



Kempston Camera Club

January 2024

What's been happening?

- 3 January – Open Competition judged by Jim Bennett
- 10 January – Committee
- 17 January – Social evening in the King William IV
- 24 January – Studio Night with Georgia
- 31 January – Presentation from Olney

Next Month

- 7 January – Tech evening
- 14 January – Competition: The Alphabet, judged by Jonathan Vaines
- 21 January – AGM
- 28 January – Studio night

Social Evening

The weather was against us for our planned Photo Walk round Woburn, so we have postponed this until later in the year. Rather than abandon club night altogether we decided to meet up in King William IV for a social evening.

Eight of us sat in the warmth of the pub and talked about satellites, stellar distances and other “far out” topics – oh, and photography of course!

It was a very pleasant way to spend a cold January evening so thanks to everyone who turned out that night.

Meeting up with Olney Club

On the last evening of January, a group of us travelled to Olney, or joined in remotely via Teams, for the first of our planned joint ventures with Olney Camera Club. They made us very welcome.

It was a very pleasant evening spent listening to a presentation by Daniel Bridge entitled “Ten Tips to Improve Your Photography”.

The ten tips were:

1. Come off Auto (try to use the features of your camera in Manual mode)
2. White Balance (change it according to the conditions or the effect you want)
3. Use a tripod
4. Maximise the subject
5. Eliminate distractions
6. Don't forget to move
7. Notice the little things
8. Enjoy the weather (and the different results it can create)
9. Be critical (but not too critical)
10. Book tuition with Daniel: <https://www.danielbridge.co.uk>

Above all, his advice was to HAVE FUN!

Open competition

Digital

1st Place – Paula has lost her bottle by Andy

2nd Place – Mushroom on Ice by Peter

3rd Place – The Eyes Have it by Peter

Prints

1st Place – Boxers Past and Present by Aidan

2nd Place – Yasmin's Brown Eyes by Peter

3rd Place – Retro Pedal Cycle by Peter



Paula has lost her bottle



Mushrooms on Ice



The Eyes Have it



Boxers Past and Present



Yasmin's Brown Eyes



Retro Pedal Cycle

Studio Night with Georgia

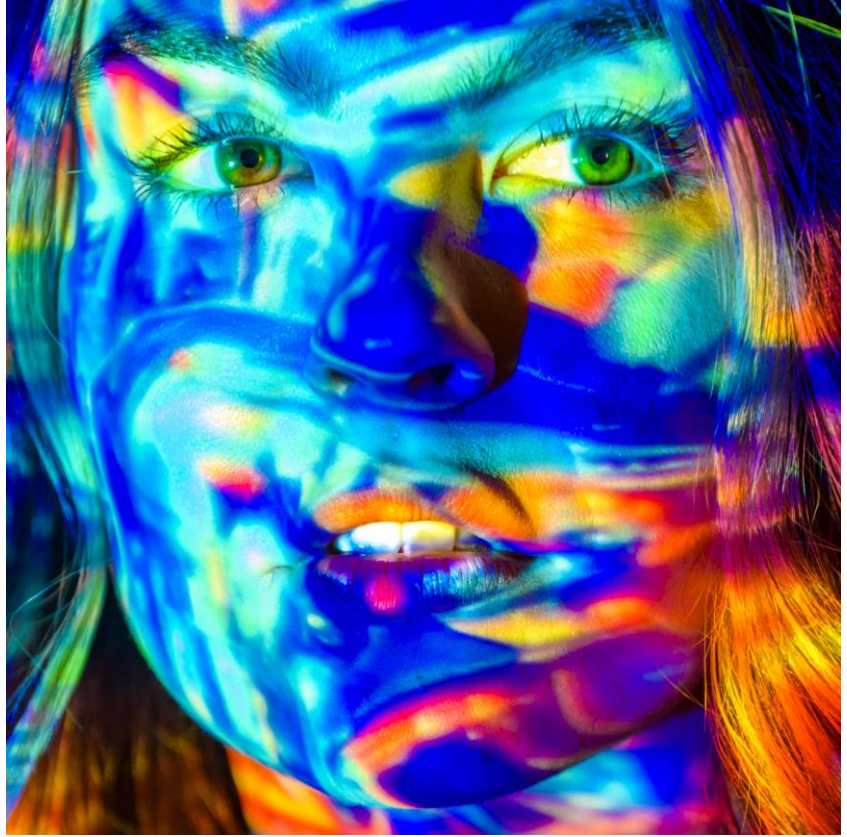
Georgia Mae had previously shot at studio night but had taken almost 2 years away from modelling to become a mother and was now looking to get back and restart modelling on a fairly part-time basis.

Andy had set the studio up using projections to give a new slant on the photos of Georgia. The projections were behind and actually on Georgia. As you can see, the effects were stunning:



These two from Andy





These two from Aidan



This month's
photographer is Annie
Liebovitz:



Probably best known for her portraits of celebrities, American photographer, Annie Liebovitz never fails to surprise and impress. Her portraits are often intimate. Before developing her own inimitable style, she attended the San Francisco Art Institute, where she studied painting with the intention of becoming an art teacher. At school, she had her first photography workshop and changed her major to photography. She was inspired by the work of Robert Frank and Henri Cartier-Bresson.



An rather different image of the Queen



Serena Williams – not as we normally see her



Meryl Streep – an unusual pose



And lastly (especially for Andy) Leonardo DiCaprio

Last word

The deadline for submitting images for next month's competition is Sunday 11th February.