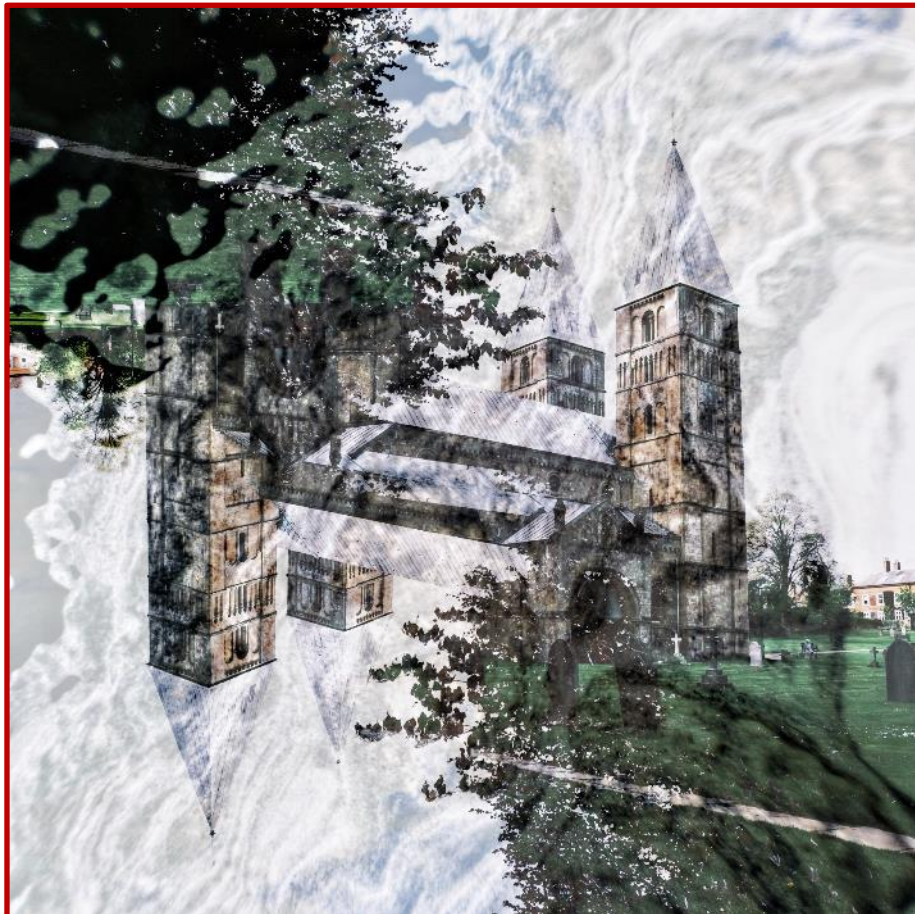


PHOTOGRAPHY 2023

February 2023: BEST OF LAST YEAR

Our February meeting took place at the Fire Station, showing some of the photos we have taken over the last year.

There were a wide variety of subjects ranging from portraits to abstract via holidays, landscapes, monochrome, and the places we visited as a group during 2022.



