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Merthyr Tydfil Camera Club

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Club Evening 02/10/24 – What I did this summer

Each club members showcased images form their summer break. The Club also welcome several new members, so hopefully the club is on a upturn.

Club Evening 16/10/24 - Image Selection

The club members spent the evening selecting images for upcoming external competitions with each Member bring in a maximum of 6 Prints and 3 PDIs from which 10 Prints and 10 PDIs will be selected for the 3-Way Battle with Rhiwbina Camera Club and Barry Camera Club in late November at Barry Camera Club and 4 prints for the Stanley Chell Cup on 16th November at Aberdare Camera Club. The club was also pleased to welcome several new members to the club.

Club Evening 21/10/24 – Presentation at Aberdare CC

Last Monday evening the club were invited to give a presentation of our work at Aberdare Camera Club. It proved to be an excellent evening with club members Norman, Roger, Andrew, Geoffrey and Joy giving a presentation of the work. The evening was a departure from the club's normal events and take out to be a successful evening not only for collection of images in both prints and PDIs but also



for the meeting of new and old friends to chat all things photographic.



Club Evening 30/11/24 – Splash Photography

With the introduction of new members in the club, it was decided to cancel the final competitions of the year and to hold more practical evenings in a hope to encourage the new members so this week we practiced some splash photography techniques. With old members Andrew, Roger and Norman guided the new members through various set-up techniques the evening proved to be a very enjoyable night all round



Club Evening 13/11/24 – Presentation by Aberdare CC

This Evening we welcomed our friends from Aberdare Camera Club to giving us a presentation of their members work. We were treated to view excellent photographic images by Huw Geraint Edwards give a fascinating presentation on WWI, and particularly the Western Front battles. Les Davies and Mike Ruck give us a glimpse into their journey as a photographer from their first cameras to the present day. All in all, it was a most enjoyable evening spent with friends talking about their share love of photography, Sorry no pictures from the night.

Friday 15/11/24 – 3-Way Battle against Barry CC & Rhiwbina CC

This year the club travelled to Barry compete in our annual 3-way battle with Rhiwbina Camera Club and Barry Camera Club. With the club being the defending champions and Rhiwbina CC and Barry CC, look to regain some pride after last year's battle it was always going to be a tough contest and that is what it turned out to be. With so many excellent images on show judge Peter Young found it difficult to separate the three clubs and awarded the top score of 20 to number of images in both the Prints and PDI sections. After a very good print section Barry CC held a big lead over the other two clubs as the battle moved into the

projected digital images section and the end of which it proved to be a very successful evening for the home club coming away as overall winners for the first time in many years. Out of 10 prints and 10 PDIs three our images scored 20, these can be seen below.

The final score was as follows: -

Barry CC - 368 points

Merthyr Tydfil CC - 353 points

Rhiwbina CC - 340 points

All three club would like to give a big thank you to Gareth for judging the images.

The full scores from the battle.

3-Way Battle 15th Nov 2024 at Barry Camera Club

PRINTS								
	Rhiwbina	Score		Merthyr Tydfil	Score		Barry	Score
1	Cotswold View	17	2	Thoroughly Brassed Off	19	3	Priest Cove	18
4	Mooring Ring	17	5	Victorian Drudge	18	6	End Of Summer	18
7	Autumn's Child	17	8	Just Another Bad Hair Day	17	9	St Cadoc's Church	20
10	Sam	18	11	Cross Polarisation	16	12	Flamingo	20
13	Staring into my Soul	17	14	No Bottle	18	15	The Lock Gate	17
16	Wired for Sound	19	17	Enjoying a Drink	17	18	Watchtower Bay Sunrise	20
19	They'll Never Find Us Here	17	20	The Bible	16	21	Refraction in Droplets	18
22	Stairway to Chapter House	19	23	Lovely Oak	20	24	Rocky Road to the Sea	20
25	Monmouth and Brecon Canel	17	26	Try Scoring	19	27	Death of a Forest	19
28	Creative Decent	17	29	Auschwitz Watchtower	16	30	In a World of his Own	18
	SUB TOTAL	175		SUB TOTAL	176		SUB TOTAL	188
PROJECTED DIGITAL IMAGES								
	Rhiwbina	Score		Merthyr Tydfil	Score		Barry	Score
1	Eye on the Prize	20	2	Alexandra	16	3	Bursting Out	20
4	Loch at First Light	18	5	Apple Chop	17	6	Carreg Samson	16
7	October Owl	19	8	Banking out of the Bwlch	19	9	Cottage on the Moor	20
10	Sam	16	11	Butterfly on Flower	17	12	Lavender Landing	18
13	Sax	16	14	Castle at Night	16	15	Meerkat Camouflage Potential	19
16	Smoke and Shadow	17	17	Circles of Light	20	18	Peacock	16
19	Steel and Sky	18	20	Montmatre Street Artist	17	21	Pebble Beach	18
22	Summer's Gaze	19	23	Shocked	16	24	Rainy Day	18
25	Tranquility	17	26	The Bay Ablaze	19	27	Sgwd y Pannwr	19
28	Winder Wanderer	17	29	Waiting	20	30	Windy Road - Jordan	16
	SUB TOTAL	177		SUB TOTAL	177		SUB TOTAL	180
	GRAND TOTAL	352		GRAND TOTAL	353		GRAND TOTAL	368
	RANKING	Third		RANKING	Second		RANKING	First

