

Dear WPC members and friends of the club.

Please see e-news below and attached – e-news as a PDF.



Whickham Community Centre, Front Street, Whickham NE16 4JL

Doors open 19:10 for 19:30 start

What's-On-This-Friday *"Wet and Dry"* *PDI's*

[Larry Bedigan](#) a member of Tynemouth Photographic Society and Chairman of their Digital Group shall present Projected Digital Images. The presentation title Wet and Dry could be an introduction to many things but may become clearer when looking at Larry's website introduction which advises;
"My photographic interests are wide and varied including Nature and People (Fashion/Alternative/Fine Art).

My favourite however is Tropical Marine. I find the technical requirements to capture the colours and diversity of life in a marine environment to be a fascinating challenge".

We look forward to this Wet and Dry Experience perhaps above and below the waves.

There shall also be award certificates presented to a few WPC members from the various NCPF competitions which led up to NCPF Awards Day.

"Special Report" *South Tyne Area Print Competition* *26-11-2019 – Ryton Camera Club*

South Tyne Area print Competition was held at Ryton Camera Club Tuesday 26th November. WPC was well supported at the event with Joseph Duffy, Roy Elwood, David and Carol Stout, Keith Kirkland, Kevin Morgan and Alan Wilson.

Judge David Phillips of Hartlepool Photographic Club did a great job introducing and critiquing each print, outlining why points had been awarded or could have potentially been improved. As well as speaking with sense and clarity, humour also came in with him taking mock umbrage at a monkey portrait – with him coming from Hartlepool.

As current holders of the trophy we were up against stiff competition with individual images from Gateshead, Hexham, Ryton, South Shields, Whickham, Winlaton being reviewed in turn, points awarded and tallied up on issued score cards, the club with the highest points destined to win the club trophy, while a separate award was available for best print in competition.

Scoring went like this: Our First WPC Image Scored 24 (from possible 30) with "Tides Out" by Kevin Morgan



Scores first round: Running Total

Gateshead	Hexham	Ryton	South Shields	Whickham	Winlaton
25	20	24	23	24	25
25	20	24	23	24	25

WPC Second Image Scored 26

"Early Morning Frost Wooler" by Joseph Duffy



Scores 2nd round: Running Total

Gateshead	Hexham	Ryton	South Shields	Whickham	Winlaton
26	25	28	25	26	23
51	45	52	48	50	48

WPC Third Image Scored 24

"Last Shift at Redcar" by Les Hill



Scores 3rd round: Running Total

Gateshead	Hexham	Ryton	South Shields	Whickham	Winlaton
27	30	28	26	24	26
78	75	80	74	74	74

WPC Fourth Image Scored 25

"Crossing the Bridge" by Alan Fowler



Scores 4th round: Running Total

Gateshead	Hexham	Ryton	South Shields	Whickham	Winlaton
27	26	24	25	25	27
105	101	104	99	99	101

WPC Fifth Image Scored 24

"The Last Farewell" by Keith Kirkland



Scores 5th round: Running Total

Gateshead	Hexham	Ryton	South Shields	Whickham	Winlaton
26	28	27	25	24	29
131	129	131	124	123	130

WPC Sixth Image Scored 28

"Buddhist Monk" by David Stout



Scores 6th round: Running Total

Gateshead	Hexham	Ryton	South Shields	Whickham	Winlaton
26	28	24	26	28	27
157	157	155	150	151	157

