

SILEBY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Dr. Keith Snell, EFIAP, EPSA, LRPS, from Cumbria, was the guest speaker at the Zoom meeting of Sileby Photographic Society held on Monday, 4th October, when he presented digital images under the title 'My Restless Lens'.

Having travelled extensively, his lecture covered a broad range of his photography and anything that could be photographed usually had been. His images included wildlife, abstract, landscapes, portraits and figurative art, and with his interest in photography extending over 50 years, Dr. Snell certainly knew his stuff resulting in an excellent presentation.

With an enthusiastic and professional approach he provided lots of technical hints and tips along the way and his spectacular images of great quality, across a wide range of subjects and appraisal of each one, was a real treat.

Dr. Snell's abstract images, patterns and shapes clearly demonstrated his creative and artistic eye, and the painstaking precision and thought he had adopted before pressing the shutter. His emphasis lay on composition, differing textures and colours, and symmetry.

The gothic festivals at Whitby provided great material for his camera, with his focus on the fantastic jewellery, and general attire which adorned the participating individuals, and he explained how he composed his images to best effect to suit an often dark mood.

Wildlife featured strongly. Those captured on camera locally included many feathered friends, puffin, gannet, grouse, heron and the beautiful markings within their plumage were well identified. Further afield, images from Southern Africa and Brazil included larger animals, cheetah, rhino, wildebeest, antelope, elephant, and a very playful hump-backed whale.

Dr. Snell's landscape images were an equal delight. The black sandy beaches of volcanic Iceland, a snowy landscape at sunset in Cumbria, and images of a deserted Lake District in lockdown were stunning, as were cloud formations and their reflections in the water below.

John Hoogerwerf, President, thanked Keith for a rounded evening of superb photography, with his detailed explanations and useful information provided for each image certainly providing much food for thought.

The next Zoom meeting will be held on Monday, 18th October when visiting lecturer, Less Forrester, ARPS, DPAGB, EFIAP, BPE3* will present digital images entitled 'The Art in Architecture'.

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.