



Newsletter - October 2021

Introduction

Around a year ago, with live club activities suspended because of the pandemic the WPS newsletter was born. In the year it has been going, I hope it has helped to bridge the gap between Zoom meetings and live meet-ups and provided information about the club's activities. As we move carefully back into live meetings I hope the newsletter can evolve into a platform that will remind everyone what is going on, and provide a few background snippets of information. If there is anything you want to see in the Newsletter, or you would like to contribute, just drop me a note with your idea.

WPS News

Annual Club Subscriptions - THIS IS IMPORTANT- PLEASE READ AND ACTION

A reminder that annual subscriptions for WPS are now due. They remain unchanged at £50 and ensures that the club can continue to provide a wide variety of speakers, competitions and events through the season in a very comfortable and hospitable environment.

There is a new membership form available on the "New Members" section of the website, a link to which is here: <https://www.wymondham-ps.org.uk/about-us/new-members>. **It is important to complete & return the form, even if you are renewing your membership as this ensures we have up to date contact details for everyone.** The preferred method of payment is via Bank Transfer and you will find our account details on the membership form. **Remember to include your name in the "Ref. section" so we can trace who has paid!**

Please remember to send a completed membership form either electronically to our Membership Secretary, Lydia Taylor, OR bring your form to the next meeting and hand to her personally. Alternatively, you can send via the post to:

Lydia Taylor
60 Abinger Way
Eaton
Norwich
NR4 6LJ

Link for e-mailing your membership form: membershipsecretary@wymondham-ps.org.uk

2021 -2022 Programme

The club programme has been finalised and was published in the last newsletter. It is now also available on the WPS website in two formats - The "Google" calendar format (click on "Calendar" and also under "Club News > "events" where it is shown in a table. There is a copy of the complete programme at the bottom of this newsletter.

Trophies and Awards

The Annual Awards night is being held on Tuesday 21 Sep 21. Unfortunately, the club's trophies and cups proved difficult to track down and return (largely due to the problems imposed by the Covid restrictions), However, all are now back but due to the late arrival of some, it has not been possible to have them engraved in time for the presentation. This will be corrected as soon as possible with the names of both 2020 & 2021 winners.

Selection Panel for External Competitions

The competition season has started again and once again the WPS programme features three external competitions in the calendar, all in the New Year. In order to select the best images, the club has constituted a selection panel. There are currently two vacancies on the panel, which need filling before the first competition in the New Year. All you need is an eye for a good image, but if you hold an RPS or PAGB accreditation so much the better. If you want to help the club succeed and are interested in joining the selection panel please contact our Competition Secretary, John Edwards via e-mail: j.b.edwards@ntlworld.com

Forthcoming Programme

The Awards Evening will be held on **21 Sep 21**. This event is normally the last meeting of the season, however for obvious reasons we have been unable to hold the event since 2019, so this Awards night will be a bit special, as we honour winners from the last two years. ~~provided we get all the trophies back! (See above).~~

On 28 Sep 21, we have something new for WPS. Over the past few weeks we have been trialing the hosting of a remote Zoom lecture at the Dell and the first live presenter is Wildlife Photographer and cameraman Phil Savoie who will be discussing his thoughts on the Principles of Photography. A glance at Phil's website (here: <https://philsavoie.com>) illustrates what a wide variety of work he has done in his career, from the BBC Natural History Unit where he worked on the ground breaking series "Planet Earth" to shooting swallows, bumble bees and the milky-way from his home in Wales. This promises to be a great evening. **Please note that Phil's presentation will start promptly at 7-45pm and NOT at 8pm which is the normal start.**

Into October, which is scary in itself, where has the year gone? On **5 Oct 21** we were due to have a presentation by a "new kid on the block" literally, Harry Wheeler-Bland. However, he has had to ~~withdraw~~ postpone from this commitment so we came up with an the idea to hold an "**Any Questions**" type event. Members can ask questions on any photographic topic and others with knowledge & expertise on the subject, could try and provide answers. If you have any questions on any aspect of photography, please can you submit them to me prior to the evening and we can try to ensure there is enough experience around the table to be able to provide an answer.

On **12 Oct 21** we have our first studio evening. This is slightly different to normal as the plan is to go through the setting up of our mobile studio, and discussing various lighting styles, with the help of illustrative "You Tube" videos broadcast through our new wi-fi facility in the meeting room.

The first round of the **Open Print Competition** is on **19 Oct 21**. It will be good to see our images again being judged as prints, and not as flat DPI on a screen. Please remember if you are entering prints, to forward DPI copies of your entries to our Comp Sec, John Edwards, so that they can be displayed on the screen for members to see, whilst the judge is assessing the print. Please can you ensure you bring your prints along as early as possible so that we can get them displayed in good time to start at 8pm.

On **26 Oct 21**, **Kevin Sawford**, a Suffolk based wildlife photographer, presents his talk "20 Nature Photography Projects. Kevin currently runs an array of photography workshops for the Suffolk Wildlife Trust and is an award winning wildlife photographer in his own right. His website is here: <https://www.kevinsawford.com> I am sure his presentation will provide food for thought on project work for many of us.

Finally on **2 Nov 21** a slight change to the planned event. As well as having a themed **Challenge Night** displaying members images of **Autumn**, the committee has decided to combine it with an **Open Evening/Exhibition** to try and attract some new members. Details have yet to be confirmed but the evening will be advertised in local free publications and on posters around the town and nearby villages. We will need your support for this event so if you have any autumn images or can lend a hand with advertising & hopefully, talking to prospective new members, please let a committee member know.

