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2023 Image of the Year

On January 10th, 2024, the club held the judging of the 2023 Image of the Year Competition, where all the first-placed images from the Club's four internal competitions in the categories Projected Digital Image, Monochrome Prints and Colour Prints were put forward to be judged by former club member Barry Hill AWPFF EFIAP. Barry provided the club with an entertaining evening where he critiqued all the images before announcing his winning images in each category.

The winning images were as follows: -

Best PDI for 2023



After the Rain - Alan Kirby

Best Monochrome Print for 2023



Illegal Tackle - Norman Cahill

Best Colour Print & Overall Image of the Year for 2023



Look I can fly - John Morgan

Pictured below is club member John Morgan receiving the Peter Harman Memorial trophy from club Treasurer and last year winner of Image of the Year and Judge Barry Hill AWPF EFIAP for his winning image Look I Can Fly.



Merthyr Synagogue Project

On Wednesday January 24th, 2024, the club member who attended the first photography day at the Merthyr Synagogue to help document the restoration of this important building in Jewish heritage in the town give a presentation of their projected digital images they captured during the visit. The evening prove to be very interesting and educational into the Jewish heritage on only within the town of Merthyr Tydfil but also the surrounding area.

Some of the images from the synagogue can seen below.





MTCC 2024 Photographic Exhibition

After a year away the club's 2024 Photographic Exhibition returned to Cyfarthfa Castle Museum and Art Gallery, the exhibition which runs until the 1st of March 2024 opened on the 30 of January 2024 but was then officially opened on Friday the 2nd of February 2024 by the Senedd Member for Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney and Deputy Minister of Art, Sport, and Tourism Dawn Bowden.

On welcoming everyone to the official opening, Club Treasurer Norman Cahill said, "The club is delighted to hold our annual exhibition at Cyfarthfa Castle once again and would like to thank the Museum staff for their help and support during this event, it is very much appreciated by all the club members. we are a small club, but our members have varied interests that makes for an interesting exhibition. Images cover portraits, travel, landscapes, sport, air shows and much more."

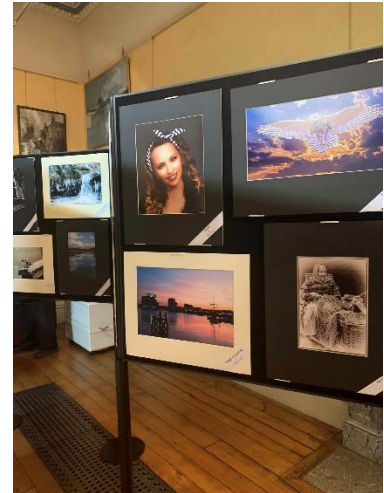
He added "Our club offers a warm welcome to new members of all ages and abilities, and you can find more details on display in the exhibition. Images on show may also vary over the month so people can visit several times if they wish. On behalf of the club, I do hope people support the event and can visit during the castle's opening times. The Exhibition is on until the 1st of March 2024 and there is an admission charge which also allows access to the museum and art gallery.

Norman then handed over to the MS to official opening the exhibition. Ms Bowden " It is a great pleasure to join the members of Merthyr Tydfil Camera Club and to open their annual exhibition. I know it is currently a small club of enthusiastic, talented photographers and the exhibition is a great tribute to their efforts. I would urge everyone to go along and view the exhibition, see the many different styles of images on display and hope inspire them to take their own photographs and join the club.



Ms Bowden then cut the ribbon and open the exhibition. Some images from the exhibition can be seen below and more can be viewed on our website <https://merthyrtydfilcc.weebly.com/> and our social media page on Facebook and X.





Practical Evening – Still Life

Wednesday the 7th of February saw the club hold its first practical evening of the season, the subject was fruit. The member tried a few different lighting set-ups and composition to produce their images. The evening proved to be an excellent practical with Norman and John providing fruit of all sorts and Norman arranging into two different set-ups for the members to capture. Some of the images of the evening are shown below.





2024 Internal Print Competition 1

On the Wednesday 21st February the club held its first print competition of the year with members each submitting up to three images in the colour section and up to three images in the black and white section. In line with the previous years, each member selected a first, second, and third in each section with all the first places then going towards the 2024 Image of the Year Competition in December.

