break, the Club resumed its weekly meetings, with a "Where is it?" competition, based on the landscape pictures by Sadie Paterson and Ed Willis. This proved to be a very challenging and enjoyable test for all but, thanks to their Scottish geography and historical skills, the team of John Cannon, Tom Robley and Michael Arthur won the first place by a convincing margin, and were each able to take home some very exciting prizes.

The Club will be celebrating its 40th anniversary with a dinner on Friday 5th February and also by an exhibition of the best work of members, over the years. To this end, the Club is extending an invitation to all its members, including past members, to enter examples of their best work for the exhibition.

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Posted on Saturday 30th December 2017

Carluke Camera Club will resume its programme of weekly meetings on Friday evening with a quiz night entitled 'Where am I?' This will be hosted by Committee members Ed Willis and Sadie Paterson and will offer an interesting debate about camera techniques as well as a searching test of member's knowledge of geography.

The meeting will also be the 'hand-in' night for entries to the Club's Championship Colour Print competition, which will be judged on 26th January by the widely-respected Allan Gawthorpe of Aberdeen's Bon Accord Camera Club. The year 2018 will be the 40th anniversary of the Carluke Club's establishment and will be celebrated with a special function on Friday 5th February and also by an exhibition of the best work of members, over the years. To this end, the Club is extending an invitation to all its members, including past members, to enter samples of their best work to be included in the exhibition.

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Posted on Saturday 9th December 2017

On Friday the Club was host to a GDPU Interclub Competition between Airdrie & Coatbridge Photographic Club and ourselves. Not only were we pleased to welcome several members from Airdrie and Coatbridge, but we were very fortunate to have, as our judge, Robert Fulton from Paisley Colour Camera Club, himself a highly respected and expert photographer whose opinions in all matters photographic are highly regarded. A total of 40 digital images (20 from each club) were presented and were fairly judged by Robert who also gave much expert advice on composition, image processing and other technical aspects. On this occasion Carluke prevailed with 350 points against Airdrie & Coatbridge with 286 and the evening ended with friendly discussions over tea and biscuits.

The next Club meeting is this Friday (15th December) and will be the usual informal pre-Christmas Quiz Night with cheese and wine. This will be the last meeting this year, the first meeting of 2018 being a "Guess Where?" competition on 5th January. As always, these meetings will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall at 7.30pm and new members and visitors and guests will be most welcome.

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Posted on Saturday 2nd December 2017

On Friday we were treated to a wonderfully inspiring presentation, "Scottish Landscapes", by Gavin Ritchie, a young photographer from Bearsden. Gavin explained how, at a very young age, his interest in photography had been triggered by his father, himself a keen photographer, and Gavin had gone on to study monochrome film photography at North Glasgow College before branching out into digital and colour work. Interestingly, he made the decision to develop his techniques and skills by setting himself regular challenges to capture the varied landscapes of different parts of Scotland during different seasons - and so we were regaled with glorious images of 'Autumn in the Trossachs' and the 'Northern Lights at Loch Lomond' as well as fabulous pictures of Perthshire, the Ardnamurchan peninsula, 'Glen Coe in Winter' and many others. Altogether a most enjoyable and inspiring meeting which also attracted several guests from other clubs.

The next Club meeting is this Friday (8th December) and will be a GDPU Image League competition between Airdrie & Coatbridge and Carluke, judged by Robert Fulton. As always, that meeting will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall at 7.30pm and new members and visitors and guests will be most welcome.

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Posted on Saturday 18th November 2017

The guest speaker at Friday's well-attended club meeting was Colin Trow-Poole from Worcester. His international reputation, as a photographer, stems from a career of over forty years, going back to the pre-digital era, when much photographic work was completed only in black and white. Friday's presentation included some colour work, but was focussed mainly on the important place that still exists for black and white photography. Colin's presentation covered a wide range of topics but concentrated on landscapes and portraiture and he very ably demonstrated the tremendous impact that good black and white photography can still deliver

On Sunday, a group of club members attended the final judging of the Scottish Photographic Federation's Digital Image Championship. This was held in Stirling and 28 clubs from throughout Scotland competed in this most prestigious event. Much to their delight, and also due to their hard work, Carl Luke was credited with an overall third position.

Although the Club has some very talented members, it still remains dedicated to encouraging members with all levels of skill and, to further this, the next beginner's workshop will be held on Monday evening, and will cover a range of different topics.

This Friday's meeting will be the judging of the Club's own black and white print competition, and the judge will be Clive Watkins, the President of Townhead Camera Club in Irvine. Apart from the competitive element, this meeting also promises to be a very useful learning event, as the judge discusses the relative merits of each of the entries. The meeting begins at 7.30pm on Friday in St Andrews Parish Church, Mount Stewart Street, and visitors are most welcome.

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Posted on Saturday 11th November 2017

Club members are looking forward to Friday's meeting when the guest speaker will be Colin Trow-Poole from Worcester. His international reputation stems from a career of over forty years, going back to the pre-digital era, when much photographic work was completed in black and white. Using modern techniques, his work still uses much black and white and his talk will illustrate how he is able to use this, rather than full colour, to emphasise the atmosphere of his work.

