



Newsletter - December 2021

Introduction

The role of the volunteer in society is often taken for granted. Without folk who readily give their time in roles as wide and diverse as the world itself, much would not get done. It was volunteers who provided the backbone infrastructure to those supporting the Covid vaccination roll-out this year. Volunteers helped make the 2012 Olympic Games such a success. All clubs and societies need volunteers to help run and without them, many would cease to exist. WPS is no different. Our AGM is set for the 25th end of January and as all clubs are revitalised and refreshed by new voices and new ideas on the committee, ask yourself this question: Is it time I got involved?

WPS News

WPS Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the club is not until 25 Jan 22 but the committee is keenly aware of number of key issues requiring members attention. The most significant of these is the vital roles of Club Chair and vice chair. As you know, Alan and myself are currently acting co-chairs, since Heather stepped down in the summer. We both have other roles on the committee and neither of us wish to stand for the role of Chair or vice chair of the club. Whilst we do not wish to carry on after the 25 Jan 22, we are prepared to fully support and assist the new chair and vice chair as they settle into their roles. With this in mind, the club will need to elect a new Chair/v chair at the AGM to take office from that date. We realise this is a big ask but we sincerely request all members give this matter serious consideration. If you feel you may be willing to help the club in this way, please feel free to approach Alan or myself. All such discussions will be in the strictest confidence.

Additionally there are currently six committee members (including Alan and myself) and there is a real need for at least two more to help with supporting the work of the committee. Again, if you are interested please talk to a committee member about joining us. Remember, the club cannot continue without the work of the committee.

Programme for 2022-23 Season

It is unbelievable, but your committee has already started planning the programme for the 2022-2023 season. Covid permitting, we will continue to meet on a weekly

basis at the Dell. Judges for our monthly competitions are being booked as I write this.

It has been suggested that a sub committee be formed to put together the new programme, chaired by a committee member or the new chair-person. If you would like to be part of the programme sub committee **OR, more importantly**, have any ideas about what you would like to see on the new programme, then please come forward and speak to me or Alan. Remember this is your club and your chance to help shape the future programme.

WPS Flickr Account

I mentioned last month that Patricia Wilden had volunteered to take over the administration of the club Flickr Account. In order to stimulate usage of the site and get members to share their images she has come up with some ideas. One suggestion is that each month an image is chosen from those posted and used as the club banner. Stephen Bould's image is currently showing but we need something new for December. The theme for December is Red and Green. Patricia has put together a list of topics which we can take forward into the New Year. There are no prizes but each day 500 images are chosen by Flickr Explore which is their "Window on the World". Yours could be one of those. It is worth remembering that there are around 25 million images uploaded to Flickr each day so if yours is one of the 500 then you will be in exalted company! Patricia has put a list of subjects on the "Discussions" page on Flickr so please head there (after you have finished reading this Newsletter of course) and take a look.

Signing In Sheet - A Reminder

Each week our Membership Secretary, Lydia, brings along a signing in sheet for members ~~present~~ to register their presence. This is not a bureaucratic data gathering exercise but a Health and Safety requirement. If, for any reason we have to evacuate the Dell, we need to have an up to date register of who was in the room to hand to the rescue services if needed. In the current climate, it also acts as a Track and Trace information sheet if anyone tests positive for Covid after attending a club night. It means we can quickly contact all others present to ask them to take action. All that is required is for you to place a tick against your name when you arrive, or sometime before the evenings activities start. Thank you, your co-operation is much appreciated.

Christmas Quiz

The Christmas adverts have started appearing on TV and in a few weeks time we will be holding our annual Christmas Quiz and Buffet. If there is anyone willing to write and present a quiz on 14 Dec 21 please let me know. Without a volunteer, the quiz will not happen.

Forthcoming Programme

On **23 Nov 21**, London based Sports photographer, Andrew Moss presents, via a "hybrid" zoom presentation "He Shoots, He Scores" a journey through his years as a Sports photographer from track cycling to Canoe Slalom and Chessboxing (Yes it does exist). Andrew is an accredited photographer for many sports and images from his website (here: <https://andrewmoss.smugmug.com/Sports>) his talent and skill. It should be an entertaining evening.

Permajet are a noted supplier of Photographic paper and on **30 Nov 21** a representative will be at the Dell for a "Print For Perfection" talk. This will involve images from members being printed onto specific and appropriate Permajet paper on the evening. Please bring along your image on a USB stick for a chance of your image being printed. I understand paper will be available to purchase at a discount too.

There are only two meetings in December. On **7 Dec 21** there is a seasonal Night Shoot, probably in Norwich, but details have yet to be finalised. Look out for a club wide e-mail giving details of the locations and timings. Our final meeting of 2021 will be our annual Christmas Buffet and Quiz night (provided someone steps forward to write and present the quiz).

Recent Events

Kevin Sawford is a Suffolk based Wildlife and Nature photographer and on 26 Oct 21 he was live at The Dell with his presentation "20 Nature Photography Projects". It was a fascinating presentation providing loads of for projects we can do on a small scale without using eye-wateringly expensive kit or spending days and nights hiding out in the middle of nowhere, waiting for a particular animal to maybe show its face. It certainly provided me with some ideas for next time I sit in my garden admiring my handiwork!

The theme for the Challenge Night on 2 Nov 21 was Autumn and alongside this the committee decided to hold an open evening to try and attract some new members. It was a relaxed and very informal evening where members admired the images on display and chatted amongst themselves. It was a very convivial and enjoyable evening.

Rebecca Woods is a Norfolk based photographer who presented a talk on Norfolk's Industrial Heritage. Her recent talk featured images of the various styles and locations of the many Wind and Drainage pumps across the Norfolk landscape. She linked this to a project she is running to create two calendars for the Norfolk Windmills Trust.

Finally for this review **16 Nov 21** saw the second of the DPI competitions. Results have been published on the WPS website and will be in the next Newsletter, which will be out just before Christmas.

.....and Finally

Following on from last months quotes from famous photographers, I leave you with this gem from Elliot Erwitt: "Photography is an art of observation. It has little to do with the things you see, and everything to do with the way you see them".
Enjoy your month.

Current Programme:

	2021-2022 Programme
Tuesday, November 23, 2021	Andrew Moss "He shhoots 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 presentation 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

Latest Programme