

## **SILEBY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY**

Peter Milsom, EFIAP/Gold, DPAGB, BPE4\* was the guest speaker at the Zoom meeting of Sileby Photographic Society held on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> September when he presented digital images under the title 'The Power of Sport'.

Peter, from Stevenage, took up photography seriously in 2006 following 18 years of competitive athletics and coaching. His first photographic efforts were directed at the sports events with which he was familiar, but he gradually extended these to other sports to include canoe slalom, jet-ski racing, steeplechase, pole vault, hurdles, kite surfing, motor sports, and the disability sports of wheelchair racing and wheelchair basketball.

He was able to capture the athletes' facial expressions and raw emotion showing the sheer effort required of them to excel in their chosen sport. He was also able to demonstrate the difficulty in obtaining the perfect shot in fast moving sports, using correct lighting, capturing the drama, action and power, and being in the right place at the right time. Often converting a colour image to one of monochrome served to enhance these qualities.

His aim was to capture those special moments during the highs and lows of sport and the efforts and emotions shown in achieving a world class performance, and he was able to use his experiences built over many years to achieve what he set out to do. He is often granted media accreditation to major events which allow him to capture images of world class athletes from the best vantage points.

His incredible efforts in achieving his goals paid off and his often dramatic images confirmed that he had nailed his aims to maximum effect. Peter's images have consistently won competitions, and in his talk he shared his love of sports photography and just what it takes to achieve an excellent image.

John Hoogerwerf, President, thanked Peter for a very interesting talk which described how he was able to access major events and the vantage points he was able to adopt to capture the stunning images he was looking for.

The next Zoom meeting will be held on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> October, when guest speaker, Dr. Keith Snell, EFIAP, EPSA, LRPS will present digital images under the title 'My Restless Lens'.

Anyone wishing to become a member of Sileby Photographic Society should visit the contact page on the SPS website, <https://silebyps.org.uk/> when further details will be issued. The programme for the current photographic year is also available to view. It is hoped that face-to-face meetings will re-commence at the Sileby Community Centre towards the end of October.