



Hi Everyone,

Just a quick roundup of club stuff.

Monday 7th October

Just a reminder that we have a talk by Caron Steele next Monday on world travel with a wildlife slant.

Caron took up photography as a hobby 5 years ago. She has specialised in wildlife photography and finds it a great form of stress relief in a very busy and hectic world. Caron comments: *"So many of us are so busy that we never stop to smell the roses. Don't get me wrong, I am still hectic running offices, a wedding venue and conference centre on our farm but taking time out to focus on something completely different improves my*

performance and well-being rather than hinders it. Photography has been my escape and helps brings me balance. I believe passionately in conservation and now I want to give a little back."

After purchasing her first DSLR in May 2014 Caron has been on a steep learning curve, with the help of many U-tube videos, joining fotobuzz - an online photography group, and asking everyone and anyone she met for advice, Caron is starting to become recognised as a competent wildlife photographer. She has had many wonderful photographic opportunities travelling around the world in pursuit of her hobby.

In 2016 she entered her first photography competition - Outdoor Photographer of the Year, and was delighted to have one of her images commended and published in the 2016 Outdoor Photographer of the Year book.

After that she got the bug and has entered about 3-4 national competitions a year with some success.

2017 British Wildlife Photography Awards - Coast & Marine Category Winner

2017 Nature's Best Photography Awards Africa - Mammal Portraits Category Winner

2017 Nature's Best Backyards Photography Competition Winner

2018 National Geographic Traveller Photography Competition Portfolio Runner Up

2019 Bird Photographer of the Year also Best Portrait Gold Award and People's Choice Award.

October 29th - Street photography practical day

We now have 9 club members signed up for the street photography practical day in Cheltenham on Tuesday the 29th Oct with Damien Demolder. This follows the talk from Damien and Adrian Vince (Panasonic ambassadors) at club's preceding Monday night meeting. The maximum number of members Damien can take is 15 although I suspect there may be some flexibility (I have enquired). The cost is £35 per head so don't leave it too late if you want to come.

Club subscriptions.

My namesake (the treasurer) is off on holiday for a few weeks so I have the forms etc for any of those members who have not yet paid their annual subs. All new members are welcome of course.

British wildlife photography awards 2019

The BWPA 2019 touring exhibition arrives at the Nature In Art, Twigworth, museum and art gallery on the 22nd October and runs until 22nd December. Along with the international Wildlife Photographer of the year, (which also visits Nature In Art in the new year) it's a terrific exhibition and one not to miss whether or not you are into this genre. The youth category is always embarrassingly good!

That's it. See you Monday.

Martyn Smith

Mike Cheeseman

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