

# N&EMPF NEWSLETTER

May 2023



*"A Quiet Corner"* by Treva O'Brien of Nottingham and Notts PS, one of the images that scored full marks at the recent N&EMPF Inter-Club PDI Championship

Well, for most clubs, May marks the end of the events calendar for the season and we begin to turn our attention to the delights of Summer and spending time pursuing a host of outdoor activities. I hear from many clubs that 2022/23 was a period of transition and readjustment after the hiatus of the Covid pandemic. The general reading of the situation is that most clubs have regained membership but maybe not quite to the levels enjoyed pre Covid. There would appear to be a variety of approaches to running club programmes - some are fully back to meetings in person and some are continuing with hybrid or Zoom only evenings. Looking forward to 2023/24, I have heard from a number of clubs who are planning to continue, or indeed in one or two cases, increase the number of Zoom sessions in order to spread the reach of speakers to far flung places in the UK and beyond. Whatever approach your club takes, I wish you a pleasant and enjoyable break followed by a fruitful and successful new season.

David Kissman

Newsletter Editor

# North & East Midlands Photographic Federation

## 5<sup>th</sup> Audio Visual and Photo Harmony Competition

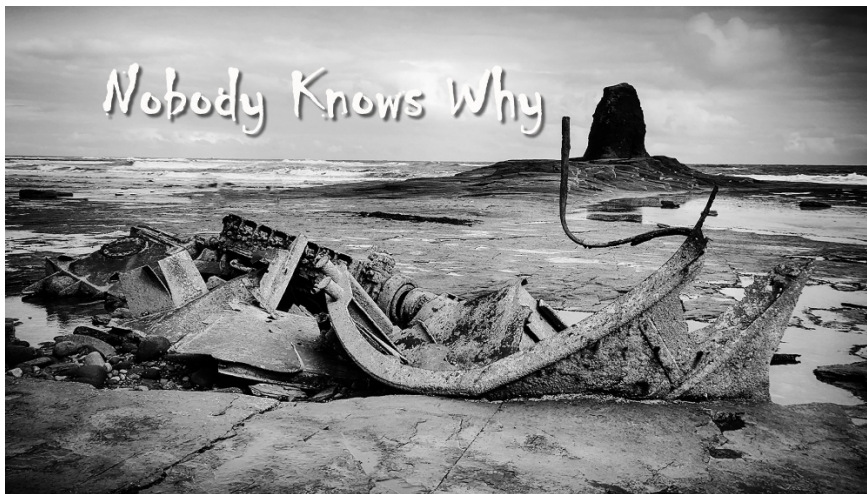


The 5<sup>th</sup> Audio Visual and Photo Harmony Competition, organised by the North & East Midlands Photographic Federation, was held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March in the Sheldon Suite, at Newark Showground.

It was very encouraging that both entries and entrants were up on last year and we had more attendees on the day.

Our judge this year was Malcolm Imhoff whose excellent comments helped make it an enjoyable day.

The winner of the narrative section this year was **David Gibbins**, Beeston (Notts) CC, with his intriguing sequence “Nobody Knows Why” about the wreck of the Admiral Von Tromp at Saltwick Bay, Whitby. To this date nobody can understand why it happened.



**Alan Tyrer**, Cleethorpes Camera Club, won best Photo Harmony Section and the Audience Vote for his outstanding sequence “A Foretaste of Heaven” where all the images were taken of the la Sagrada Familia, Barcelona.



# RESULTS

## 2023 N&EMPF AUDIO VISUAL and PHOTO HARMONY COMPETITION

Judge: Malcolm Imhoff FRPS FACI(M)

### Narrative Entries

<b>Name</b>	<b>Sequence Title</b>	<b>Award</b>
David Gibbins Beeston (Notts) CC	<i>Nobody Knows Why</i>	Best Narrative
Alan Tyrer Cleethorpes CC	<i>Harry</i>	Highly Commended
Keith Brown Castleton & Hope Valley PS	<i>Red Roses</i>	Highly Commended
Lynne Donovan Cleethorpes CC	<i>The Loud One</i>	Commended
Ashley Franklin Derby City PC	<i>More Colours Than We Have Names For</i>	Commended
David Thompson Cleethorpes CC	<i>Richard, Rick, Ricky</i>	Commended

### Photo Harmony Entries

<b>Name</b>	<b>Sequence Title</b>	<b>Award</b>
Alan Tyrer Cleethorpes CC	<i>A Foretaste of Heaven</i>	Best Photo Harmony
David Cudworth Rolls-Royce Derby PS	<i>The Cuillin (The Mountains are Calling)</i>	Highly Commended
Carol McNiven Young Rolls-Royce Derby PS	<i>Inside Your Head</i>	Commended
Keith Brown Castleton & Hope Valley PS	<i>The Magic of Filey</i>	Commended

### Audience Votes

Alan Tyrer Cleethorpes CC	<i>A Foretaste of Heaven</i>
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# 2023 N&EMPF AUDIO VISUAL and PHOTO HARMONY COMPETITION

## WINNERS PHOTOGRAPHS



David Gibbins receiving his award from Susan Wilson (N&EMPF President).

