

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP 2015

JANUARY 2015: OLLERTON & TUXFORD



FEBRUARY 2015: WOLLATON PARK



MARCH 2015: RUFFORD



MAY 2015: NOTTINGHAM CANAL & RIVER TRENT

We met in The Market Square and caught the tram down to the train station where we crossed over to the Nottingham - Beeston canal and followed the footpath down to the Trent.

We enjoyed good photo opportunities with several Canada geese and their young grazing on the bank and a family of Coots on the canal with the parents diving down and coming up with food to feed their chicks.

As we passed under the original bridge at the end of Meadow Lane we were interested to see the cuts in the stonework and an old post caused by the tow ropes as the horses pulled the barges along the canal. At the end of the canal we timed it right to see a boat going through the lock. We then followed the river as far as the War Memorial, passing on the way a pair of Ruddy Shelducks, before going into the Riverside (ex Aviary ex Town Arms) for a coffee.



JUNE 2015: NEWARK

Our June outing was to Historic Newark. We parked in the Cattle Market car park to approach the Castle, crossing via the lock footbridge. Our route took us around the castle, noting some of the history of it along the way, before crossing the road to wander up Boar Lane looking at the architecture of yesteryear. We then crossed over to look inside the Buttermarket with its arcade type shops.

It was suggested that we should go upstairs in the lift to see the Ballroom. If you have never seen it, I would highly recommend you do next time you are in Newark - it's a real treasure and certainly gave us some good photo opportunities. We were also shown the Mayor's Parlour. After leaving the Buttermarket we went to the Governor's House for coffee (aka Greggs) with its sloping floors and nice comfortable seats.

Leaving Greggs, we walked round the Market Place looking at the old Coaching Inns and afterwards wandering down the back streets, seeing the Old Bakery, which is now a Cafe before making our way back to the cars via Chain Lane.



JULY 2015: FELLEY PRIORY

Although it was overcast most of the time, we enjoyed the remarkable gardens, every turn revealing something different, from large close planted borders, with some very interesting plants, to a good sized pond with a family of moorhens on it. We rounded the trip off with a nice drink in their tea rooms, and a look round the nursery.



OCTOBER 2015: CLUMBER PARK

October's outing for the Photography Group took us to Clumber Park, the purpose being to take advantage of the changing colours of the trees – always a bit of a gamble choosing a particular day at this time of year as the leaves of many trees haven't begun to change colour and there is always the strong possibility that we could have had a storm a day or two before, denuding the trees! A lot of the trees in the Carlton/Gedling area were changing leading up to this time and we were looking forward to going 20miles further north, hoping that things would be more advanced.

We met in the car park and made our way to the lake, stopping off to take photos of the Virginia Creeper around the building and a large single tree full of Autumn colour. Down at the lake we were looking for reflections of the trees on the water – but the sun wasn't coming out to play as we would have liked! We managed to take some decent shots when the sun did appear. When we came out of the cafe, we saw folk around looking up into the sky and wondering what they were looking at. We too looked up to see one of the last flights of the Vulcan Bomber as it circled over the area 3 times before flying over us.



DECEMBER 2015: YORK

In December the Photography Group went on the trip to York. Having not been to York for some years I was looking forward to the visit. Approaching York we saw the results of the recent flooding with football pitches resembling water polo pools.

On reaching York, we set off to walk round the City Walls – it was a pleasant sunny day, which was a bonus! The first part of the wall took us round the back of the Minster, giving us views of the Minster over the old buildings there. The second part of the wall passed a more developed part of the town, which wasn't quite so interesting!

We then came to the river, which had over flowed the banks and we were able to take photographs of the flooded areas, including the car park where our coach should have parked, which had one solitary car parked in the middle and another area where there was one bicycle chained to a lamp post, completely surrounded by water. We were able to take various aspects of the floods in this area before continuing on the City Wall, back towards the Minster and where we split up to explore the rest of the city.

The city offered some good photographic opportunities with the old streets and buildings and the market. It was a really good and interesting day.

