



Kempston Camera Club

March 2025

What's been happening?

5 March

Competition:

Theme: Open – André Neves

12 March - Committee

19 March - Speaker -

Martin Patten -

Critique your own photos

26 March - Studio

Next Month

2 April 2

Competition:

Digital theme:

Reflections – Print

theme: Portraits

Judge - Jim Bennett

9 April- Close ups and photo-stacking - led

by Roy

16 March - Follow up from Roy's session

23 April - Studio

30 April - Speaker

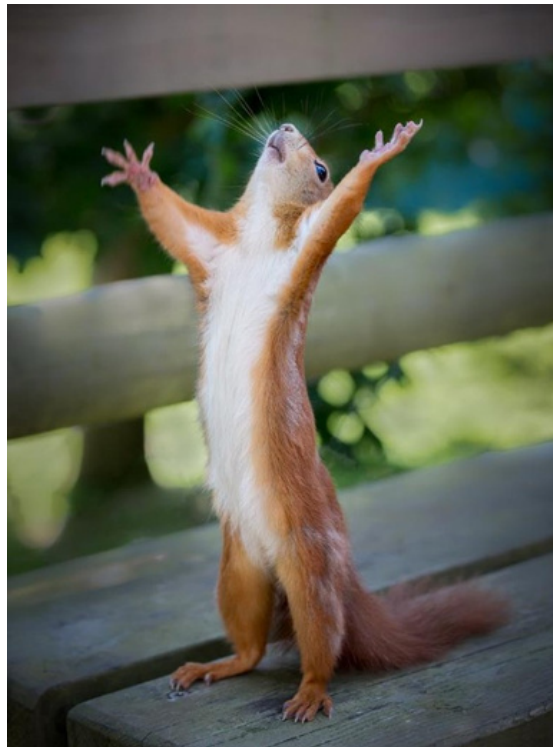
Hemant Jariwala – The

Dales – Limestone

Country

Martin Patten

I think it's fair to say that all of us who attended Martin's talk - "*Critique your own photos*" were thoroughly impressed. Martin's generous approach to sharing his own expertise was much appreciated and we have all benefited from his notes, which have been distributed to club members.



Who can forget this wonderful photo of the squirrel which has earned Martin acclaim from many different quarters. Wouldn't we all like to capture a moment like this on camera!

We may well see Martin again next year as he has another talk he can offer - "*Improving your photography*".

This is a link to Martin's website which gives more details about his work: <https://www.cameradays.co.uk/>

Prints

March Competition results

1st - Swimming Gracefully
by Peter



2nd - In the library by
Carolyn



3rd - Waiting for kick-off
by Aidan



Digital

1st - Beautiful blue sky by Janet



2nd - Soldier boy by Stewart



3rd - Purple cocus by Chris



Studio night

There was no Studio night this month as the model was unable to attend.

External competition

Committee

This month's committee meeting was used to make the amendments to the constitution that were discussed at the AGM, discuss elements of the website, ways in which we could share photos as club members, and a possible booking system for Studio Nights.

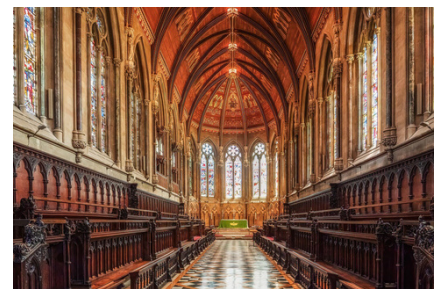
Three-way battle

On Monday 24th March we were entered into this year's three-way battle between Stevenage, Biggleswade and Kempston Camera Clubs.

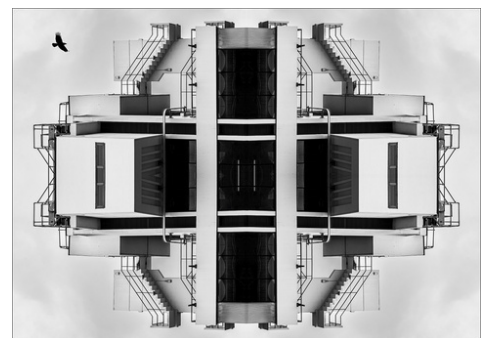
As usual, Stevenage led the field with some wonderful photos and won the competition yet again. Biggleswade and Kempston normally finish with a similar number of points and this year was no exception. While last year we pipped Biggleswade into second place, this year fortunes were reversed and Biggleswade came second, beating us by 3 points. The competition included both prints and digital images and the ones we submitted to represent Kempston are pictured below:

Print entries

Flour power and St John's Chapel by Peter



The three friends and Stairways to nowhere by Aidan



Red kite by Roy and Soul
Sister by Stewart



Right Turn by Chris and
Freckles by Stewart



That Kafka moment and
Just passing by
by Carolyn



Digital entries

Mysterious and Portrait
of wisdom by Peter



Kingly muse and Gig
memories by Stewart



Steely bonnet and Stag
beetle by Andy P



Otter and Azalea by
Chris



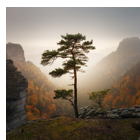
Perfect strike by Carolyn
and One man and his
dog by Aidan



Links from the Chairman



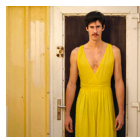
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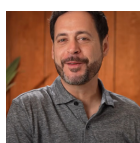
Martin Rak



Harold Ross



Scarlett Coten



Portrait editing in Lightroom

RPS Exhibition

Congratulations to Aidan whose photo - *Ghostly Webs* was exhibited in the annual RPS exhibition at the Espacio Gallery, near Brick Lane in London.



Congratulations

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