



Newsletter - September 2021

Introduction

As I sit down to start this newsletter (1 Aug 21), there is the thought that life for many is starting to recover and return to some sort of normality. The draft programme is completed and will be ready for publication shortly, the Society Facebook page is starting to see new and exciting images posted by members, and summer is here because it is cool, windy, and raining as I write!

As regards the Pandemic precautions, full details are set out below of what we can do to protect ourselves and others whilst attending meetings etc. at The Dell. In the mean time I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer and stay safe, what ever you are doing.

WPS News

Return to the Dell

We're back! At long last the committee are very pleased to announce that WPS is to resume meeting at The Dell from Tuesday 7 Sep 21. Details of the new seasons programme are set out elsewhere in this Newsletter. However, we are aware that some vulnerable members will still have concerns about the transmission of the virus, for this reason we are asking that all WPS members attending our Tuesday club nights and Friday coffee mornings follow the guidelines set out below. These guidelines are there to protect all users of the Dell, particularly the more vulnerable, not just yourself. Please be considerate.

WPS COVID Guidelines

1. When you enter the Dell building please wear a mask and make use of the hand sanitiser on the wall in the entrance hall. What ever your personal opinions or thoughts on masks, please respect others and adhere to this request.
2. If you have the NHS Covid App on your mobile phone, please use it to check in on arrival.
3. Please complete the Track and Trace form on the table in our meeting room. If someone is subsequently "pinged" or contracts Covid, we need to be able to notify everyone who was at that meeting quickly. As with current Govt regulation, each list will be destroyed after 21 days.
4. As with any pub/cafe or restaurant, if you are moving between your table and the bar for drinks or elsewhere in the building, please respect others and wear a mask.

5. If you are comfortable, feel free to remove your mask when you are sat at your table.
6. Once in our meeting room we will endeavour to keep windows and doors open to provide additional ventilation.
7. Remember social distancing. Some members may not feel comfortable sitting close to a colleague. Please do not be offended if someone chooses not to sit close to you.

These processes are in place to protect everyone visiting the Dell, us, Crib players, Bowlers, everyone. Please respect these guidelines and remember, not only are you protecting yourself, by doing this, you are helping to protect other members, guests and their loved ones.

Annual Club Subscriptions

A reminder that annual subscriptions for WPS are now due. They remain unchanged at £50 which is very good value as costs elsewhere appear to be increasing at an unrelenting rate. 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>. The preferred method of payment is via Bank transfer and you will find details on the membership form. **Remember to include your name in the "Ref. section" so we can trace who has paid!** Please also send a copy of your completed membership form electronically to our Membership Secretary, Lydia Taylor, at the link here: membershipsecretary@wymondham-ps.org.uk

If for any reason this is not possible then either bring your form to the first meeting on 7 Sep 21 or send via the post to:

Lydia Taylor
60 Abinger Way
Eaton
Norwich
NR4 6LJ

Cumulative Competitions

Our monthly cumulative competitions have proven to be very popular in recent years which is great as more members feel that they can get involved. However, it was noted by recent judges that entries in certain subject categories are being severely stretched. For example a portrait of a pet dog was submitted under the Portraiture category recently. The club rules give the definition of a Portrait as follows:

Photographs of human form, more usually associated with facial close-ups or head and shoulder studies.

Full length and group photographs are acceptable.

Exclusions: Animals and representations such as sculpture.

When entering club competitions, please check the rules on subject matter categories, sizing, and resolution before entering. Also, if we are able to run real print competitions this year, please ensure that the Comp Sec has DPI copies of your images to project, whilst the judge is critiquing the print. This is so everyone can see on the screen what the judge is referring to when providing his observations. Please also remember to re-familiarise yourself with the competition rules, especially regarding image preparation for DPI and Print. Full details of club competition rules are laid out on our website ~~here~~:

<https://www.wymondham-ps.org.uk/wps-competition-rules-an-introduction/>

Whilst we are on the subject of internal club competitions, you may remember I recently announced that the club would be returning to a points scoring system for our internal competitions with effect from our first competition on 14 Sep 21. This provoked a reaction from some club members. After due discussion, the committee have reconsidered this decision. It was decided NOT to change the scoring system for the time being. Instead the topic will be placed as an agenda item at the AGM in January 2022, so that the matter can be discussed in the round by members and any proposed change can be put to a vote of the whole membership.

Trophies and Awards - If you still hold a shield, cup, trophy or other award from our last Awards Presentation in 2019, please can you arrange for it to be returned to Alan Archer as soon as possible. These trophies need to have the 2020 and 2021 winners names engraved before the Awards Night.

