

WCC NEWS

Worcestershire Camera Club

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This Week - Tuesday

This week's guest speaker is fine art and commercial photographer [Michael O'Sullivan](#) with his presentation *Fallen Angels*. You can get a sneak preview on his website or [Facebook photostream](#). An article on Michael in here too - [Now I lay me down to sleep..](#)

Tuesday is also the deadline for the 2nd PDI competition of the season.

Digital Group

WCC Digital Imaging Group will meet on **Thursday 19th November** at **Claines British Legion**.

Eric Williams will be doing a session on Compression (unintentional rhyming there!).

Martin will be using Lightroom to make Christmas cards and books ready for all those Xmas presents you are going to make!

All members welcome. £2.00 per person, includes refreshments.



Contemporary Group

The latest CPG newsletter complete with gallery of members' images following our super meeting on 5th November is [now ready to view](#) on the CPG webpage. In the gallery, click on an image to show at full size.

Also, here's a link to an [excellent piece with great images](#) about 'urban exploration'. It appeared in a BBC on-line magazine and we thank Paul Mann for spotting this gem.

Clive

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Club Activities

Christmas Social



Anne Burrows writes:- The Christmas buffet this year is on **Tuesday 15 December**. Sales will be firstly to members only this week **Tuesday 17 November**.

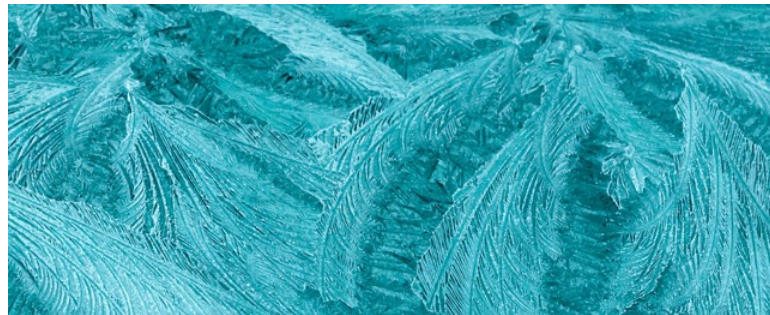
Tickets for members and their guests on sale **24 Nov, 1 December and 8 December**, subject to availability. We will be limited to 60 in total due to space in the hall.

Tickets £7, cash only please. No telephone reservations! Only payment of £7 gets you a ticket!

Just for Fun!

I would like to challenge WCC members to produce some seasonal images to be displayed on the front page slideshow of the Club's website during December. Please send letterbox images sized **850 x 345 pixels** to website@worcsccl.co.uk by **10am, on Friday morning, 4th December**. Thank you.

Karen Dewson



CrownGate

The Club is showing around 40 prints from some 24 members, a good cross-section of work from our membership. This is a reduced display as a nativity scene has occupied the larger window.

Present for the 'refresh' were: Jenny and Paul Mann, Bob Brierley, Henry Tomsett, Ron Childs, Max Willcox and myself.

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Members' News

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Group

Thanks to those members who joined us at County Hall on Friday for the exhibition launch and to Bob Brierley for the pictures and kind message.



Many, many congratulations for the exhibition and for the book which is absolutely superb!

Bob



Pam, Ruth, Darren and Stewart with Steve Wilson, County Arts Development Officer.

WCC on the Street

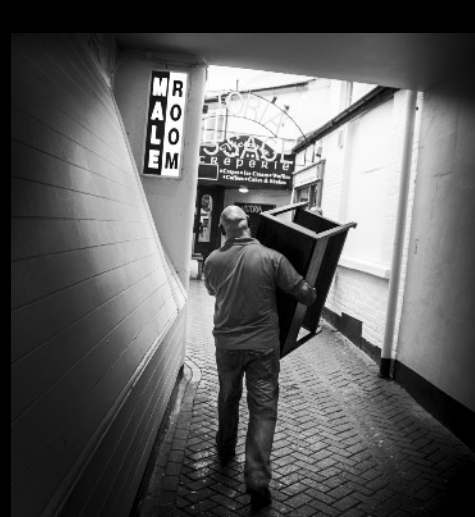
Despite the gloomy and damp weather prospect eight of us met up in Stourbridge for the 'Street Photography Workshop & Photo-Opportunity' organised by Darren Leeson.

Darren in his inimitable style gave excellent advice about how to be unobtrusive, approaching likely characters and people, choosing locations, looking for good backdrops and associations and shooting instinctively. He mentioned the advantages of presetting camera focus, the prepared mind and opportunism, plus numerous other most helpful tips and ploys.

Club members who've seen Darren's splendid street photography, particularly his sets at the Contemporary Group meetings know what an expert we're privileged to have in this highly observational genre.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip. Thank you Darren, we'll be on the next one!