On a more general note, you may not have heard, but the Flying Scotsman locomotive is visiting the Mid Norfolk Railway between 2-17 Oct 21. There are still tickets available for some trips; there are also 1 hour platform slots available, I believe in Dereham, and also cab visits. This is rare opportunity to photograph the legendary and historic locomotive when it visits Norfolk. Please check out the MNR website for more details.

Recent Events

The WPS Landscape Group has made the most of summer, getting out and about. Recent trips to Happisburgh for some seascapes and Winterton for the colourful heather have been well attended. By the time this newsletter is published, the group will have enjoyed a river walk along the Wensum in Norwich. I plan an autumn themed photo-shoot sometime in October so if you want to join us, please contact me.

Open DPI Competition - Round 1

We finally returned to The Dell for our first live meeting since March 2020 and 19 members enjoyed a show of images taken by some of us during lockdown. Our first competition of the new season, the Open DPI competition Round 1 was held on 14 Sep 21 and the results are here:

Tier 1 - DPI 21 Entries

Commended	Hoverfly Feeding on a Sunflower	Stephen Bould
	Where Sky Meets Sea	Stephen Bould
	Female Wasp Spider	Colin Harvey
Highly Commended	Low Tide Lighthouse	Karl Taylor
3rd place	Smoothed Sea	Alex Park
2nd place	10:18 From Grosmont	John Staines
1st place	Just Blue	Terry Drury

Tier 2 - DPI 18 Entries

Commended	Cellararium, Fountains Abbey	David Hazleton
	No Need For Video Decision Review	David Pelling
	Tillie	Gavin Jones
Highly Commended	Point of Balance	Dennis Gardner
	And Everything in its Place	Phillip Tolley
3rd Place	Milk Drop	Lydia Taylor
2nd Place	Market Cross	Dave Balcombe
1st Place	Light Reading	Dennis Gardner

Congratulations to all the above. Remember the First Round of the Open Print Competition is on Tuesday 19 Oct 21. Well done to our winners.

..... and Finally

Anyone interested in developing their Sports Photography? I have been contacted by the 1st Team Coach of Wymondham Rugby Football Club (Kevin Ellis) who has asked if any of our members would be interested in taking photographs of the 1st Team at their home/away matches. This is a fantastic opportunity for those who want to try something new. Ideally if you are keen but never done anything like this before, you could buddy up with a more experienced photographer to gain experience and learn new techniques. All they ask is for you to share some images for the website and social media pages. If you are interested, please contact Kevin Ellis via e-mail on: kevin.ellis@hotmail.com

LATEST WPS PROGRAMME

DATE (Tuesdays)	EVENT
Tuesday, September 21, 2021	Awards and Presentations Evening - 2 years of awards
Tuesday, September 28, 2021	Principles of Photography - a Zoom presentation by Phil Savoie NOTE Prompt 7.45 Start
Tuesday, October 05, 2021	Any Questions? A chance to ask members for advice & help with your photographic queries
Tuesday, October 12, 2021	Studio Evening -Setting up Lighting Youtube tutorial & Practical evening
Tuesday, October 19, 2021	Open Print Comp Round 1
Tuesday, October 26, 2021	20 Nature Photography Projects - Kevin Sawford - Club Zoom
Tuesday, November 02, 2021	Club Open Evening & Exhibition to encourage new members
Tuesday, November 09, 2021	Norfolk Industrial Heritage - Rebecca Woods
Tuesday, November 16, 2021	Open DPI Comp Round 2
Tuesday, November 23, 2021	Andrew Moss "He shoots He scores" A zoom presentation
Tuesday, November 30, 2021	Permajet - Print for Perfection Two images per member to be sent to Colin who will print out this evening on any paper requested
Tuesday, December 07, 2021	Seasonal night shoot
Tuesday, December 14, 2021	Christmas Buffet & Quiz
Tuesday, December 21, 2021	Christmas Break
Tuesday, December 28, 2021	Christmas Break
Tuesday, January 04, 2022	Continious Improvement - Auto/manual focusing - pt. af/zone af etc

Tuesday, January 11, 2022	Open Print Comp Round 2
Tuesday, January 18, 2022	Themed Challenge evening: Winter
Tuesday, January 25, 2022	Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, February 01, 2022	A Learning Curve - zoon Presentation by Justin Minns
Tuesday, February 08, 2022	The Three Coasts - Zoom presentation by Harry Wheeler-Brand
Tuesday, February 15, 2022	Open DPI comp round 3
Tuesday, February 22, 2022	Studio Evening 2
Tuesday, March 01, 2022	Building A street Picture - Club zoom presentation by renowned photographer Damien Demolder
Tuesday, March 08, 2022	CAPS competition
Tuesday, March 15, 2022	Open Print comp Round 3
Tuesday, March 22, 2022	PAGB Awards Explained - Vic Hainsworth 19.30 Start
Tuesday, March 29, 2022	Intention in Photography - A presentatrion by member Tom Nash
Tuesday, April 05, 2022	Theme Challenge evening: Spring
Tuesday, April 12, 2022	Easter Break
Tuesday, April 19, 2022	Easter Break
Tuesday, April 26, 2022	Tripod competiton - Lowestoft & Buxton
Tuesday, May 03, 2022	Continious Improvement - Details to follow
Tuesday, May 10, 2022	Annual DPI competition (Tier 1)
Tuesday, May 17, 2022	Annual DPI Competition (Tier 2)
Tuesday, May 24, 2022	Continious Improvement - Long Exposure Theory
Tuesday, May 31, 2022	Outdoor photoshoot - Long Exp. Practical
Tuesday, June 07, 2022	Annual Print competition (Tiers 1 & 2)
Tuesday, June 14, 2022	Theme Challenge evening: Summer
Tuesday, June 21, 2022	Final Meeting of the Season