



Newsletter - March 2022

Introduction

There is an old song from the 1970's by a band called Pilot. The song, called "January" contains the lyric "January, sick and tired, you've been hanging on me" (You may remember it). I was reminded of it when I started to write this newsletter at the end of what seemed a very long January. Without wishing my life away, I was thinking "is this month never going to end?" However, we are now in mid February and there are signs that better things are coming. Spring is closer than further away, snowdrops are out and the other spring bulbs have appeared and are bursting into colour. Oh and the days are drawing out, because you have to get up earlier to catch a sunrise! After a long two or three months, things are looking up!

WPS News

Annual General Meeting Follow-up — Our Annual General Meeting was held on 25 Jan 22 and from the reports delivered by members of the committee the club seems to have survived the pandemic much better than we could have hoped for. Sadly when it came to election of officers, the vacancy of Chair of WPS was not filled. Furthermore, no new volunteers were elected to the committee at the AGM. Alan and I said we would step down as acting Chairpersons at the AGM because we both have other roles within the club and cannot do both at the same time. As I write this, WPS does not have a Chairperson and it will now be down to the committee to work out how the club moves forward without a Chair.

Committee elected at the AGM

Chair -	Vacant
Vice-Chair	Vacant
Treasurer	Alan Archer
Secretary	Dave Hazleton
Competition Secretary	John Edwards
Membership Secretary	Lydia Taylor
Webmaster	John Staines
Member	Gareth Janacek

Subsequent to the meeting, Terry Drury volunteered to join the committee so welcome aboard Terry and thank you for helping us out.

AGM - Return to the Dell - As you know, most of us were able to return to the Dell on 1 Feb 22. However there are those who, for whatever reason are being more cautious, so where possible, Alan will also send out a Zoom link to enable those who do not want to come to the Dell, to join in our meetings. We will continue with these hybrid meetings until the late spring at least.

AGM - New Season Programme - As part of the AGM, Alex Park volunteered to help a sub-committee put together the programme for the new season starting in September. He will be working with Lydia Taylor and Gareth Janacek, so if you have any ideas about what you would like to see in the future, please let them know. A request was made to provide a printed leaflet of the new seasons programme. The committee agreed to look at ways of producing a printed programme for members.

Other WPS News

Open Day - Rather than have an Open Day, the committee has discussed the possibility of another Open Evening, on 3 May 22. This will take the form of an exhibition of members work at The Dell in print and on screen, with the possibility of a practical demonstration of some description. Of course, an event like this cannot be run without the help and support of our members so if you have any ideas on how to show off our club or would like to get involved, then please let Alan or I know as soon as possible. The Open evening also has the advantage of being able to attract new members which is always a bonus.

Extra-Ordinary General Meeting - 5 Apr 22 (EGM) - An EGM has been planned in for 5 Apr 22 to discuss two items that were withdrawn from the AGM because of the difficulty of hosting "all member" discussions on Zoom. One is the adoption of the revised club constitution which will be the formal part of the meeting. The second part of the meeting will discuss the Scoring system for our club competitions. Club Competitions sit outside the constitution and adjusting the rules for competition is normally in the gift of the committee. However it was felt that as the scoring system is fundamental to the way our competitions are organised, the committee felt that this should be discussed and approved by all members. I will be sending out more information on both topics nearer the time but please note the date in your diary.

Laptop Appeal - Our club laptop is coming up for 11 years old and is being held together by digital bodge tape and the skill of John Edwards who looks after it. The committee has agreed in principle that a new laptop be purchased for the club. However with our reduced membership and next years programme to pay for, the club has to raise funds to buy the new machine. We are appealing to all members for ideas on fundraising, and other (legal) ways of raising money, so if you have any fundraising ideas then please let any member of the committee know. One thought for this, if you suggest an idea for a fund raising event, then please be prepared to be asked to assist organise it.

Wyndham Rugby Club - A reminder that Wyndham Rugby Club are always open to our members heading down there to take images of their ladies and mens matches. All they ask is that you can provide a few images for their Social Media pages and website. Please contact their head coaches through the WRFC website.

