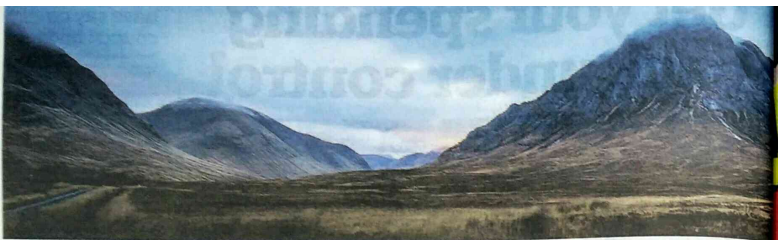
A woman is shown from the waist up, completely covered in dark mud. She has a wide-eyed, open-mouthed expression of surprise or joy. Her arms are raised in the air, with her hands also covered in mud. She is wearing a dark, short-sleeved t-shirt. The background is a lush green forest with many trees and ferns. In the top right corner, there is a red circular graphic with white text. In the bottom right corner, there is a white banner with blue and black text.

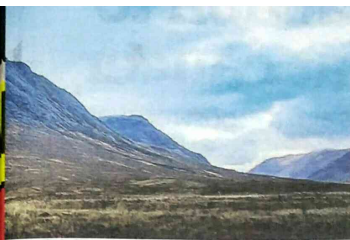
**PICTURE
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Muddy good fun!

Ian Mortimer of Irvine Camera Club took this brilliant shot of a Craufurdland Mud runner.



Second place Winter's morning by Jakki Kyle



Winner Ian Mortimer took first prize with this beautiful image of a red squirrel enjoying the snow



Shapely Zig Zag by Kevin Thorne

Dazzling display

IRVINE CAMERA CLUB
Last week we got 2019 off to a creative start with our first competition of the new year.

We welcomed our friend Chris Gallagher from Ayr College to judge the second projected digital image competition of the season. Once again the club's photographers submitted a varied and accomplished collection of images.

Some excellent work was presented, not just by our long-term members but also by our talented and enthusiastic beginners. Chris acknowledged that picking the top three photos had not been an easy task. Jakki Kyle came third with his whimsical/candid image 'Two Men in a Boat' which was taken of two of the club's members on a recent boat trip to Ailsa Craig.

In second place came Jakki Kyle with his stunning panoramic of Buachaille Etive Mor entitled 'Winter's Morning'.
Jakki is a beginner photographer and Chris marvelled at the quality of the shot.

Just pipping Jakki for first place, Chris declared Ian Mortimer's superb photograph of a red squirrel in the snow the winner on the night.

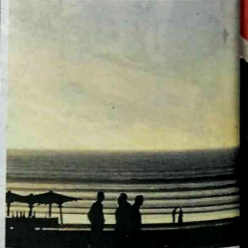
Chris really enjoyed the look on the squirrel's face and the inquisitive tilt of its head, the falling snow, the detail in the fur and whiskers and the excellent composition.
Whether you are a complete beginner or an experienced shutterbug, meetings are on Wednesday evenings from 7pm at Townsend Community Centre, Dregghorn.
All welcome.



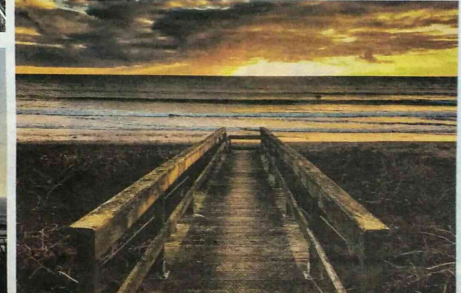
Third prize Two Men in A Boat by John Kelly



Passing time A Moment of Silence by Clive Watkins



Silhouette Sevensault at Sunset by Ian Johnstone



Atmospheric To The Beach by Jim Bridge