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## Delinquent Coots in Sharp Focus at Codsall Arts Festival

One of David Attenborough's lauded team of cameramen, Dr Michael Leach, makes a welcome return to this year's festival with a spectacular photographic presentation -

### ANIMALS BEHAVING BADLY

Monday 19 March at 7.30 pm at Codsall Community High School – Tickets £7

Dr Michael Leach is a specialist in high-speed photography, freezing rapid action, such as birds in flight, at 1/20,000th of a second.

As part of the team of lauded cameramen working with David Attenborough, he has travelled from the depths of the Arctic to the deserts of North Africa, contributing to over 100 films, including BBC's *The World About Us* and *Wildlife on One*.

Michael has lived with gorillas in Rwanda and searched for cheetahs in the Amazon Rainforest. His photographs appear in the Sunday Times, the Telegraph, and every major wildlife magazine in Britain and U.S.A. Author of 23 books, lecturer with RSPB and The National Trust, Michael leads wildlife expeditions for Nikon, Westland Helicopters, Kodak and London Zoo.

Michael's talks are noted for memorable images and wry observational humour.



#### Animals Behaving Badly

*'It's not only humans that develop bad habits. Animals – particularly the brighter ones – often learn to cut corners and pick up surprising behaviour. Meet drunken monkeys, psychotic magpies, phobic ostriches and delinquent coots'.* Dr Michael Leach

#### FESTIVAL BOX OFFICES – tickets on sale 21 FEBRUARY 2012

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