



Newsletter - November 2021

Introduction

Poet John Keats, in his ode to Autumn described it as "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness". It is early October as this is being written and the early misty mornings are definitely with us. The leaves are starting to turn and provide us with the glowing colour palette that the season promises. This serves as a reminder that the club has a Challenge and exhibition Night on the theme of "Autumn" on 2 Nov 21, so time to get out into the woods to shoot those scenes of autumn or delve into your archives for those forgotten images of Autumn. Bring along your autumn prints for the exhibition. Enjoy your month.

WPS News

Annual Club Subscriptions

Annual Subscriptions have been due since 1 Sep 21 and the committee had taken the decision to **close the window for renewal on 31 Oct 21**. After this time, anyone who has not renewed their membership will regretfully be removed from the clubs membership list, will no longer be able to attend our club nights and enter competitions, receive either this newsletter or any Zoom invitations to our remote speakers. If it has slipped your mind and you have not yet renewed but want to remain a member, please do so by the end of October.

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

WPS Flickr Account

You may not know that WPS has a Flickr account, which, until recently has been administered by Dave Ryland. Having moved out of the area, Dave has decided not to

renew his membership of WPS, so Patricia Wilden has volunteered to take over as administrator.

If you have your own Flickr account it is possible (I am not sure how), to link your account to the club one in order to share your images. You are permitted up to 3 images per post. Why not link your account to WPS and share your best images? We would love to see them! Remember also the club Facebook site, where you can also share images and ask questions or seek advice on photography related queries.

Prints For Display in Wymondham Surgeries

It seems a little known fact that WPS displays prints in two Wymondham GP's waiting rooms. There are four on display in the Wymondham Health Centre and two at the Windmill Surgery, each set with a plaque advertising the WPS.

Before Covid these were refreshed from the prints entered in the cumulative print competitions. Normally four new ones would refresh the Health Centre and two from there would go on to the Windmill.

As you know, our Print Competitions have resumed and it would be great if we could raise the profile of WPS in the surgeries by refreshing the images hanging there. After each Print Competition, you may be approached to loan an image or two to this scheme. I hope those selected will agree to this and feel able to provide some images to decorate the walls of surgery waiting rooms. They can be quite austere places and if we can bring some light and joy with our images so much the better. If you need your print urgently, rest assured it can be retrieved at short notice. For further information, please contact Gareth Janacek, who is looking after the scheme for the club.

Christmas Quiz

I know, the dreaded "C" word seems to get mentioned earlier each year. As a reminder that it is not far away, I note that some shops are already selling Christmas decorations and stuff. Traditionally, our last meeting before the Christmas break has always been a quiz and buffet event with a raffle. Last year, as you may remember we did things slightly differently as we were on the verge of another lockdown, but in 2021 our grand quiz is back, Covid and Boris permitting, with one proviso: we need a volunteer to write and host the quiz. I have done it for the last two or three years but I don't have the time this year to research and prepare it. If anyone is interested in compiling a quiz and presenting it on 14 Dec 21, then please let me or a committee member know. Remember, if someone does not volunteer, then it will not happen.

Forthcoming Programme

Before looking at the future programme, a note for the Landscape group. I am looking at dates for late October for a Zoom meet-up to share images from Winterton and the Norwich walkabout. I am also trying to find a date for the next themed trip out, which will be on the theme of Autumn (not surprisingly!).

Now to the programme for the next month or so. On **26 Oct 21**, **Kevin Sawford**, a Suffolk based wildlife photographer, presents at the Dell, 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.

2 Nov 21 is our first Challenge Night of the season and is combined with an exhibition event where we hope to encourage visitors and possibly, some new members. The theme is Autumn. We will be showing prints as part of the evening exhibition so please bring your prints along. Posters will be going up around the town so pass the word around and let us try and generate some new members.

On **9 Nov 21** Rebecca Woods, a Norfolk based photographer is presenting a talk on Norfolk's Industrial Heritage. This should be an intriguing evening as the county is known for its history of engineering and industrial heritage. Her website is here: <https://www.newsightphotographyuk.com>

You have plenty of time to get your images ready for the second round of the Open DPI competition on **16 Nov 21**. Our Comp Sec, John Edwards, will notify everyone when Photo Entry is open for uploading images.

Finally for November, on 23 Nov 21, noted sports photographer Andrew Moss, is our speaker with his "He Shoots, He Scores" presentation. Andrew is a London based photographer, specialising in what is termed Minority Sports and can be found at sporting events as diverse as Track cycling, Netball and Chess-Boxing, that is playing chess whilst contesting a boxing match. Now that is a minority sport! Check out his website here: <https://andrewmoss.smugmug.com/browse>

Recent Events

Our first ever Zoom speaker at the Dell joined us remotely on 26 Sep 21. Wildlife film cameraman and photographer Phil Savoie gave a fascinating and entertaining presentation on "The Principles of Photography" from his home near Cardiff. One suggestion he can up with for front to back sharpness in landscape photography is to shoot 2-3 images at f5.6 using different focus points in the shot and photo-stack them. With practice (isn't everything?) you should be able to get some excellent results.

Any Questions? was the theme for 2 Oct 21. Members could bring any questions or queries they had in order to get answers. It prompted a fascinating discussion on photographing Fungi and more generally Macro photography. Our thanks must go to Dave Balcombe for sharing his Focus bracketing/stacking experiences and techniques and more general demonstrations around cataloging and storage in Lightroom. A very interesting evening.

The Studio Night on 11 Oct 21 was something completely different. We went back to basics and how to set up a studio from scratch using basic lights and lighting set-ups. No models this week, but a chance to light and photograph some still life objects ranging from flower heads to rusty old tools.

The first round of the Open Print Competition was held on 19 Oct 21. I was away but members were able to submit 3 entries rather than the normal 2. As a result, 16 entries per tier were submitted. It was great to see mounted prints again and they were well critiqued by Judge David Jordan. There is now an incentive to get printing. You never know, you might win! Results are here:

Tier 1 - 16 entries

1st Evening Toilette - Gareth Janacek

2nd Last of the Summer - Terry Drury

3rd Stripes in the Seascape - Stephen Bold

HC Beach huts, Wells next Sea - Stephen Bould

HC Red Kite - Fran Grimsdell

C Highforce Waterfall - Fran Grimsdell

C Pinmill - John Edwards

Tier2 - 16 entries

1st Sea Railings - Dave Balcombe

2nd Ready to Pounce - Gavin Jones

3rd Tumbling Windows - Patricia Wilden

HC Pat - Alan Archer

HC Playing Solo - Dave Balcombe

HC On Slow Reflection - Dennis Gardner

C Curiosity Corner - Dave Balcombe

C Common Blue - Dennis Gardner

C Water Colour - Dennis Gardner

..... **and Finally**

To end this month a couple of thought provoking quotes which we could all apply to our photography. The first is by Richard Feynman, a Theoretical Physicist who among other things worked on the theory of Quantum Mechanics and Particle Physics, so you could say he knew stuff! . He once reportedly said "There are no mistakes, only lessons. Growth is a process of trial and error."

The second quote is by photographer Henri Cartier-Bresson who reportedly said "Your first 10,000 photographs are your worst." There is hope for us all, and there was no digital photography around when he said that! On that note, farewell for another month.

	2021-2022 Programme
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

Latest Programme