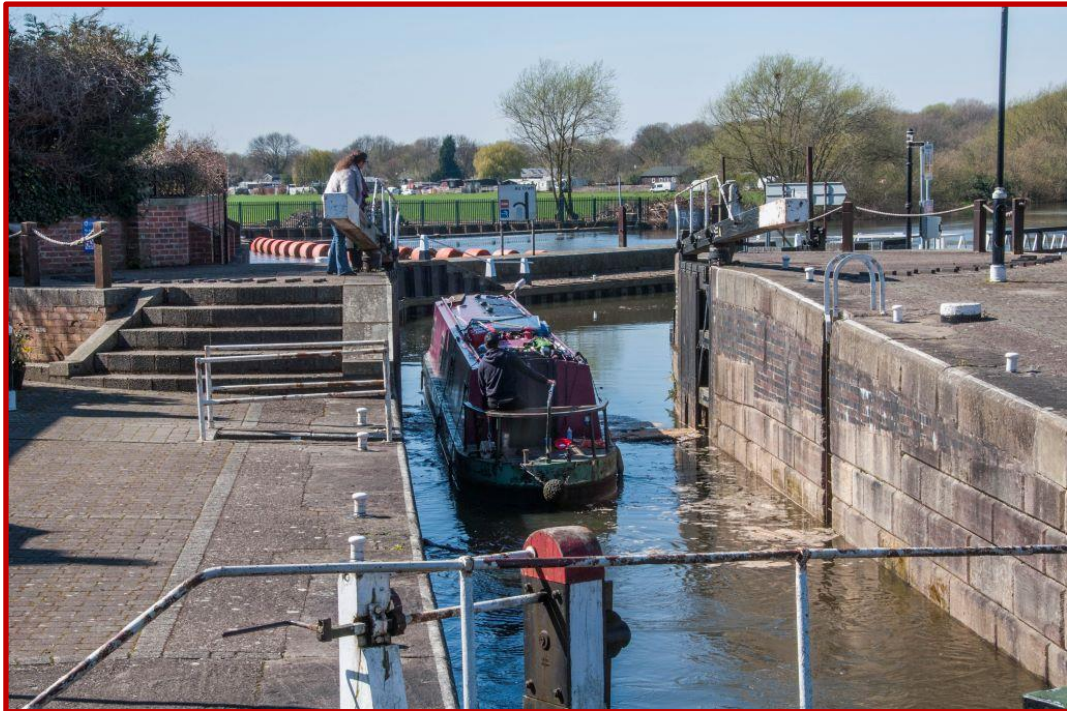


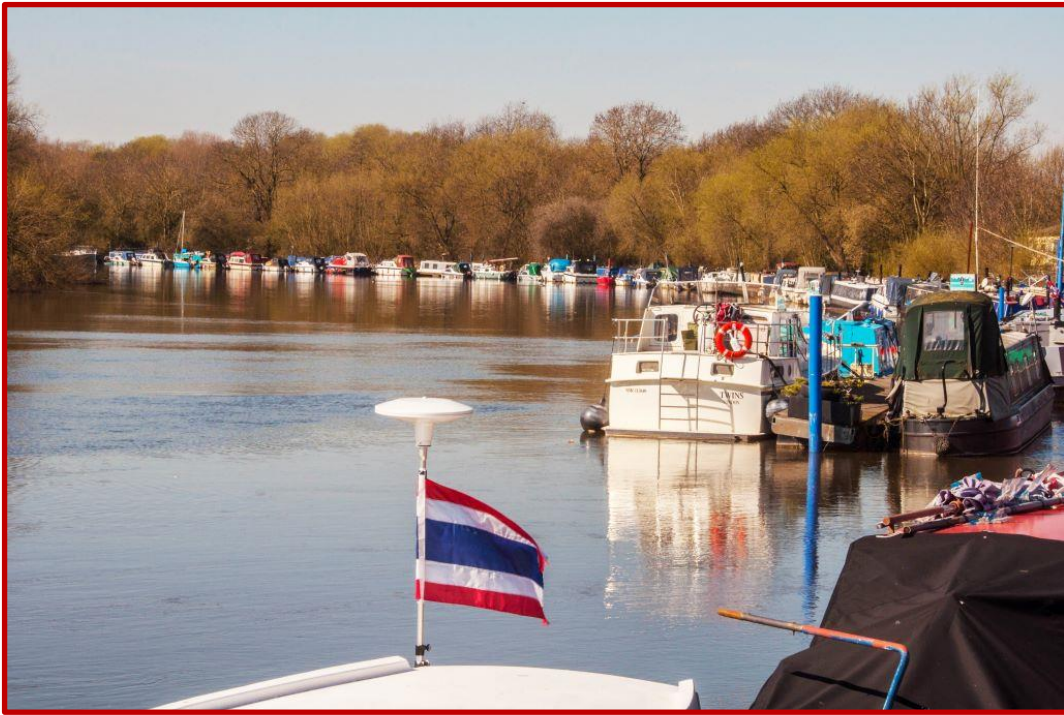
April 2023: BEESTON LOCK

Our last two outings have been amazing. The weather has been great with sunshine all the time we have been out. I think one of the best things about the photography group is that it makes us aware of our surroundings; when we would normally go from A to B and perhaps not notice things in passing. When out with a camera you take notice of what is about you; not just the scenery but detail in buildings and plants.

In March we went to **Rufford Abbey**. We often have a theme or a challenge, (not that we stick to it rigidly). At Rufford it was new growth.

In April we went to **Beeston Lock** where we spent time exploring the canal and river banks.





May 2023: FELLEY PRIORY

On 22d May, the group went to Felley Priory – it's bluebell time of year and although it's a bit of a climb to get up to the bluebell woods, it was well worth it – I have never seen so many bluebells! The groundsmen have also left fallen tree branches that add to the scene, giving an artistic presentation, which we made the most of. There are also formal gardens there and the lake for interest.

We ended our meeting, enjoying a drink in the café.



June 2023: HOLME PIERREPONT

We went to the Water Sports centre this month and captured some heroic kayakers and rafters in some action poses. In the café afterwards, the group selected a shortlist of pictures for the photo competition final to be judged at the June general meeting.

It's really nice to be able to devote a couple of hours a month trying to improve our photographic skills. Join us for our next outing – you know you want to!



November 2023: THE ARBORETUM

The Photography Group November meet was a visit to the Nottingham Arboretum.

Will it be dry? Have the recent storms blown all the leaves off the trees? A few days before, the forecast was for rain Tuesday morning. That was changed the day before and we had a good meet. We have done well this year for weather.

As usual, we set off looking for things to photograph; one of the good things about our hobby is that you spend time actually looking at your surroundings.

The squirrels were out in force- quite fearless! Some of them came right up to us or to the opportunity to have their photo taken *posers!*

We ended our session with a nice hot cup of coffee.

