

The next meeting, on 18th October, was a very different experience since it was largely visual. Nigel Glover White, a member of the Royal Photographic Society, delighted us with some of his superb pictures of the 5000 square miles of the Serengeti National park in Tanzania. Nigel showed some amazing photographs of a variety of birds and wild animals that can be found in the Park. The animals included zebra, elephants, cheetahs, leopards, lions, hippos, crocodiles, wildebeest, impalas, gazelles, jackals and hyenas. We were shown pictures of a variety of birds - different types of starlings, eagles, egrets, herons and roller birds. We were also shown the dry and dusty landscape with acacia trees and amazing sunsets as well as some Masai villages. Apparently there are rites of passage for the Masai from boyhood to warrior to elder. Only elders get a burial. Anyone else is left in the open to rot or be eaten by carrion. This was an informative evening with beautiful photographs thrown in.