The meeting begins at 7.30pm on Friday in St Andrews Parish Church, Mount Stewart Street, and visitors will be most welcome.

Monday evening will see the next of the Club's continuing workshop classes for beginners and the topic this time will be nature photography.

This all follows last Friday's meeting, when a packed audience, including many visitors, heard Andrea Hargreaves, from Selby in Yorkshire, describe her own techniques which have earned her many awards and much international distinction. Her unusual technique involves carefully fusing together many different individual small images to gradually build up one overall image of the concept that she wishes to display, often with an attractive aethereal atmosphere. Hence her work may require over fifty hours of work at the computer keyboard to produce a single picture, but often one with a very strong message. She is particularly well-known for her work in Fine Art and in Nature Photography.

Co-incidentally, Nature photography will also be the topic for next Monday's meeting of the Club's ongoing beginner's workshop series.

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Posted on Saturday 4th November 2017

The guest speaker at Friday's meeting of Carl Luke Camera Club was Alasdair McLeod, staff photographer with the Daily Record and Sunday Mail. After a lifetime career in photography, his work has earned him an award as the "News Photographer of the Year" in this year's Scottish Press Awards. His work covers a very wide range of topics including sport, fashion, portraiture, as well as news and current affairs. He illustrated that however much careful preparation, as well as technical expertise, was required in his work, at the same time, an alertness to ever-changing events is vital, in order to capture that "once in a lifetime" picture before the opportunity possibly disappears for ever.

In addition to this meeting, last weekend was a busy time for many of the Club members as they set off for the Club's autumn outing which was a photographic expedition to Hawes, a picturesque village in the Yorkshire Dales. This Friday's guest speaker will be Andrea Hargreaves, from Selby in Yorkshire. Her work covers a very wide range of topics, earning many international awards and is sure to attract another large audience. She is especially well respected for her work in Fine Art and in Nature Photography.

The meeting will be held in St Andrews Parish Church hall at 7.30pm on Friday evening and is open to visitors, as well as Club members.

Monday evening will see the next of the Club's continuing workshop classes for beginners and the topic this time will be nature photography.

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Posted on Saturday 28th October 2017

A large turnout of members is expected at the next meeting of Carl Luke Camera Club, when the guest speaker will be Alasdair McLeod from Maybole, in Ayrshire. Alasdair is Senior Photographer with the Daily Record and Sunday Mail and the high quality of his work, this year, has earned him nomination as "News Photographer of the Year" in the recent Scottish Press Awards. His work covers sporting events as well as general news stories and his talk will be very much of general interest as well as of photographic technical interest. The meeting will be held in St Andrews Church hall at 7.30pm on Friday evening and is open to visitors, as well as Club members.

Last week's meeting featured the final of the Club's latest colour print competition, judged by Gordon Scott, a leading member of Mid Calder Camera Club. Gordon gave a very interesting analysis of each entry, highlighting both the strengths and the weaknesses, before announcing the winners. In League 2, Ian Gunning continued his impressive run by collecting first prize for the third consecutive competition, with his entry "Ayrshire Coast". In League 1, three entries tied for first place. They were "The Falcon Queen" and "Beal Ban Morning", both by Libby Smith and "Left Out" by Gaille Gray.

Next weekend will also see the Club's autumn outing, when a group of members sets out for two days at the village of Hawes, in the Yorkshire Dales, in order to explore and to record the area's local photographic highlights.

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Posted on Saturday 21st October 2017

On Friday we were treated to a wonderfully inspiring presentation, "Burma Underexposed", by John McVie. John is a senior member of Dumfries Camera Club and also serves on the executive committee of the Scottish Photographic Federation. His talk, about his tour of Myanmar in 2012, was richly illustrated with many of his own beautiful digital images, prints and even an audio-visual presentation and gave a fascinating insight into the people, their daily lives, their religion, and also the very varied landscapes, of that country. And during the break we were able to enjoy his fine display of colour and monochrome prints. Altogether a most enjoyable and inspiring meeting which also attracted several guests from other clubs.

The next Club meeting is this Friday (27th October) when Gordon Scott will judge the Club's first colour print competition of this season. As always, that meeting will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall at 7.30pm and new members and visitors and guests will be most welcome.

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Posted on Saturday 14th October 2017

Friday's meeting of Carluke Camera Club centred around the judging of the Club's digital image competition by renowned photographer Neil McGregor, a leading member of Milngavie and Bearsden Camera Club

Neil has recently achieved distinction at national level with his award-winning action shot of an osprey taking a trout from the water at Aviemore. A radio transmitter, previously attached to the bird's back, revealed that the bird later migrated in August from Aviemore to Senegal, in North West Africa - an amazing journey of 3500 miles in only a fortnight.

Judging Carluke's competition on Friday, Neil offered some very constructive comments on each of the 59 entries before announcing the winners. In League 2, Ian Gunning enjoyed his second triumph of the season with his print "Faster ! ", while the over all winner in League 1 was Gaille Gray with her delightful print of "Daisies and Sunflowers".

