



Newsletter - February 2022

Introduction

The New Year always brings a chance to renew and refresh. Many people set themselves resolutions or goals, lists of things they want to achieve, or changes they want to make in their own lives. One of the modern buzzwords is wellbeing, looking after yourself by doing things that give you a sense of happiness and contentment. What makes you as a photographer happy? The perfect portrait or landscape, winning a competition, getting good comments from a judge? All of these can help, but for me the fact of just being out for a walk carrying whatever camera I have in my hand or pocket looking around at the world about me, is enough to keep me content. Winning a club competition would be nice, but the act of getting that winning image in the first place is what gives me most enjoyment. Enjoy your photography.

WPS News

New Members - First of all, we must welcome to the club three new members who have joined recently. Trevor Oakley, Ivan Brown and Suzanne Harding. Welcome to the club, we look forward to seeing your images in our competitions and challenge evenings.

Christmas Quiz - As you may recall, Phillip Tolley hosted our Christmas quiz as part of our last meeting before Christmas. Unfortunately, due to the rapid advance of the Omicron variant of Covid-19 the committee decided to host the quiz virtually. Phillip did a great job of putting the quiz together and presenting on the night. Many thanks to Philip for your efforts, they were much appreciated by those who joined.

Covid Mitigation Measures - Just before Christmas, the committee reluctantly took the decision to suspend face to face meetings at the Dell until the Covid infection rate declined sufficiently to permit a safe return. It was felt that, although the Omicron variant was thought by the Medics to be less deadly, its spread was more rapid. This meant the increased risk of infection during face to face meetings was too great. At the moment, we are hoping that this will be a short term measure and that meetings will be back at the Dell by February. Watch this space!

Annual General Meeting - 25 Jan 21 - Despite Covid restrictions the AGM will go ahead as programmed but will take place via Zoom in the same way as it did last year. In addition to the election of the Chair and committee, it had been intended to

present an updated Club Constitution for approval at the AGM. A proposal to change the Competition Scoring system was also programmed in. Because of the problems some members have in not being able to join Zoom meetings, plus the difficulty in discussing issues over Zoom, the committee decided to hold these items over so that they can be discussed "Live" at the Dell. An Extra-ordinary ~~General~~ Meeting will be convened later in the season to enable both topics to be discussed and voted on.

As noted above, our AGM will be online but we will attempt to keep to the usual procedure as much as possible. The AGM calling notice has already been sent out, together with a copy of the minutes from the 2021 meeting. If you have not received either of these please let me know ASAP so I can send out the relevant information.

To enable the meeting to flow smoothly please note the following:

Voting, where required, will be via the Reactions button/tab at the bottom of your Zoom screen

Only current members are eligible to vote.

Voting is open only to those attending the AGM on Zoom. The constitution does not allow for "proxy voting.

Nominations for Chair, Vice Chair and Committee membership can be received verbally from the "virtual floor" of the meeting on the night, or by prior e-mail - and duly seconded, to Dave Hazleton as Club Secretary. (david.hazleton@btinternet.com)

WPS Open Day - The club normally holds an Open Day at the Dell on the Saturday following the AGM. This year however it has been cancelled due to COVID. It is hoped that we can reschedule the Open Day for sometime at the end of March but, as with all things it needs volunteers to organise and run the event. If you would like to get involved then please let Alan or I know as soon as possible so that planning for the event can start. Without your help, this event will not happen.

Julian Gillet - Memorial Bench - Many of you will remember WPS member Julian Gillet, who sadly passed away in the summer of 2020. As well as a long serving member of WPS, Julian was heavily involved in the wider Wymondham community, most notably in the Arts Society and the local branch of the U3A. Wymondham Town Council have, with Julian's family, agreed to a memorial bench being placed in the town to recognise his contribution to the local community over many years. The club has made a donation to the fund, but if any member would like to make an individual contribution toward the cost of the bench, please let me know and I can provide details of who to contact.

Forthcoming Programme

Before we look at the February programme a reminder that on 24 Jan 22 WPS is involved in a Tripod Competition with Stowmarket and Framlingham Camera Clubs. This will be run via Zoom and our entries have already been submitted to the organiser. Look out for the Zoom invite and try and join on the night to support the event.