WPC Seventh Image Scored 29

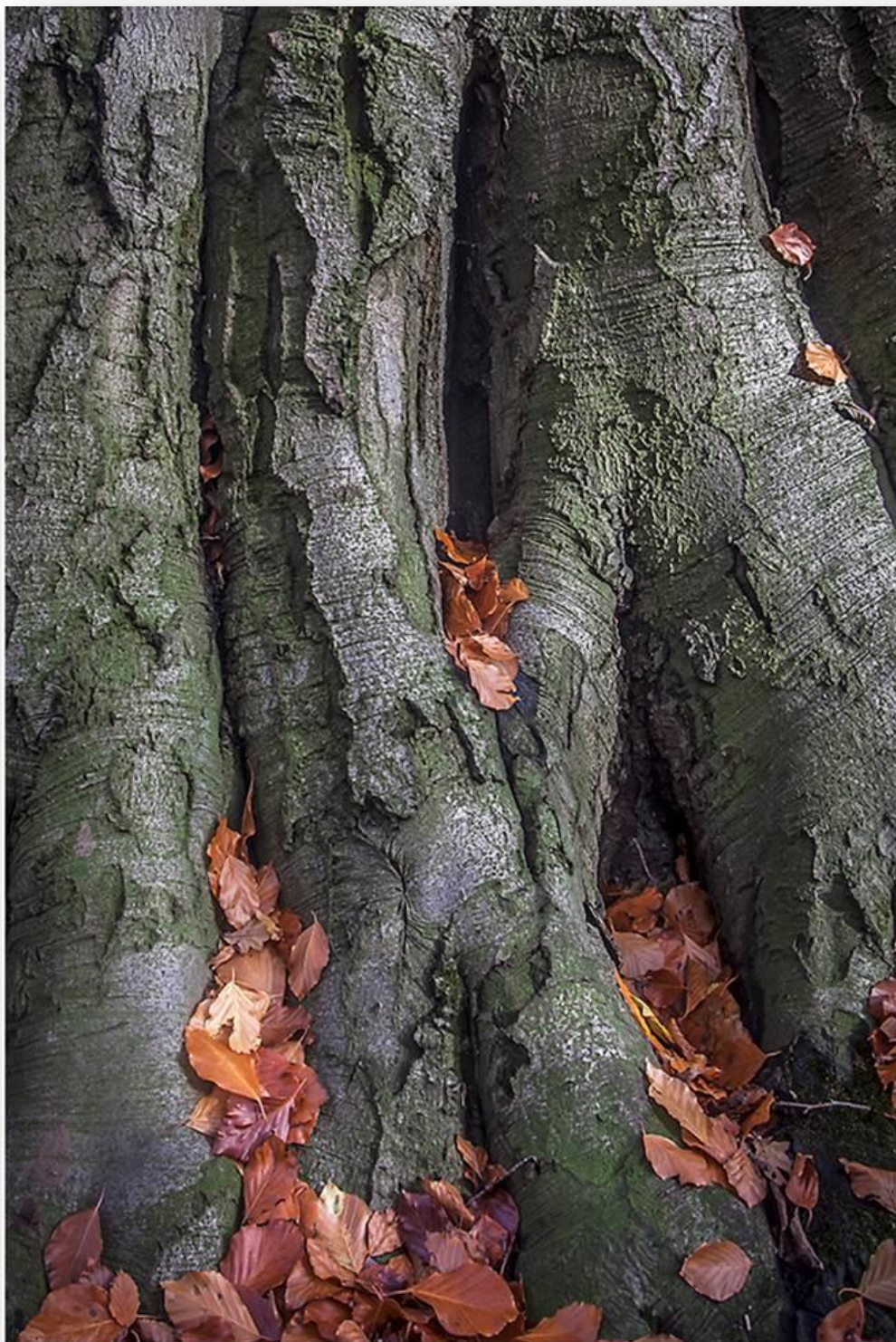
"The Rat Catcher" by Alan Fowler



Scores 7th round: [Running Total](#)

Gateshead	Hexham	Ryton	South Shields	Whickham	Winlaton
24	26	23	25	29	28
181	183	178	175	180	185

WPC Eighth Image Scored **30** "Fallen Leaves" by Les Hill



Scores 8th round: Running Total

Gateshead	Hexham	Ryton	South Shields	Whickham	Winlaton
25	30	24	25	30	24
206	213	202	200	210	209

WPC Ninth Image Scored 29

"Come on Up" by Alan Fowler



Scores 9th round: Running Total

Gateshead	Hexham	Ryton	South Shields	Whickham	Winlaton
29	26	24	25	29	25
235	239	226	225	239	234

WPC Tenth Image Scored 28

"Distraction and Indifference" by Les Hill



Scores 10th and Final round: [Running Total](#)

Gateshead	Hexham	Ryton	South Shields	Whickham	Winlaton
28	27	26	25	28	26
263	266	252	250	267	260

With the lead constantly changing and the arithmetic being checked – it was fantastic when the scores were announced confirming [WPC the winners by a single point](#). Last year's winning margin of 10 points will be hard to ever replicate, but what a terrific achievement keeping hold of the trophy.

Our Inter-Club Competition Secretary Joseph Duffy has not just the overall award, presented by the Judge David Phillips – but, with 3 images from 2 clubs gaining the maximum award of 30 points on the night.

- Hexham with "Steps"
- Hexham with "Anguish" and
- WPC with Les Hill's "Fallen Leaves"

A decision had to be made by David on which would be awarded the honour of Best Image. After further discussion the decision was to award our Les Hill's image "Fallen Leaves" as Best Print. Judge David Phillips then wrapped up the evening commenting on the extremely high standard of prints throughout.

Very, very well-done WPC – especially those who attended, those who arranged and organised; Alan Fowler for his initial print selection and of course Joseph Duffy for taking on the reigns of Inter-Club Secretary, but most specially those who offered prints into Competition.

Thanks are also due to [Ryton Camera Club](#) who presented the evening really well, their planning led to a smooth and enjoyable presentation with an excellent and comprehensive buffet and friendly conversation between the c70 people from the 6 clubs.

NB: 28th February 2020 see's the South Tyne Area Competition for PDI's being held at WPC – a definite date for the diary when we host the PDI competition as joint trophy winners alongside Hexham.

Looking Ahead to next Friday – 06th December – Our programme advises:

"Light, big game, camera, action." [Steve and Ann Toon](#) show us images from the game reserves of Southern Africa.



The introduction is absolutely correct – but can-not describe the quality of the work we are about to see. Originally journalists, Steve and Ann have made their career from photojournalism with images and articles appearing in numerous high-end publications, while also raising environmental awareness regards unsustainable pressures on indigenous species.

Steve (originally from Whickham and son of former WPC member Keith Toon) and his wife Ann also make time to run local photographic workshops, run South Africa Photography Tours for Photographers and even attend MA(phot) courses in UK Universities as guest lecturers.

Opportunity to attend this event has been extended to local clubs, so expect a few new faces, if you have a friend or colleague into Nature photography of the highest level who may consider joining us at WPC, feel free to bring them along, (and encourage them to support the raffle).

It is not often we get the opportunity to see genuine world class photography, presented live in our club by genuine world class photographers. Come along and enjoy "Light, big game, camera, action."
We very much look forward to Friday 06th December.

That's all for now

See you Friday – [don't forget Joseph is still seeking PDI's Open and Nature for the PAGB GB Cups.](#)

Cheers

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