Clive Haynes FRPS

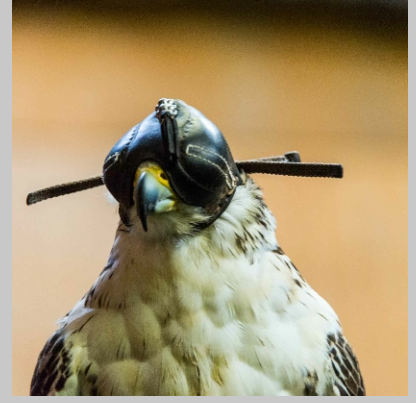


*Street
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Gill Haynes LRPS*

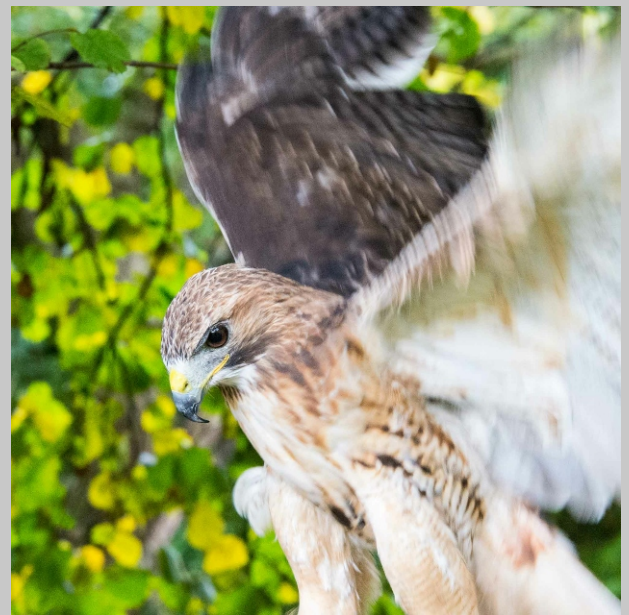


Watch the Birdie

Les Bailey has sent some sample shots from the recent birds of prey workshop.



Harry and Marvin



It was an early start for James...



And finally - the bird's perspective. Everyone's a critic!



Photo-Sharing Sites

James Woodend says:-

I wonder how many members of WCC realise that sites like 500px.com offer free web hosting for their images. You can share your favourite shots with the rest of the world & look forward to comments from keen fellow photographers from Russia, China, Japan, Middle East, USA, Europe etc.

For example - I posted this picture on the afternoon of Friday 13th November & by late Saturday 14th November had just under two thousand viewings with lots of comments & encouragements from across the globe.



[Click here](#) if you wish to see my 500px gallery.

You don't have to be a pro photographer or go to exotic places - people from all corners of our planet are interested in a very diverse range of photographic subjects. The quality of images on sites like 500px tend to be better quality than the mass of selfies & quick snaps posted on the likes of Flickr.

Editor's note:

NB the [500px](https://500px.com) free account is limited to 20 uploads a week. [More info here](#). Paid options also available.

Other image hosting sites also offer free access as well as subscriptions.

Just for comparison, [Flickr](https://www.flickr.com/) offers free of charge 1 TB of photo and video storage, with photos of up to 200 MB each, videos of up to 1GB each, Video playback of up to 3 minutes each, and limitlessly download your original photos. You can pay a subscription to go advert-free. [More about Flickr here](#).

On all the sharing/community sites the quality of the pictures you will see to some extent depends also on the contacts you make and choose to follow. Like James, I've enjoyed quality photography from Alaska to Outer Mongolia and Australia from my contacts' photostreams on Flickr.

[ipernity](https://www.ipernity.com/) is similar to how Flickr was until quite recently and also has free and paid options. [Read more here](#).

Dates for the Diary / Out and About

What's on, exhibitions to go and see, photo-opportunities... Send in your events.

NB 20 November The Golden Oak is sold out, returns only.

21 November Why not combine a photo-walk round the farm with a craft fair at Lower Smite Farm (WWT).

21 November Evesham & Pershore Christmas lights

21 November Women in Photography - Bradford

26-29 November Worcester Victorian Christmas Fair.

28 November Droitwich Christmas Lights switch-on, fair & market

28 November Bewdley Christmas Lights Festival & market

28/29 November Steampunks in Space (Leicester)

Ice rink at Webbs to 6 January.



Competitions & Exhibitions

Sony World Photogrpahy Awards The Sony World Photography Awards is the world's biggest photography competition and its aim is simple: to recognise and reward the best contemporary photography in the world. The awards have brought reward and recognition to those involved and each year offers \$30,000 (USD) in cash prizes plus the latest Sony digital imaging equipment. Free entry (you can pay for additional entries). The Sony World Photography Awards has five competitions:

- Professional - 14 categories, judged on a series of images, aimed at serious photographers
- Open - 10 categories, judged on a single image, open to all
- Youth - 3 categories, for photographers aged 12-19
- Student Focus - for those studying photography
- National Award - finding the best single image taken by a local photographer in over 50 countries

Grand Exhibition PHOTO WINNER 2015 closes 21st November. (Caution - turn your volume down before clicking!)

Lost in Music - enter by **22nd November** - images of dance music and the club scene. (Interestingly the featured photographers list consists of 11 men and not one woman...)

Around the Web

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Cast a vote for our local park... Gheluvelt Park is up for an award. Also well worth a photowalk!

Don't forget the WCC autumn Flipboard magazine. It's a mix of tips, how-to articles, photo galleries, plus background articles for those who want to dip in a bit deeper when time allows. Just view, or follow via Flipboard for regular updates. Flipboard is free and easy to use. If you're using Flipboard, why not become a contributor? Just let me know, I'll email you an invitation.



Ruth Bourne

Commercial

A special offer via Clive:-

Topaz Texture Effects

Texture Effects allows users to create a variety of textured, toned, and lighting effects in a fraction of the time it takes in other editing software. The program includes a library of over 150 expertly crafted effects, an extensive collection of texture assets (275+ high-resolution assets!), and instant access to effects other Topaz users have shared with the new Topaz Community. That means no more scouring the web for a look that inspires you. With Texture Effects, inspiration is only a click away!

Check out the [Quick Intro Guide](#) to see some of the notable features we are most excited about:

Watch the short Texture Effects Tips (under 2 minutes each) videos highlighting how to use the most important areas in Texture Effects:

It's **\$20 off until 20th November**. The offer price £34.14

Use [this link](#): and Coupon Code: TEXTUREFX



Texture effects sample - Clive Haynes FRPS