

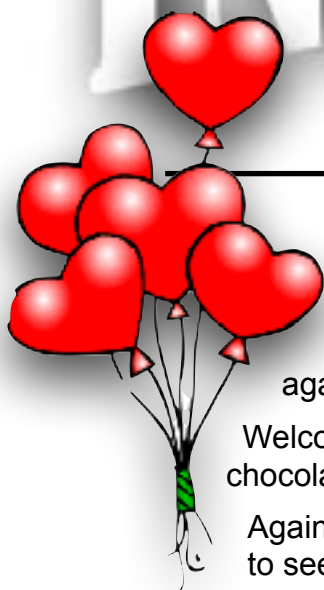
# INFOCUS



February 2026

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Newsletter



What a start to the year, **I got things wrong - again!** In the last edition I posted a photo with the caption "Tony Houlden collecting the Rose Bowl on behalf of John Whaler" but it was actually won by Stewart Haynes - **sorry Stewart**. I don't know how I did it 'cos John was there at the time but I then again, I don't know how I do a lot of things.

Welcome to February, the International Romance Month, so buy the misses a box of chocolates or buy him a bottle of Scotch for Valentines Day!

Again I can't find much going on this month but if you haven't been to the Cathedral to see Luxmuralis before you must go this month, it's fantastic!

Spring is just round the corner which means 'bike sport starts for me as does nature, better weather and holidays. And it really is time I got out more before my camera goes rusty, I've not done owt much lately, I've not been down to the local wood to see the nuthatches, I didn't get out in the snow nor to the WAVE to see the Red Arrows practicing, not because Red 1 is a woman this year, she'll be fine, it's not as though she's got to reverse it or overtake a tractor and there's no chance of her touching up her make-up with that mask and stuff on!

The Winter Exhibition was again a success with many good comments and lots of votes by the general public with Gary Westwood's excellent shot of Roker Pier (right) topping the public vote.



On a less favourable note though, Bishop Grott University are no longer doing private printing work so I might have to get a new print head for my printer or even a new printer - any suggestions!



David Chapman

## February Programme

| February Programme |  |
|--------------------|--|
| 3rd February       | Competition - Lincolnshire Work n Play preview & best images |
| 10th February      | Social Chat Night + Tim's Beginners, bring your camera       |
| 17th February      | Lecture - Steve Mattel - Moths                               |
| 24th February      | Competition - Open - Prints & PDIs                           |

| What's on in February     |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| 1st February              | Greenfield Flat Track Racing - Aby  |
| 11th - 15th February      | Time by Luxmuralis - Immersive artwork of light & colour in the Cathedral                           |
| 14th February             | Valentine's Day  |
| 17th February             |  Pancake Day       |
| 20th - 21st February      | Lincoln Lights - Historic buildings illuminated like never before                                   |
| 23rd February             | Tractor Run - Lincs Showground + surrounding villages - 10.00am                                     |
| 28th February - 1st March | Great Central Railway Steam Gala - Loughborough   |

## Presidents Musings

### Welcome to 2026, Lincoln Camera Club Members

What a fantastic year 2025 has been for the club. Let's make 2026 every bit as successful.

We have a packed programme ahead, with a wide variety of competitions and, of course, our exhibition at the Usher Gallery taking place mid-year.

We're also delighted to welcome three new members to the club. With their arrival, our membership for 2025/26 is now officially full — a brilliant milestone.

Our first competition of the year was 'Minimalist' and we've had a record number of authors enter. Let's keep that momentum going.

As our weekly attendance continues to grow please make sure you arrive before the doors close and at the end of the evening leave promptly. The pub is always the perfect place to continue conversations once the night wraps up.

Let's make 2026 a great year. Be friendly, be polite, and let your images do the talking in our competitions.

Welcome to 2026.