There will be no member's workshop this week, but the topic at next Friday's meeting will be "Burma Underexposed", presented by John McVie from Dumfries Camera Club. John is also the Senior Vice-President of the Scottish Photographic Federation and his talk promises an interesting insight to photographic techniques and also into the countryside of Burma, itself.

The meeting, in St Andrew's Church Hall, begins at 7.30pm and is open to all. Full details are on the club's website at www.carluke-cc.org.uk

Posted on Saturday 7th October 2017

The guest speaker at Friday's meeting of Carluke Camera Club was Guy Philips, President of Paisley Colour Photographic Club. His illustrated talk called "My Take on Aviation" featured some dramatic photography of vintage aircraft, accompanied by a very informative commentary on the technical details of both the photography and of the aircraft.

Last week's meeting included the judging of the Club's colour print competition by Simon Allen, a leading member of Dumfries Camera Club, who gave a very thoughtful and helpful analysis of each entry. The competition was divided into several sections with Ian Gunning being the winner of League Two with his entry "Ailsa View", but the overall winner of the competition was Gaille Gray with her entry entitled "Left Out".

The judge complimented the Club on the high standard of all the entries, but the Club also prides itself in catering for members with all levels of skill (or no skill, at all). Aimed at complete beginners, this week also saw a very well-attended evening workshop session entitled "Camera Basics". Further regular workshops are planned to follow this.

The next club meeting is on Friday 13th October at 7.30pm in St. Andrews Church Hall, in Mount Stewart Street. This meeting will be devoted to the judging of the Club's digital image competition our guest judge, Neil Macgregor. New members and guests are always most welcome and full details of all the Clubs' activities are on the Club's webpage at www.carluke-cc.org.uk

Posted on Saturday 23rd September 2017

Because of the September holiday, there was no meeting on Friday. The next Club meeting is this Friday (29th September) when Simon Allen from Dumfries will judge the Club's Annual Print Competition. As always, that meeting will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall at 7.30pm and new members and visitors and guests will be most welcome.

Members' Workshops commence on Monday, 2nd October with "An Introduction to Camera Basics". Please contact Libby if you wish to participate in this workshop giving details of your camera.

As 2017 is the 40th anniversary of the Club's foundation, a few things are being planned, including an exhibition of work from not only every present member of the Club but also the work of past members from the last four decades. If enough images are submitted, it is hoped that a selection of the work will form a digital presentation, a print exhibition and a book. All former members are kindly encouraged to contact Libby Smith or Hunter Kennedy to discuss possible inclusion of their work in the exhibition and other celebratory events.

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Posted on Saturday 16th September 2017

Last Friday was this season's second full meeting at which Libby Smith outlined the forthcoming programme of Monday night Members' Workshops and also treated us to a fine illustrated and inspiring "taster" of advanced image editing which will form part of the workshops programme.

Because of the September holiday, there will be no meetings this coming Friday or Monday. The next Club meeting is on Friday, 29th September when Simon Allen from Dumfries will judge the Club's Annual Print Competition. 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.

Members' Workshops commence on Monday, 2nd October with "An Introduction to Camera Basics".

As 2017 is the 40th anniversary of the Club's foundation, an exhibition is planned to display some of the best work of its members during the Club's lifetime. All former members are kindly encouraged to contact Libby Smith or Hunter Kennedy to discuss possible inclusion of their work in the exhibition and other celebratory events.

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Posted on Saturday 2nd September 2017

Friday evening saw the first autumn meeting of Carluke Camera Club after the usual summer break in the Club's programme of weekly meetings. The well-attended meeting included many long-time members and also welcomed a significant number of new members. The Club prides itself on catering for members with all ranges of ability, including complete beginners for whom a series of meetings about basic skills has been planned.

Carluke Camera Club is now celebrating it's 40th anniversary, having been founded in 1977, and is a much-respected name in British photographic circles having regularly represented Scotland at the national championships.

The Club intends that, by encouraging and promoting photography as a hobby to its members and the wider community, it will benefit that community by providing it with a vibrant club within its midst.

The syllabus of meetings 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 organises workshops for members with all levels of skill, including complete beginners. The Club also has special interest groups for such topics as Audio-visual, Portraiture, and Nature.

Meetings are held in St Andrew's Church Hall in Mount Stewart Street at 7.30 pm on Friday evenings. Full details of all these meetings are available on the club's website at www.carluke-cc.org.uk and new members and guests are always most welcome.

Posted on Saturday 26th August 2017

Carluke Camera Club starts their 2017-2018 session on Friday 1st September at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church Hall, Mount Stewart Street, Carluke with an Enrolment Night with Cheese & Wine.

Our syllabus has a mixture of Speakers, In-house and High Profile Guests, Competitions and Social Events. In addition to the normal club nights the club runs a number of workshops for members. We also provide interest groups for Audio Visual, Nature and Portraiture. In effect something for everyone. A warm welcome is extended to all past and new members.

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

Posted on Monday 24th July 2017

Carluke Camera Club starts their 2017-2018 session on Friday 1st September at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church Hall, Mount Stewart Street, Carluke with an Enrolment Night with Cheese & Wine.

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