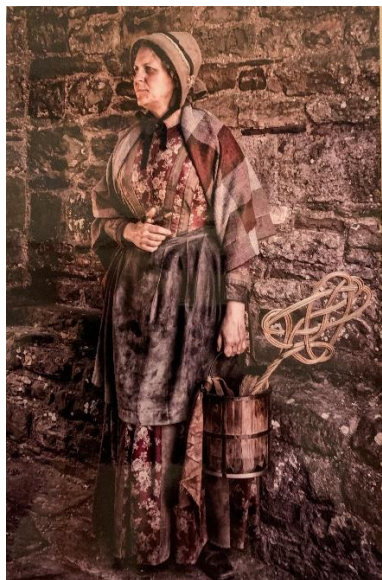


First up the members were shown the prints in the colour category and with an excellent array of images to select from judging proved to be difficult but the following results were reached: -

Joint 1st Place were following 3 images, these images will now go forward into the Image of the Year Competition at the end of the season.

- Victorian Drudge – Norman Cahill
- The Gardener's Shed – Martin Eaglestone
- Is That The Time – John Morgan

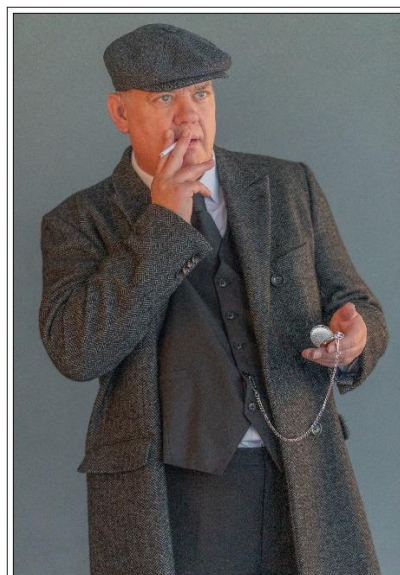
The winning images can be seen below: -



Victorian Drudge



The Gardener's Shed



Is That The Time

In Joint 2nd Place were the images, Fruit by John Morgan, Scottish Highlands by Roger Hawkins and Cheetah by Norman Cahill, Joint 3rd Place went to two images by Geoffery Taylor titled Rocks 2 and Rocks 3.

Next the members set about the task of judging the Monochrome Category, again they were faced with a selection of excellent prints which again made the task more difficult. This time the members selected four images in Joint 1st Place,

Enjoying A Drink – Alan Kirby

Girl in Wood – Alan Kirby

Relaxing After Workout – Norman Cahill

Enter At Your Peril – Norman Cahill

Joint 2nd Place

Faith – Martin Eaglestone

2nd Lieutenant 82nd Airbourne – Norman Cahill



Enjoying A Drink



Girl in Wood



Relaxing After Workout



Enter at Your Peril

There was no 3rd Place as all the images selected was placed in either 1st or 2nd already.

What's on in March & April

March 2024

Wed 6th March 2024, 19:00 - 21:00 Internal Competition 1.

Judging for Internal PDI Competition 1 by the members.

Members to bring in 2 monochrome images each from which four images (one image per member) for the Cymru Monochrome CC Mono competition on 6th April 2024

The Photography and Video Show 2024, Sat 16 March 2024 to Tues 19 March 2024 10:00 – 17:00.

Wed 20th March 2024, 19:00 – 21:00 Tabletop Practical – Photographing Glasses.

Members to bring cameras plus items of glassware to create interesting tabletop images,

Hand in Prints and PDIs for Competition 2.

April 2024

Wed 3rd April 2024, 19:00 – 21:00 Portrait Practical – Single Light set-up

Members to bring cameras, if we are unable to get a model, members will act as models.

Sat 6th April 2024 12:30 Cymru Monochrome CC Mono Competition.

Judging for the Mono Competition at St. Theodore's Church Hall, 17 Talbot Road, Port Talbot SA13 1LE.

Wed 17th April 2024, 19:00 – 21:00 Internal Competition 2.

Judging for Internal Print Competition 2 by the members.