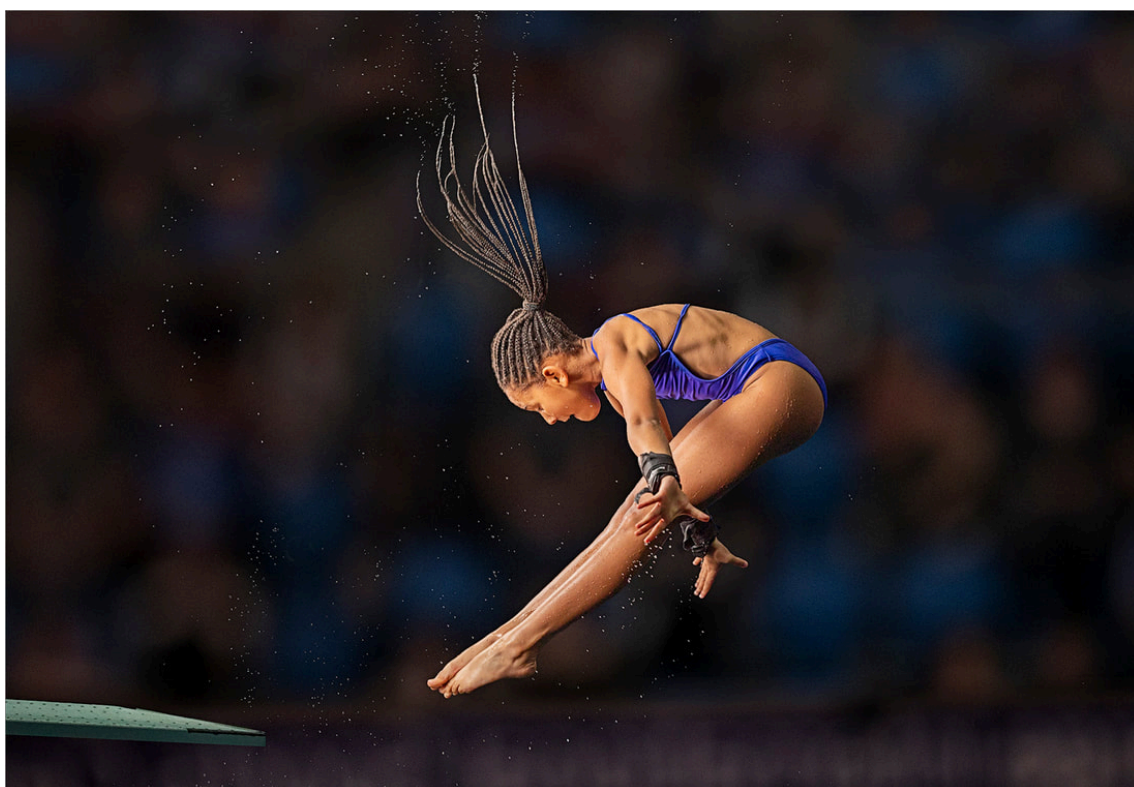


Alan Tyrer receiving his award from Susan Wilson (N&EMPF President).

(both pictures by Ian Taylor)

## **N&EMPF INTER-CLUB PDI CHAMPIONSHIP 2023**

This year marked a return of the championship in its more competitive (and sometimes frenetic) 2 round format. All clubs entered the first round but only the top 8 scoring clubs made it to the second round from which the winners were determined. Once again, and for the 8<sup>th</sup> time in a row Rolls-Royce Derby PS emerged as winners with a total score of 283 points, a full 10 points ahead of second place Nottingham and Notts PS. Beeston CC came 3<sup>rd</sup> with 252 points and Synergy who came 4<sup>th</sup> with 250 points made up the quartet of clubs that will be representing the federation in the PAGB Knockout at Warwick in July. It was good to see some new faces making it into the top tier this year and modesty does not prevent me from mentioning my own club Keyworth CC who made a very creditable 6<sup>th</sup> place this year. I hope that more clubs will be encouraged to “have a go” next year. I am sure that there is a wealth of great images in clubs in our region and it would be good to see them on show in future years. Thanks must go to all those involved in organising and running this event including Peter Farnworth who carries most of the burden in setting up the event ably supported by Steffan Nicholson and a number of other committee members. Shown below and on the next page are a few images from the event all of which scored a 15 point maximum.



