



Newsletter - January 2021

Introduction

If it is not too late, a Happy New Year to you all. I am never sure of the etiquette of wishing folk a Happy New Year, how long into January you can get away with saying that?

I am not one for looking back, save for viewing old photographs, but 2020 is one year I think most of us will want to consign to history. I would like to look forward to some of the exciting "stuff" on our remaining programme, and to a time when we can all meet up, either as a specialist group or as a club, back at the Dell, enjoying chat, banter, competitions and a drink, either coffee or on our regular Tuesday evenings.

WPS News

2020 Christmas Quiz

My thanks to everyone who logged on for our Zoom Christmas quiz which was well attended. It was my first experience of a Zoom quiz and it was a strange one. On a normal quiz night there are often comments from the competitors and inter-team banter, but I missed that "live" contact with those taking part and it felt quite remote, sitting up in my work room running the quiz via a slide show. It all seemed to go well though, and a special mention to the eventual winner, Phillip Tolley. Congratulations Phillip.

Annual General Meeting

As you are no doubt aware the Annual General Meeting of Wymondham Photographic Society will be held on 19 Jan 2021. Ian has already circulated the calling notice for the meeting and will be sending out the Agenda and details of how to vote shortly.

Also, memberships expired on 1st January and only current members (those who have renewed) are eligible to vote at the upcoming meeting. If you have not yet paid your subs and wish to do so, there is still time. Please contact our Treasurer, Alan Archer to arrange payment.

It is an important meeting this year as several committee members are standing down. If you think you have the skills to offer the committee then please contact Ian

who will fill you in on the nomination process.

A message from our Treasurer, Alan Archer:

Most of you will have read my email thanking all those members who have renewed their subscriptions for the period January to June 2021. We have had a great response to the renewal reminders, with a large percentage of members renewing already. We will not be updating the email and zoom invite lists just yet to give a little more time to those members still intending to renew this year. I do understand that whilst zoom is not the ideal platform for our meetings but it is, by far, the safest and most efficient way under the circumstances. If you are still undecided, please take a look at the program through to June. It's packed full of interesting, informative and entertaining zoom meetings. Alan Archer - Treasurer and Zoom host

Photographic Alliance of Great Britain - E-News

I recently signed up to receive the E-News newsletter from PAGB. In the past I have forwarded the e-mail to members directly from my Inbox. PAGB have asked that we don't do that for various reasons, so in future, I will include a link in the Newsletter so that you may access it if you wish. There are often interesting articles and some of the photography on display is outstanding. Check it out here:

<http://www.pagbnews.co.uk/sites/default/files/newsletters/en273%2001%20Jan.pdf>

or alternatively, sign yourself up to the PAGB. It is free! Note: You may need to copy and paste the link into your own browser.

Specialist Group - Landscape. In the next few weeks (once I have finished decorating our kitchen!) I will be starting to plan the activities for this new specialist group. If you expressed an interest in this group before Christmas, please can you let me know again (apologies) and I will contact you with view to organising a Zoom meeting to discuss the way forward....and some locations of interest. Obviously, with the latest lockdown now in place and forecast to last at least until March 2021 there will be no outdoor activities for the group to participate in but at least we can start thinking about activities and visits.

Forthcoming Programme

Our acting Chairperson, Heather, has put together a brilliant programme for the remainder of the season on Zoom, with a wide variety of interests catered for. Some highlights are listed below:

26 Jan 21 - Glen Bartley - Bird Photography Simplified.

Glen will talk about his approach to a difficult genre to master, whilst trying to

simplify and de-mystify the process, and at the same time aiming to achieve high quality wildlife images. Check out his website here. <http://www.glennbartley.com>

The following week (**2 Feb 21**) is currently free but no doubt will be filled shortly.

On **23 Feb 21** we will be joined by Polina Plotnikova who is a multi-award winning photographer of international renown, noted for her creative flower photography and still life work. Her website is well worth a visit, with some stunning Fine Art images. <https://www.polinaplotnikova.com>

Sandwiched between these speakers are our monthly internal competitions and two of our external competitions, a Tripod comp done virtually against Stowmarket and Framlingham on 25 Jan 21 and our annual glimpse of overseas photographers work against Calgary Photographic Society (CAPS) on 2 Mar 21.

