

Grumpy Old Men's Club (Kevin Lucas)

The Grumpies' outing in July, organised by Tony Bird, was a visit to the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich.

On a gloriously sunny Thursday a small group ventured to the museum and visited two of the current exhibitions taking place.

The first was the Astronomy Photographer of the Year which is an annual competition featuring the greatest space photography. Photographers from across the globe compete to take home the prestigious title. Over 100 photographs are on show and displayed at their best on brilliant lightbox displays. This type of photography requires very sophisticated equipment and many hours of patience. The overall winning photograph is entitled Andromeda, Unexpected.



Marcel Drechsler, Xavier Strottner and Yann Sainty

The second exhibition was "Women of the RNLI" which celebrates the work of women in the RNLI. It features striking photography, personal testimony and breathtaking film. It offers a window into the lives of volunteers across the UK and Ireland.

The photographs, which are the centre of the exhibition, were taken by Jack Lowe using a technique known as Wet Plate Collodion which creates a photograph that looks very old but when you closely you see the subject matter is modern day.



Jack Lowe

An unexpected fact we learnt was the Jack Lowe's grandfather was Arthur Lowe the actor who portrayed Captain Wainwaring in Dad's Army !

Thank you Tony for organising this excellent visit.

Our next outing is due to be a pub lunch in September, further details will be circulated in due course. In the meantime, if you would like more information about the Grumpies or have an idea for an outing please let me know at grumpies@buckhillu3a.org