

INFOCUS



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Newsletter



Happy New Year to you all and Happy Birthday to our happy smiling President, 54 on New Years Day, although trying to look younger in his baseball cap, tracksuit and bright plimmies.

I hope you all had a good Christmas and that Santa was kind and that you didn't gain too much weight, I managed to escape with just an extra half a stone.

I also hope you enjoyed the Christmas social too, it was well attended and good to see so many Christmas gansies. Well done and thanks to Andy Antell and Jeff Gulliver for the special raffle with excellent prizes and to David Davies for arranging the food and to all those that helped set-up and clear up. I hope you enjoyed the Quiz too and that it wasn't too hard. Congratulations to the winning team of Bryan Hurt, Phil Noble, Bob Tomlinson & Brian Cocksedge. who beat Jorj Malinowski, Karl Blow, John Owens & Rob Dickinson on a tie-breaker as both teams scored 47 points out of the possible 60.



I trust you all found inspiration from Caroline Preece's Minimalist photography talk, it certainly made me realise just how much you can capture in a photo and still call it minimal, I trust the judge also realises that! Therefore I look forward to the January competition. I've got a few entries planned and I've seen some of Tim Scott's so you needn't bother entering!

We also had a couple of PAGB AVs, I wasn't struck on the Mongolia one, the presenter, with all those letters after her name, could still learn a lot from Debbie Swales tips in this edition as several feet and tops of heads were chopped off and items cut in half down the sides! But the Svalbard one was fantastic, I would love to go there but I'm afraid I've done too many laps round the Sun!

You'll see on the following pages that there's not a lot going on in January (or I've not been able to find much) so it's time to wrap up and get out as January should provide plenty of photo opportunities, like snowy or misty landscapes, beautiful winter sunrises and sunsets, snowmen, happy smiling kids snowball fighting and sledging etc or miserable boring old folk moaning about the cold and rain and deep water-filled pot-holes. But remember, a grimace is as good as a smile, see above.

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And don't forget that our Winter Exhibition is on at the Library until 3rd Jan so go and have a look.

In February we are starting a new 'Back to Basics' type feature with Tim Scott aiming at novices/beginners and anyone else wanting to understand their cameras and it's features and how to use them. The first one will take place on 10th February in a separate room and all are welcome.

ow looking forward to my Haggis, neeps 'n' tatties and, thanks to Santa, more than a wee dram!

David Chapman

What's on in January	
4th Jan	Mablethorpe Sand Racing
10th Jan	NEMPF Exhibition - Arnold Library
10th - 11th Jan	Winter Classic Motorcycle Show - Newark Showground
11th Jan	Closing date for LPA PDI competition
17th Jan	Revesby Point to Point Races - 12.00 noon
18th Jan	Mablethorpe Sand Racing
18th Jan	Greenfield Flat Track & Stubble, practice day - Aby
25th Jan	Burns Night - Haggis, neeps n tatties plus a wee dram (or two!)
25th Jan	LPA Individual PDI Competition
25th Jan	Banovallum M/c Trial - Ashby Puerorum (to be confirmed)
31st Jan 1st Feb	Greenfields M/c Flat Track racing - Aby (to be confirmed)

January Programme	
6th Jan	NO MEETING
13th Jan	Lecture - Capturing Moments - Mike Bennett
20th Jan	Lecture/Tutorial - Competitions, Why Bother - Jorj Malinowski
28th Jan	Competition - Minimalist - PDI & Prints

Looking to improve your photography skills in 2026?

Here's a game-changing tip: **get yourself a library card!** Your local library (or Lincoln Library if you're nearby) offers free access to a treasure trove of photography magazines and resources. Why a Library Card? With just your **Library Number** and **PIN**, you can access premium photography content via **PressReader** or **Libby**—on your iPad, Android tablet, PC, or Mac.

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Darren Juggins

Tips 'n' Tricks - #2

When you are setting up your composition, either through the viewfinder, or looking at your camera's screen, take a quick look at all the edges in the frame.

Have you got half an object at the side of your image? Have you chopped off the top of that building, or the top of someone's head or their feet?

With practice, this will become second nature.

Debbie Swales



President Darren Juggins
with the LPA Inter Club
PDI Trophy

Tony Houlden collecting
the Rose Bowl on behalf
of John Whaler



Nick Clayton receiving the Tippler Trophy



'Australian under-16s have been banned from social media. I fear they'll spend their time practising cricket'

Thought For The Day

If you want to change the world
do it while you're a bachelor,
when you're married you can't even
change the TV channel

If any members have any projects of interest, please email chapman.david@btinternet.com or david66chapman@gmail.com and I'll share your news.
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