

July 2026 Newsletter

June Meeting Review: From Arctic Wildlife to the Mystic World of AI

June kicked off with a highly anticipated talk by Irene Amiet, drawing our largest attendance of the year.

Members were absolutely enthralled by her remarkable images of wildlife from Africa, the Arctic, and Britain, all delivered with a powerful emphasis on the environment. Irene’s detailed, storytelling descriptions for each photograph made it a truly memorable evening.

Later in the month, our very own Jorj took us on a fascinating autobiographical journey spanning over 60 years of photography.

It was a nostalgic and eye-opening presentation, showcasing incredible images of places that have radically transformed over the decades.

For those looking to dive deeper into portraiture, we highly recommend checking out Damien Lovegrove’s work.

He produces a wealth of insightful videos on **Lovegrove Adventures**. In particular, the Speedlight and Flash Photography playlist is a fantastic resource for anyone wanting to master lighting.

Darren then demystified the cutting edge of our craft with a gentle introduction to the world of AI. It turned out to be a gripping session that proved way more interesting than many had anticipated! Hopefully, this inspires a massive turnout for July’s competition, which promises to be a highly entertaining one for the judge. If you’re looking to experiment with generating your own AI images, give **NightCafe** a try as an alternative platform.

Finally, the month drew to a close with our popular 'Food and Drink' competition. A huge congratulations to the winners, listed later...

July Programme		
7	Lecture	Michael Poole – ‘Sport – Give it your Best Shot’
14	Outing	Newark Air Museum (DD)
21	Competition	Artificial Intelligence (PDI Only) (Non Tipler)
28	Event	Usher Gallery Opening Night – (At The Usher Gallery) (Members ONLY)

July Events		
Event titles are links to external websites		
4	Grimsthorpe Vintage Speed Trials	
4	Marvellous Moths at Wilder Doddington	Wildlife wander
5	Wrangle Show	
5	Radio Day at Dogdyke Pumping Station	
5	LPA Monochrome Group	Nettleham Village Hall
10-12	Woodhall Country Park 1940s Festival	
11-12	Papplwick Pumping Station	Steampunk weekend including live entertainments. Also see the pumping engines in operation
17	Cleethorpes Scooter Rally	
18-19	Lincoln 1940s Weekend	Tourist quarter
19	Lincolnshire Classic Motor Show 2026	Lincolnshire Showground
25-26	Heckington Show	
As a final note, the Early Birds steampunk photoshoot will be launched towards the end of the month.		

Competition Results

Food and Drink (Print) Results



1st Orange on a Stick by Karen Lathrope



2nd Six Bud Pop Art by Nick Clayton



3rd Apéritif by Debra Swales



Highly Commended - Seeds for Persephone by Jorj Malinowski



Commended - Local Fish Market - Hard to



Commended - NEVER Put Your Cakes in the



Commended - Street Food - Portabello Road London by Tony Houlden

Food and Drink (Digital) Results



1st Offaly Hygienic by John Owens



2nd Warning - Hot Chillies by Karen Lathrope



3rd Gin With a Splash of Tonic by Karen Lathrope



Highly Commended - Strawberry Dew by Nick Clayton



Commended - A Wee Dram by Nick Clayton



Commended - Chinese BBQ Masters by John Owens



Commended - Turkish Delight by Debra Swales