*Reverse Dive* by David Keep, winner of the best image award as determined by the three judges Ray Brammall, Ralph Duckett and Erica Oram



*Feeding Cuckoo* by Paul Screen of Beeston CC



*Encouragement* by Clive Wood of Keyworth CC





*Parenting* by Simon Beynon of Chesterfield PS



*Curlew* by Simona Howells of Nottingham and Notts PS



Presentation of Davis Trophy by Susan Wilson, N&EMPF President to Brian Stephenson of Rolls-Royce Derby



Some members of the winning Rolls-Royce Derby PS team



# NEWS ITEMS FROM BEAUVALE PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

## ITEM 1

Report about an Evening with Simon Hill, HonFRPS, President of the Royal Photographic Society by Lesley Grand-Scrutton, Club Secretary

Each year Beauvale Photography Group hold a charity evening to raise funds for Prostate Cancer UK. The event generally takes place during May and at the beginning of the year I have the unenviable task of finding a suitable and willing speaker. Last year I decided to start with some well-known names, one of whom was Simon Hill, the President of the Royal Photographic Society. I contacted Simon through his website, but didn't receive a reply, so as time was running short, I got in touch with other potential candidates and was delighted to secure the services of Tony Worobiec for this year's event.

It transpired that Simon had succumbed to Covid and wasn't able to reply until a few weeks later. Having explained to him that the arrangements for our charity evening had been finalised, I am pleased to say that he offered to speak to us on an alternative evening.

Thinking that we were to be in contact with Simon via a Zoom Meeting, I was surprised when he said that he would like to visit us in person, even though travelling from his home in Nidderdale, Yorkshire meant a two-hour trip both ways. Needless to say, we had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Simon's digital presentation centred around his life/work in photography and at the RPS. He is very personable, easy to listen to and his passion for photography and for the many projects and exhibitions he has been involved with over the years shone through.

We were also pleased to welcome some special guests - Sue Wilson, President of N&EMPF, Peter Jones and John Clipstone, all members of Clay Cross PS.

## ITEM 2

Beauvale Photography Group - Exhibition of Photography at Eastwood Library, Wellington Place, Eastwood, NG16 3GB - 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Eastwood Library is hosting a "Coal, Communities and Change" event on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 from 1100 to 1600 hrs. Members of Beauvale Photography Group have been invited to exhibit a selection of photographs showing how the many Nottinghamshire Colliery Sites, all of which are now closed, look today. Visitors to the event will be able to make comparisons with historical photographs and exhibits

# **MORE NEWS FROM BEAUVALE PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP**

## ITEM 3

Each year Beauvale Photography Group holds a Charity Evening to remember our fellow photographer and friend, Denis Morley. Most of us know someone who has either died, received treatment for, or has in some way been affected by prostate cancer and our aim is to raise money to fund further research into the prevention and treatment of this disease.

Over the last three years we have raised nearly £2000 for Prostate Cancer UK and with your help we are hoping to significantly add to this amount. A "Just Giving Page" will be set up at the beginning of April and the link for donations will be available on the N&EMPF Facebook page and website.

This year our Charity Evening takes place Via Zoom on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023, starting at 7.30pm and our Guest Speaker is TONY WOROBIEC. We hope many of you will join us for what promises to be an exciting evening in the company of an excellent photographer.

If you need more information, please contact Lesley Grand-Scrutton - [lesleygs51@gmail.com](mailto:lesleygs51@gmail.com).

## ITEM 4

### **EASTWOOD THE TOWN WITH A BIG HEART CELEBRATING THE VOLUNTEERS OF EASTWOOD**

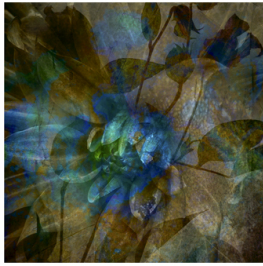
Lesley Grand-Scrutton and Anne Glew are members of The Beauvale Photography Group. We came up with the idea of creating an exhibition of photography, which acknowledges and celebrates the important work carried out by organisations and their volunteers to improve the lives of the people in our local community.

Volunteering takes many forms, including management, administration, giving financial and legal advice, helping people who are suffering from physical and mental health issues, befriending the lonely and isolated, providing transport to doctor and hospital appointments, providing support to ex forces personnel, working with children and young adults, helping those who are homeless, working in charity shops, gardening and picking up litter, working in a food bank and serving meals, providing warm spaces, the list goes on.....

The common denominator is that so many people are willing to use their experience and give up their precious time to help others and make a difference within society.