Looking ahead, we are hoping to be back at the Dell in February and with that in mind, we open that months programme on 1 Feb 22 with a presentation from noted East Anglian Landscape photographer Justin Minns. Justin is the author of the book, "Photographing East Anglia", and his presentation "A Learning Curve" aims to highlight some of the lessons he has learned from his beginnings in Landscape Photography. A link to Justin's site is here: <https://www.justinminns.co.uk>

On 8 Feb we are hosting "The Three Coasts" – A presentation by Harry Wheeler-Brand A week later on 15 Feb 22 is round 2 of the Open Print Competition. This round was delayed from 8 Jan 22.

On 22 Feb 22 a representative from Permajet will be at the club to talk about the importance of selecting the correct photographic paper and will be printing members images as an illustration of their products capabilities. Please bring along 1 or 2 of your images on a memory stick.

Finally, on 1 Mar 22, the former editor of Amateur Photographer, Damien Demolder will join us for a long delayed presentation entitled "Building a Street Picture".

Recent Events

Our first meeting back on 4 Jan 21 featured Dave Balcombe discussing aspects of Focussing, understanding the principles of focussing, the Circle of Confusion and Hyperfocal Distance. through to exploring the techniques of Focus Stacking and Focus Bracketing using in-camera programmes and setting the process manually. It was a fascinating insight into a critical part of photography, and helped clear the mist on a number of techniques. Many thanks Dave, once again an excellent presentation.

Because of the restrictions imposed by not being able to meet at the Dell, it was decided to swap the second round of the Print Competition with the 3rd and final round of the DPI Comp. The latter was held on 11 Jan 22 via Zoom. The judge was Brian Carlick whose appraisals of each image was clear and constructive.

Winners are listed below:

Tier 1

1st Wine Glasses

Terry Drury

2 nd Wet Street Lights	Terry Drury
3 rd Tin Mine Cornwall	Alex Park
HC Wild rose with Bumblebee	John Staines
HC Old Sea Defences at Mundesley	Trevor Oakley
HC Spring Twins	John Staines
HC Kingfisher with Lunch	Trevor Oakley
HC Dew Drops	Alex Park
HC Line Out	Colin Harvey
C Dancing Dogs	Colin Harvey
C Amanda	Trevor Oakley

Tier 2

1 st Barn Owl Swooping in...	Gavin Jones
2 nd Taking Five	Gavin Jones
3 rd Dishonesty	Dave Balcombe
HC Glorious Disorder	Lydia Taylor
HC Rain's Coming...	Patricia Wilden
HC Four Spotted Chaser	David Pelling
HC Crunch Tackle	Dave Balcombe
HC The Cobbles at Sunset	Lydia Taylor
HC Cheerleader on the Ethiopian Village Bus	David Pelling
C Before the Performance	Gavin Jones
C Fun Fair	Lydia Taylor

Once again the standard across both tiers was very high and there were some very good images which did not make the cut. Indeed the judge remarked on how good the entries were and that it was gratifying to see so many entries of such high standard.

Congratulations to those listed above, including new member Trevor Oakley who did particularly well in his first competition with the club.

.....and Finally

Whilst scanning through a photography site on social media the other day I came across a post by a lady named Zoe Brown. She has a son, Robin, who is a keen wildlife photographer and in order to showcase some of his work, she has organised an exhibition of his photographs alongside another wildlife photographer by the name of Nick

Jermy. Nothing unusual in that, you might think,except that Zoe's son Robin is only 9 years old and has developed his skills alongside Nick (aged 37) during the first lockdown. If you are interested in seeing Robin and Nick's work, the exhibition is at Denton Village Hall on Wednesday 19 Feb 22 between 11am and 3pm, and all proceeds will go to the Norfolk Wildlife Trust. It would be good to encourage new talent by supporting this exhibition.

Dave H

2021 -22 Programme

	2021-2022 Programme
Tuesday, January 18, 2022	Themed Challenge evening: Winter
Tuesday, January 25, 2022	Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, February 01, 2022	A Learning Curve - Presentation by Justin Minns
Tuesday, February 08, 2022	The Three Coasts - Zoom presentation by Harry Wheeler-Brand
Tuesday, February 15, 2022	Open Print comp round 2
Tuesday, February 22, 2022	Permajet "From Print 2 Perfection"
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