Individual Awards

Best Monochrome Print - St Cadoc Church by Roger Harrison of Barry CC

Best Colour Print - Roack Road to the Sea by Phil Stillman of Barry CC

Best Monochrome PDI - Cottage on the Moor by Anne Phillips of Barry CC

Best Colour PDI - Brusting Out by Anne Phillips of Barry CC

Judge's Favourite Image - Flamingo by Neil Latham of Barry CC

Saturday 16/11/24 – Stanley Chell Cup

This year again saw the club enter four images in the Stanley Chell Cup. The competition run annual by Aberdare Camera Club is a highly prestigious competition in the Welsh photographic calendar and attracts images from camera clubs from over Wales. The images that represented the club were Wrong Number by Andrew Jones, Head over Wheels by Norman Cahill, Giant has gone to Lunch by Alan Kirby and Wing Walker by Roger Hawkins. The judging took place on Saturday 16/11/24 at the Cynon Linc Community Hub in Aberdare and was judged by Peter Weaver LRPS, CPAGB, APAGB of Hanham & Kingswood CC. Again, this year judging proved very difficult with so many high-quality images in every field of photography from Natural History to Portraiture with Gwynfa Camera Club and Cwmbran Photographic Society coming out joint overall winners with 75 points out of a maximum 80 followed by Afan Nedd CC in third place also 75 points but lost out on a count back. The club finish 17th place on 66 points out of the 25 clubs that took part in the competition.

Club Evening 27/11/24 – Practical – Marco Photography

Another evening of practical, this week we practiced tabletop/macro photography techniques. The evening proved to very successful with members able to practice new skills and techniques, below are some of the images from the evening, Dices by Julie Jones, Watch by Andrew Jones and Acorns by Joi Quar.



Club Evening 11/12/24 – Last Evening before Christmas

Instead of the traditional Quiz the club held a review of the year detailing the highlights of club's year followed by a fish supper.

What's on in Jan & Feb

Jan 2025

Wed 8 Jan 2025, 19:00 - 21:00 Club Evening – Image Selection Evening.

Each Members to bring in Prints and PDIs from which 4 colour prints, 4 monochrome prints and 4 PDIs will be selected for the WPF Memorial Day competition to be held at Monmouth CC on the 25th of January 2025.

Wed 15 Jan 2025 19:00 - 21:00 Club Evening – Judging of the 2014 Image of The Year

An evening with Barry Hill judging our Image of the Year from all this year first place in both Print and PDIs.

Wed 25 Jan 2025, 19:00 - 21:00 Club Evening – Annual General Meeting.

Sat 25 Jan 2025. 10:00 – 17:00 External Competition – WPF Memorial Day

Wed 29 Jan 2025, 19:00 - 21:00 Club Evening – Judging of the 2024 Annual Competition.

An evening with Barry Hill judging our Annual Competition selecting a winning image from each of the following categories Action, Close Up/Tabletop, Landscape, Miscellaneous Pictorial, Natural History and People.

Feb 2025

Wed 5 Feb 2025, 19:00 - 22:00 Club Evening - Practical Evening - Light Painting

An evening where the member can experiment with light painting Bring Camera, Tripods and remote switch if you have them

Wed 12 Feb 2025, 19:00 - 21:00 Club Evening - Critiquing our Light Painting Practical.

Critiquing and feedback from light painting practical so remember to bring the images you captured either as prints or PDIs

Fri 19 Feb 2025, 19:00 - 22:00 An Evening with Alun Richardson - From Everest to helping people with Mental Health

This evening the club welcomes Alun Richardson. Alun is a photographer, writer and IFMGA Mountain Guide. I specialise in taking photos and writing about wild places and extreme locations. His images have featured in fine art exhibitions, magazine front covers, articles, websites and advertising campaigns for international companies. In 2015 He was photographer for the watchmaker Loomes & Co and the [Mountain Trust Charity](#) to capture the journey of four handmade watches to the summit of Everest. In 2017 he was the 'Official' photographer to the [Royal Gurkha Everest Expedition](#). His other commissions include 'Trek and Mountain' and 'Outdoor Fitness' magazines, 'Invesco Perpetual', Malta Tourist Board, Jagged Globe and Mountaineering Ireland to name a few. He is also an author of mountaineering, climbing and kayaking books and a writer/technical editor for 'Trek and Mountain' magazine. He is lead a photography project for Hafal (Adveraid) and the TRI project helping people recovering from serious mental illness sponsored by Carmarthen Camera Exchange.

Wed 26 Feb 2025, 19:00 - 21:00 Club Evening - Image Selection

Selection of 5 Monochrome Prints for the Cymru Monochrome Only Mono Competition. This is the biggest and only monochrome competition in the UK with 40 clubs from over Great Britain competing on 5th April 2025 in Port Talbot. Each member to bring a maximum of 3 Monochrome Prints.

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