



Newsletter - 01 Dated September 2020

Introduction

Welcome to the first WPS Newsletter. The purpose is to keep the members informed about what is happening within the Society whilst we can't meet at the Dell.

WPS News

Many of you will know that Norfolk was recently been placed on the Government Watch List for Covid. This means that there is a greater risk of the virus spreading within the area, and the local authorities are being given additional support for testing. The committee felt that the risk to our members of returning to the Dell from 22 Sep 2020 was too great at the present time and the decision was taken to start the new season using Zoom. Rest assured that the committee are closely monitoring the situation and if conditions mean that a return to the Dell can be managed with low risk to our members then we will do so.

Acting Chair

As you may be aware, following the committee decision not to return to the Dell for the time being, John Cann stood down as Chair, and from the committee. The Acting Vice Chair, Heather Lindsay has agreed to take on the role of Acting Chair and will serve until the AGM on 19 Jan 2021. I asked Heather to write a few notes to introduce herself:

"Having been asked by the committee to be acting Chair, I would like to give you a brief synopsis of my time at WPS.

In 2014, I met Carol, now a very dear friend, who talked about her evenings with WPS. It was as if she had lit the blue touch paper! I had always been interested in photography but at that time I didn't even own a camera! I asked if I could go with her to a meeting and my journey had begun!

I received such a warm welcome that I knew this was the hobby for me. A few weeks in and I bought my first DSLR. I was well and truly hooked. I'm now on my third camera and have tens of thousands of images on my laptop!

I am so grateful for all the help, encouragement and, above all, friendship that I have received from everybody. In particular, John Cann, previous Chair, helped me

enormously, both personally and at the Thursday evening "continuous improvement" sessions. My husband is probably less impressed that John introduced me to the wonders of Wex. Why do they always greet me like a friend?!

I am very proud to have been asked to act as your Chair. It was certainly not expected. This pandemic is a difficult time for us all, but please be assured that your knowledgeable and enthusiastic committee and I will continue to provide an accessible programme of traditional events and also introduce a few changes.

I do look forward to meeting you all again in person but in the meantime, please join in our Zoom sessions. And please encourage friends and family to join us as well.

With best wishes

Heather

Programme Revision:

As you know the new programme was due to start on 1 September with the EAF images and a social evening. Sadly this was not able to take place so the committee arranged for Dibs MacCallum to give a presentation on use of filters in his photography. Many of you know Dibs from his time at WEX and through his workshops. His presentation was the first he had done and was very well received by all. He is an ambassador for Formatt Hitech Filters which means that he is able to pass on a 10% discount on all their filter products to us. Use the code DibsM10 to get the discount when you order directly through their website. Incidentally Dibs is returning in a few weeks with another presentation talking about his journey into photography.

On 22 Sept we have booked Jade Brimfield. Jade is a model and the partner of James Kirwin, who some of you may remember recently gave us a very interesting presentation on photographing derelict architecture, including Chernobyl! Jade has a slightly different presentation entitled, "Shooting Models on Location" in which she describes a model shoot, but from a models perspective. This promises to be a very interesting presentation.

The practical evenings currently in the programme sadly cannot go ahead for the moment. The committee is actively looking at other items to replace these. The PAGB has produced a list of volunteer speakers who are happy to give presentations over Zoom and we are currently revising the programme to give a wide variety of topics. We are also looking in house to ask members if they would like to present. On 13 Oct 20 John Bulpitt has agreed to do a presentation on Macro Photography. It will take the form of a Continuous Improvement session and as well as featuring images he will discuss equipment and techniques. If you feel that you would like to host a presentation on a photographic topic that interests you, and would be of interest to our members please let me know and I will forward your idea to the committee for consideration. For up to date information on the programme please check out the

calendar on our website via the following link: <https://www.wymondham-ps.org.uk/calendar/>

Competitions

The club competitions carry on as normal, for the time being. Round 1 of the Open DPI Competition was held on 15 Sep 20. There were 22 images in tier 1 and 27 in tier 2 and some outstanding images were presented in both categories. The judge, Mike Lloyd, from Beccles Camera Club, noted the very high standard within the club. Results are below, but check on the club website to see the winning images.

Tier 1:

1st Place: Sunset at Overstrand - Lydia Taylor
2nd Place: Abstract Flower (Allium) - Lydia Taylor
3rd Place: Rainbow Dandelion Seed - Terry Lloyd

Highly Commended:

Cantley Reflections - Karl Taylor
Cheetahs - John Staines

Commended:

Poplars - Jane Bradstreet
Buzzard in Flight - Fran Grimsdale

Tier 2:

1st place: Time for a Cuppa - Heather Lindsay
2nd place: Kitchen Still Life - Christine Bulpitt
3rd Place: Ruby Topaz Buzzard - David Pelling

Highly Commended:

PPE Nightmare - Dave Balcombe
Toolkit Macro - Patricia Wilden
Out of the Nest - Phillip Tolley
Drone Fly - John Bulpitt

Commended:

Threshing Time - Alan Archer
On the Hu! - James Lucas

Congratulations to all the winners. Also, very well done and thanks to John Edwards who took on the role of Internal Competition Secretary earlier in the year. This was John's first competition and the evening went off very well.

The first Open Print competition is scheduled for 20 October. It has not been decided if this will go ahead as a Zoom competition in a similar way to the DPI. It is my intention to publish the results of club competitions in future newsletters and the winning images will be displayed on the club website as normal.

We are still planning to have the International Competition with CAPS (Calgary) in December and the 3 way with Buxton and Lowestoft in the New Year. Sadly some of the other external competitions such as Cambridge and Colchester have been cancelled due to Covid.

Sad News

As many of you may be aware over the last month or so the club has lost two stalwart members in Julian Gillet and more recently Mike Butcher. In order to properly remember them, I am planning a tribute to both as part of the next Newsletter. If any member has any memories of either Julian or Mike they would like to be included please drop me a note and I will do my best to incorporate in the next edition.

And Finally.....

As the season progresses it is hoped to develop this newsletter to bring information to members on what is happening in your club. If you have any ideas, or feel the urge to write a piece about a technique you have discovered or would like to share with us all, then please let me know and hopefully we can share it with our wider audience.

I look forward to hearing from you.
Dave Hazleton