Forthcoming Programme

In last month's newsletter I outlined the plan for the first month's activities. I think a famous General once remarked that a plan lasts as long as the first contact with an enemy! Whilst we are not fighting any enemies (I hope), because of non-availability of key committee members, the programme at the start of September has had to be changed. We start on **7 Sep 21** with "**What I did and Photographed in Lockdowns**". This is a chance to show off your images taken whilst in lockdown. Did you learn a new technique or try something else. Did you buy a new piece of kit, or even a new camera? if so, and you want to share your work, please drop them on to a memory stick (or bring the new kit to discuss with members) and you can show them to the club on our first night back. We normally enjoy a CD of images from the EAF competitions but due to COVID they did not produce a CD this year.

On **14 Sep 21** we have the first of the club Competitions for the new season, the Open DPI Comp part 1. Our Comp Sec, John Edwards, will let everyone know when Photo-Entry is open for images.

The Awards Evening has moved to **21 Sep 21**. This gives us more time to recover all the trophies and get them engraved. Normally we have a quiz to go alongside these evenings, so if anyone would like to put one together to help the evening along then that would be much appreciated.

An Appeal - As I noted in the last Newsletter a draft programme has been compiled and is attached at the end of this Newsletter. We have a problem however. The programme shows three Studio evenings through the season; our resident studio expert, Lee Harvey, is unable to lead any of the evenings due to pressure of work. However, as we now have secured a reasonable fast internet connection in the meeting room, we plan to view a few informative YouTube tutorials on the projected screen then, for the second half of the meeting, have a practical session, setting up the clubs studio equipment using the knowledge gained from the tutorials. Very much a hands on experience for everyone..It is hoped that those members with studio lighting knowledge will assist other members. We need two more volunteers to come forward and run the other studio nights. If you have experience of studio lighting concepts or portraiture and feel you can help, please contact Alan Archer as soon as possible.

On the subject of the programme, we still have a couple of "TBC" evenings so if you would like to put on a presentation, or a demonstration of an aspect of photography you are proficient in and feel you can share, again, please contact Alan or myself.

Recent Events

On 6 Aug 21, the monthly WPS coffee morning returned to the Dell and 15 members met in the meeting room (our normal club room) to resume what had become a WPS tradition. It was good to see so many members attending after seeing them only on a screen for the last 18 months or so. The addition of some tasty nibbles is always a bonus and these went down well.

One person it was great to see was Doug Mounter. Many of you may recall that before Covid struck, Doug was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. He was in excellent form and when asked how he was he replied with typical good humour, "I am told I am very well!" Lovely to see you Doug.

The next coffee morning will be on 3 Sep 21 and provided nothing untoward happens with the pandemic situation then these will continue through the autumn and winter. Our thanks must go to John Cann for organising the treats and to Tony Byford for his skills with the coffee machine.

..... **and Finally**

Have you ever stopped to wonder what makes a good photograph? Good lighting, interesting subject, clever post processing? Many writers, authors and numerous com-

petition judges have tried to define what they think makes a good image, and many useful quotes have arisen from these writings.

I saw this one in a recent EAF article where the writer was "..... working to develop better descriptions of the various levels of our Awards for Photographic Merit." I suppose this quote from National Geographic photographer, Jim Richardson is the fundamental starting point for any photographer:

"If you want to be a better photographer, stand in front of more interesting stuff"
And on that very profound and brief note I will leave you to ponder.

WPS Club Calendar Sep 2021 - June 2022

DATE (Tuesdays)	EVENT
Tuesday, September 07, 2021	Welcome Back - members club evening + "What I photographed during the lockdowns"
Tuesday, September 14, 2021	Open DPI Comp Round 1
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
Tuesday, October 05, 2021	The Three Coasts - Harry Wheeler-Brand
Tuesday, October 12, 2021	Studio Evening -Setting up Lighting Youtube tutorial & Prectical evening
Tuesday, October 19, 2021	Open Print Comp Round 1
Tuesday, October 26, 2021	20 Nature Photography Projects - Kevin Sawford
Tuesday, November 02, 2021	Challenge Night -"Autum"
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
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	Theme Challenge evening: Winter
Tuesday, January 25, 2022	Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, February 01, 2022	A Learning Curve - Justin Minns
Tuesday, February 08, 2022	Continious Improvement - ??? Prectical
Tuesday, February 15, 2022	Oprn DPI comp round 3
Tuesday, February 22, 2022	Studio Evening 2 ?
Tuesday, March 01, 2022	Building A street Picture - Damien Demolder
Tuesday, March 08, 2022	CAPS - Competition vs Central Alberta Camera Club
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	T.B.C.
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 (Tier 1)
Tuesday, May 17, 2022	Annual DPI (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 (Tiers 1 & 2)
Tuesday, June 14, 2022	Theme Challenge evening: Summer
Tuesday, June 21, 2022	Final Meeting of the Season