**Darren Juggins**  
President

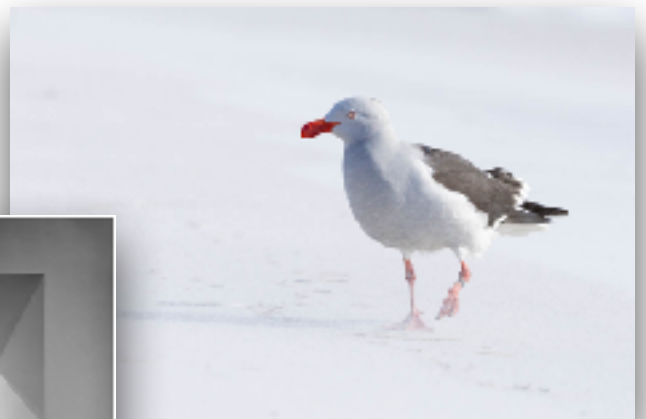
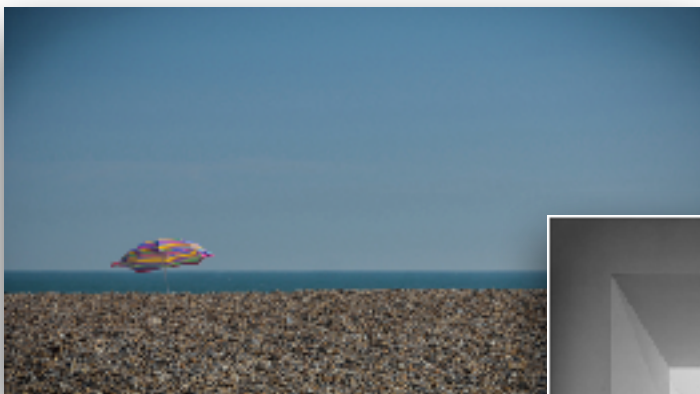
# **Minimalist Competition Results** **PRINTS**

**Winner** - All Leaning Except One, Nick Clayton

**Second** - Soft Sunny Morning Buttermere, David Buckley **Third** - Forked Tree, Stewart Haynes

**Hi Comm** - Mid Morning Moon, David Chapman **Comm** Peace & Quiet, David Chapman

Standing in the Window Light, Nick Clayton

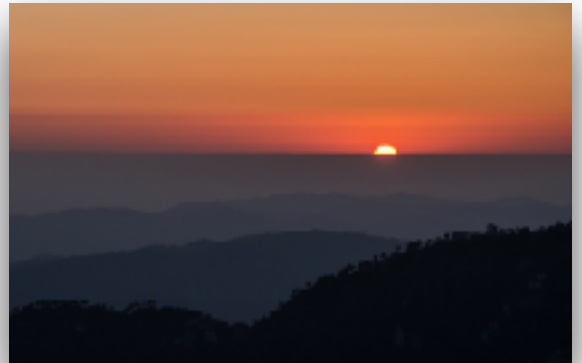
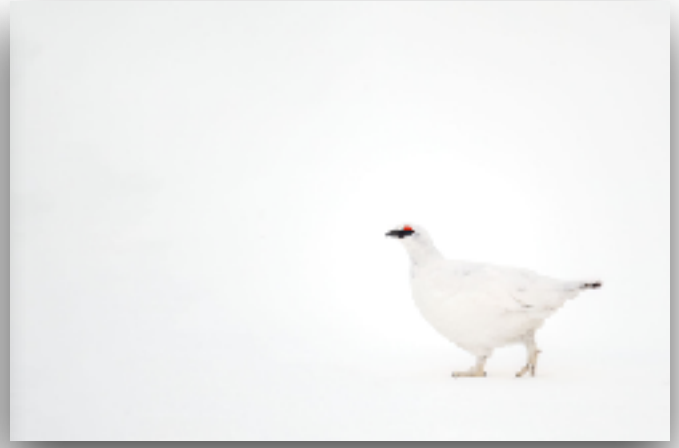


## PDIs

Winner - Sanderling on the Shoreline,. Second Ptarmigan in the Snow - both by Nick Clayton

Third - Winter Landscape, Stewart Haynes. Hi Comm - Simla Sunset, Tim Higham

Comm - Out of the Blue, Stewart Haynes - Ghost Swans & Monarch of the Glen Mervyn White





# LPA PDI COMPETITION

The Club was well represented at the PDI competition both in the amount of entries and in attendance on the day although I do wish Nettleham Village Hall would invest in more comfortable chairs and better blinds!

We didn't fair too well in the Creative category but did get three images into the final in the Open class, one each by Tim Scott, Gary Westwood and myself but only Tim's "Square Route Of Three" made it to the rewards, gaining a commendation. Cleethorpes' Lee Dixon's "The Doll Waits" won the Creative section against very strong competition with Scott Hall's "Time Bomb" coming second.



Jan Povah won the Open Category with her "Waiting in the Bus Stop" with Julie Smith's "The Glean Team" taking second.



I asked the vet if he'd tek a look at mi cat.

E sez "Is it a tom?"

I sed "No, Av brung it wi mi"

(A bit of Lincolnshire) D.C.



*'I never drink a whole pint of beer. The 20mph speed limit means I can't get home before I need the loo'*



*"On Valentine's Day, I get depressed about being single. But the other 364 days, I'm pretty happy about it!"*

## Thought For The Day

The closer you are to nature, the further you are from idiots

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

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