



Kempston Camera Club

December 2023

What's been happening?

- 15 November - Photo walk - Light trails
 - 22 November – Studio night with Anastasia
 - 29 November – Speaker – Richard Cobby – Composition Masterclass
 - 6 December – Winners' event judged by Jonathan Vaines
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Next Year

- January 3rd – Open Competition judged by Jim Bennett
- 17th January – Nighttime photography
- 24th January – Studio Night
- 31st January – Nighttime Woburn walk SD Challenge

Photo Walk – Light Trails

Four of us ventured out on a windy evening and stood on a bridge overlooking the A421. It was a lot of fun as we captured the lights from the vehicles moving along the road beneath us. Here are some of the results:



These are from Mark

And these from Aidan



Studio Night with Anastasia

This was Studio Night with a difference as Anastasia (Tasi) brought us her urban style modelling and Andy showed us how to place the image on a plain background. Tasi was a lot of fun and showed her versatility when she changed her look to classy elegance.

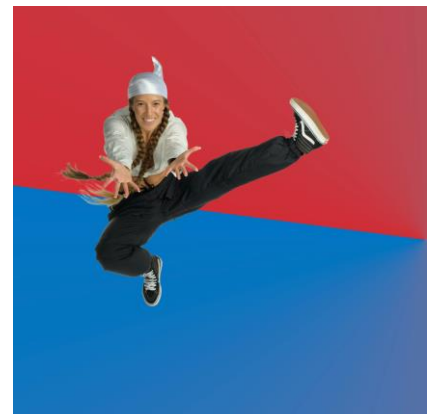
To see more images of Tasi – this is her Instagram link:

<https://instagram.com/tasilightfoot1?igshid=MmVIMjlkMTBhMg==>

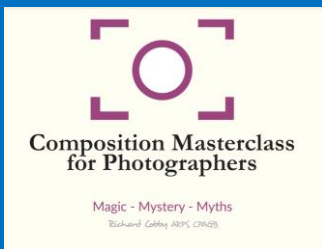
These are a few of our images from the night:



And these are Aidan's after changing the background.



Composition Masterclass With Richard Cobby



This was an exceptionally good talk during which Richard took us through the fundamentals of composition. He reminded us of why we take photos; talked about the various elements of composition and the grids we try use to guide us in that; and referred us to tonal contrast (see Aidan's notes which he sent out to us all for more detail).

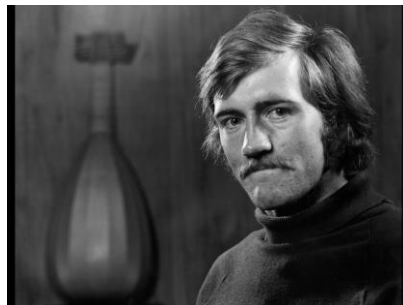
Below you will see some of Richard's own photographs (all at 180dpi) which he has generously allowed me to include in this newsletter:



Rydal View



Little Bridge- Venice



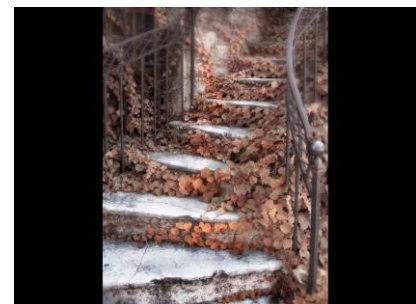
Goeffrey Willmer – lutenist



Corner Shop-St Tropez



Cockley Beck Bridge At Dawn



Steps of Autumn

Winners' Event

Digital

1st Place – Juvenile Shield Bug by Chris



Congratulations to the three winners on the night:

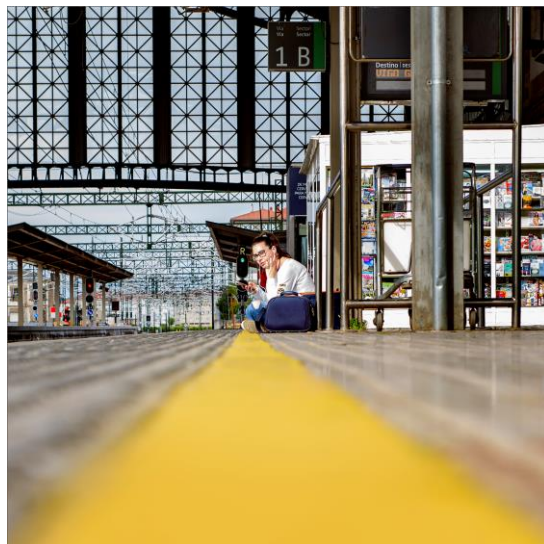
Prints

1st Place – Margate by Peter



President's Challenge

Overall Winner – Waiting for the Train by Aidan



Favourite Photographers

This month's photographer is Richard Cobby chosen by Janet.

Christmas Party

**Next
competition
January 3rd**

When I asked Janet who her favourite photographer was, she said that she had been so impressed by Richard's photographs it just had to be him.

If you follow this link you will find plenty more of his photos to admire. And he will be back next year to give us another talk in May:
<https://pbase.com/richardcobby>

His gallery is definitely worth a visit so thank you, Janet for suggesting him.

This year's Christmas party was another great success – many thanks to everyone who came along and made it such a lovely evening and, of course to Andy for hosting and Gordon for operating the projector.

The winning image from the informal knock-out competition was this one:



Rooftops of Cuenca by Carolyn

Don't forget to get your images in to the normal email address by 31st December.

Next Year's programme

Jan	3	Competition: Jim Bennett	Theme: Open
	10	Committee	
	17	Nighttime photography talk - Aidan	
	24	Studio	
	31	Nighttime Woburn photo walk: SD Challenge	
Feb	7	Competition: Jonathan Vaines	Theme: The alphabet
	14	Review of the Woburn SD Challenge	
	21	AGM	
	28	Studio	
March	6	Competition: Ben Pike	Theme: Open
	13	Committee	
	20	Compose Yourself - Jonathan Vaines	
	27	Studio	
April	3	Competition: Alan Edwards	Theme: Open
	10	Black and white photography - Roy	
	17	Three-way competition - Jim Bennett	
	24	Studio	
May	1	Competition: Colin Southgate	Theme: Black and white
	8	Committee	
	15	Ken Payne - Macro Flowers	
	22	Studio	
	29	Richard Cobby Imagination to Image Creation or Creative Expressions	
June	5	Competition: Naomi Soul	Theme: Flowers
	12	Old Bedford photo walk	
	19	Review of Old Bedford	
	26	Studio	
July	3	Competition - Richard Burn	Theme: Open
	10	Committee	
	17	Photo walk: Paxton Pits	
	24	Studio	
	31	Day trip to Cambridge	
August	7	Competition: David Steel	Theme: Four legs
	14	Summer recess	
	21	Summer recess	Includes day trip to London
	28	Summer recess	(date to be arranged)
September	4	Competition: Naomi Soul	Theme: Open
	11	Committee	
	18	Tuscan Autumn - Naomi Soul	
	25	Studio	

And finally!

Oct	2	Competition - Jim Bennett	Theme: Open
	9	Colin Southgate - TBC	
	16	Food photography	
	23	Studio	
	30	Product photography	
Nov	6	Competition: Ben Pike Theme Flying (is not for the birds)	
	13	Committee	
	20	Inspiring photographers	
	27	Studio	
Dec	4	Competition: Jim Bennett	Winners' event
	11	Christmas party	
	18	Christmas holiday	
	25	Christmas holiday	

As a special treat to end the year, Richard sportingly agreed to me including a very special photo in this newsletter. Hold on to your hats! Here it is:



Relaxing in Dubai