The exhibition will be held at the [D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum](#) from the 27<sup>th</sup> July until the 26<sup>th</sup> August and at [Inspire Eastwood Library](#) from the 18<sup>th</sup> November until the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023. It may also be shown at other venues - more details to follow.

# AN EVENT BEING RUN BY SYNERGY



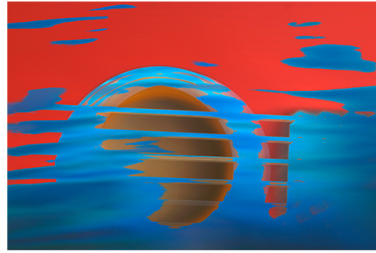
An Exhibition of Photography by Members of

## **SYNERGY**

We are a group of ten photographers, working in a wide variety of genres, including nature, sport, abstract, monochrome, landscape, architecture, still life, portrait, creative and macro. We sometimes compete in club competitions, both individually and as a group, but we also like to explore the wider world of photography.



Over 60 framed prints will be on display.



**Where:** The Brewhouse Arts Centre, Union Street, Burton upon Trent, DE14 1AA

**When:** 2nd to 27th May 2023

**Opening times:** Mon-Fri 10-6pm and Saturday 10-3pm plus additional hours when performances are scheduled in the theatre (confirm times with The Brewhouse on 01283 508100)

[www.synergy-photo.co.uk](http://www.synergy-photo.co.uk)

## PATCHINGS ART FESTIVAL 2023

Patchings Farm have always been very helpful in accommodating us when we hold our Exhibition there. So I am happy to share details of their 2023 Festival which can be found using the link below [www.patchingsartcentre.co.uk/patchings-festival/](http://www.patchingsartcentre.co.uk/patchings-festival/)

## STOP PRESS NEWS

### APM SUCCESSES FOR N&EMPF MEMBERS

We are pleased to be able to report that the following applicants were successful in the PAGB adjudication held a few days ago.

#### CPAGB

Gavin Duxbury - Rolls-Royce Derby PS

Marj Freeston - Chesterfield Photographic Society

#### DPAGB

David Hewson - Lincoln Camera Club

Congratulations to all three applicants. I will include more details in our next edition



## **CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVID GIBBINS**

We were delighted to learn that David Gibbins has recently been elected as the new Vice President of The Photographic Alliance of Great Britain.

David has worked tirelessly for the federation and for PAGB in a variety of roles and his appointment as Vice President is richly deserved.

We are sure that he will carry out his duties with the same care, attention and compassion that we have been fortunate to benefit from over many years.

Congratulations David!

## **HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET FOR THE**

## **N&EMPF INTER-CLUB PRINT CHAMPIONSHIP 2023**

I was in conversation recently with a representative from Paper Spectrum, one of our key sponsors for the annual exhibition and supplier of mount board and print paper. I was told that there had been a noticeable increase in demand for print materials and that does seem to confirm what many clubs are also telling me about the regeneration of photograph printing.

So, the federation are hoping and expecting to see a good number of club entries into this year's Print Championship that will be held at Coddington Community Centre near Newark on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Clubs that are planning to enter must register their intention to participate no later than Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

All the documentation has recently been sent to clubs and your President, Sue Wilson who is eager to receive your applications. You can find all the information including the documentation and rules on the front page of the federation web site <https://www.nempf.org>

I am sure that this will be a great event with lots of excellent images on display. So, lets hope for a bumper entry for this year's championship.



THE NORTH & EAST MIDLANDS PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023-24

2023

May 21 (Sun)	N&EMPf Inter-Club Print Championship – Coddington
September 2	N&EMPf Executive Meeting
October 7/8	<i>PAGB Exec Meeting - tbc</i>
October 13 (Fri)	N&EMPf Memorial Lecture, Duchess Theatre, Long Eaton Exhibition Prints can be handed in at this event
October 15 (Sun)	N&EMPf Exhibition On-line Closing Date
October 28-29 or Nov 4-5	<i>N&amp;EMPf Exhibition Judging – tbc dependent on PAGB date below</i>
October 29	<i>PAGB Print Championship - tbc</i>
Nov 25/26	PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit - hosted by N&EMPf
Dec 9	N&EMPf Exec Meeting

2024

January 1	Subscription due and should be paid by 1 January
January 6	Exhibition Opening – Patchings Art Centre
January 6 - February 11	Exhibition Prints on display at Patchings Art Centre
January	PAGB Print Exhibition at Mansfield Museum & Art Gallery
March (Sun)	<i>AGM/Club Projected Image Championship – venue tbc 10,30amAGM 1.45pm Federation Inter-Club PDI Championship</i>
March 16-19	Photography Show - NEC