Looking forward into Spring we have a double bonus for Olympus users, with Roger Hance covering a wide variety of photographic subjects, all using Olympus Micro 4 thirds cameras on 23 Mar 21, and after the Easter break on 13 Apr 21. David Smith, who is an Olympus rep describes various techniques used by Olympus and compares DSLR cameras to their mirrorless competitors.

One other highlight, on Monday 19 Apr 21, we have a lecture given by Guy Edwardes, one of Britain's foremost Landscape photographers, who will be presenting his talk entitled "Seeing The Light" about his experience of 25 years of Landscape photography techniques.

As spring leads into summer we are hoping, if restrictions are eased, to organise a couple of location shoots to conclude the season. The entire programme is now up on the website and also attached at the end of this newsletter

Meet The Committee - David Barnes

On looking back it appears I've been a member of W.P.S. for approximately 22 years. Gosh, where has that time gone? It seems I'm one of the longest serving members (notice I did not say oldest).

I was in my 40s when my wife, Anthea, asked me to stop playing squash, probably do to a competitor collapsing and dying on an adjoining court! Anthea bought me a Praktica SLR camera and I've not looked back. After having some pictures and articles published in photographic magazines, I joined the Chrome centre camera club and was introduced to competitions. Joining a club helped my technique improve and was soon doing very well in photo mag. competitions, culminating in a front cover. When the Chrome Centre closed down a few of us members tried to carry on, it was hard work on our own,

so we decided to join another club, having researched we decided on the Attleborough and Wymondham camera club as it was then called. I've been on the committee in some form or other, on and off for almost 20years. We changed the clubs name early on to W.P.S as it suited the ethos of the members, that we were more interested in the image created than the equipment used. I hope in some small way I have helped the society form into the friendly, helpful and fun group it is today. Since joining the club I have achieved notable success, winning several awards and medals at local and national level.

I must admit I am not the prolific photographer I was a few years ago. My summers now taken up by other pursuits such as golf, even that's not competitive.



.....and finally:

Sadly, I have to report the recent passing of another member, Warren Wordsworth. Warren's main interest lay with the Norwich branch of the Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA) and the Norwich Beer Festival but he was a keen photographer and attended WPS with his friend Phillip Tolley. Our condolences go to Phillip at the loss of a friend, and to Warren's friends with CAMRA.

WPS PROGRAMME JAN - JUN 2021

Latest Programme dated 5 Jan 21

Date	Speaker	Details
5 Jan 21	Malcolm Wood	RPS Distinctions - Malcolm takes us through the RPS Distinctions process and uses his "A" panel to illustrate
12 Jan 21	Open Print (DPI) Comp	Judge TBN
19 Jan 21	Annual General Meeting	See e-mail Invite
25 Jan 21	Tripod Competition	WPS - Stowmarket - Framlingham. Hosted by Stowmarket . Note Monday Evening
26 Jan 21	Glen Bartley	Bird Photography Simplified - My approach to capturing images
2 Feb 21	TBN	
9 Feb 21	E J Lazenby	Working with Textures
16 Feb 21	Open DPI Round 3	Judge TBN
23 Feb 21	Polina Plotnikova	Creative Flower photography and still life
2 Mar 21	International Competition vs CAPS	Our annual competition against Calgary Photographic Society Canada
9 Mar 21	To Be Confirmed	
16 Mar 21	Open Print (DPI) Round 3	Judge TBN
23 Mar 21	Roger Hance	New Images 2020 Roger covers colour and monochrome in variety of subjects using Olympus micro 4/3rds Cameras
30 Mar 21	Tripod Comp	Buxton and Lowestoft Hosted by WPS
6 Apr 21	Easter Break	
13 Apr	David Smith	Olympus Rep - Techniques and comparisons with DSLRs
19 Apr 21	Guy Edwardes	Seeing The Light 25 years of Landscape Photography Note it is a Monday Evening
27 Apr 21	Ian Wilson	Digital Techniques. Ian will process WPS club images live to demonstrate various techniques in Photoshop Members invited to submit entries by e-mail
4 May 21	Annual DPI Competition Tier 1	Judge TBN
11 May 21	Annual DPI Competition Tier 2	judge TBN
18 May 21	TBC	
25 May 21	Annual Print Competition Tier 1	

1 Jun 21	Damian Demolder Provisional	
8 Jun 21	TBC	
15 Jun 21	TBC	
22 Jun 21	TBC	
29 Jun 21	End of Season TBC	