Forthcoming Programme

March opens with a huge name in Photography, Damien Demolder, as our virtual guest. This presentation was booked before we had even heard of Covid-19 and we finally get to hear him on **1 Mar 22**. He has worked in photography since 1997 and spent 15 years as editor of Amateur Photographer. Now freelance, he is involved in many aspects of photography, and his presentation "Building a Street Picture" is one to look forward to. Take look at his website for further information. <https://damiendemolder.com/about-me/>

On **8 Mar 22** we are holding our annual international photographic contest against Central Alberta Photographic Society (CAPS). I organised this event last year and it is great to see images shot by photographers from overseas. It gives you a different perspective, different views and a capability to see their world through their eyes. Details of WPS members images entered in the competition are below:

Black & White 5

Beach Walker	Patricia Wilden
Beach Huts, Wells next Sea	Stephen Bould
Curiosity Corner	Dave Balcombe
Sea Railings	Dave Balcombe
Wine Glasses	Terry Drury

Nature 5

Feeling Reflective	Karl Taylor
Four Spotted Chaser	Colin Harvey
Barn Owl Swooping in	Gavin Jones
Rhino's at the Waterhole	Gavin Jones
Zebra's taking a Drink	Gavin Jones

Open 9

Highlands Spotlight	Alex Park
Just Blue	Terry Drury
Light Reading	Dennis Gardner
Market Cross	Dave Balcombe
Milk Drop	
Reflections	Patricia Wilden
Smoothed Sea	Alex Park
Stairway Starbursts	Lydia Taylor
Cart Gap Sunset	David Hazleton

Portraits 5

Tillie	Gavin Jones
Lost in Dance	Gavin Jones
Georgia	Lee Harvey
I am Bemused	David Pelling
Pat	Alan Archer

We won this contest last year so it would be great to get as many members as possible along to support our club.

15 Mar 22 sees the 3rd round of our Open Print Competition. Round 2 was delayed so we get the bonus of 2 print rounds in a row. John will send out an e-mail when Photo-Entry opens.

For anyone thinking about working towards formal accreditation from one of the Photographic bodies in the UK, then Vic Hainsworth's presentation "**PAGB Awards Explained**" on **22 Mar 22** will be of interest. According to their website there are three levels of award, Credit, Distinction and Master, and Vic will describe what is required to achieve these awards. You never know, it may nudge you in the direction of a PAGB Award. **Please note that this presentation starts at 7.30pm.**

On 29 Mar 22 we were due to have a presentation by club member Tom Nash. Tom has informed Alan that he is unable to do his presentation at the moment, so this date is currently free. Watch out for further information.

Recent Events

We begin our look back over the previous few weeks with the Theme challenge on the subject of Winter on 18 Jan 22. I was unable to attend due to a prior commitment but reports tell me that it was fairly well supported but unfortunately, due to some IT issues with Mac computers and Zoom sharing, a couple of members were unable to share their images. Solving these issues and problems are "work in progress"

I have described the outcomes of the AGM on 25 Jan 22 elsewhere in this newsletter.

On 1 Feb 22 Justin Minns, a Suffolk based photographer, was our guest speaker with his talk "A Learning Curve". He talked about his introduction to photography and the things he has learned along the way. His presentation featured much of East Anglia but interestingly included one or two images from his time working in Saudi Arabia. He recommended several Apps to get weather information, Clearoutside (Weather) and sun angles and sunrise and sunset ("Suncalc"). He has also written a very useful guide to photographing East Anglia published by Fotovue and he offered WPS members a discount of 20% by inserting "Justin Minns" at the checkout point.

The following week our guest speaker was another Suffolk based photographer, Harry Wheeler-Bland. Harry is the young man (I think he is 21) behind "Harrybehindthelens" and has a very interesting back story. He has been a keen photographer since he was 10 and was leading workshops at the age of 15. He dropped out of school at 16 to pursue his dream of becoming a Professional Photographer and on the way was runner up in the Young Landscape Photographer of the Year competition and has

self published an impressive guidebook on the East Anglian Coast. He is entirely self taught and his enthusiasm was obvious. A very impressive young man.

The second round of the Open Print Competition was held on 15 Feb 22, judged in person (things are starting to get back to normal) by **Steve Milner**. Results are below.

Tier 1 22 Entries

1 st	Upwards	Alex Park
2 nd	4 Glasses	Terry Drury
3 rd	Kawasaki Duel	Trevor Oakley
HC	St James Mill	Trevor Oakley
HC	Fallow Deer	Fran Grimsdell
C	Fallow Deer Buck	Trevor Oakley
C	Daisies	Alex Park
C	Cranes-Felixstowe Docks	Stephen Bould
C	Skelton's	Terry Drury
C	White Water	Trevor Oakley
C	The Old way-Washing up	Trevor Oakley
C	Triple	Alex Park
C	Autumn Bee	Gareth Janacek

Tier 2 29 Entries

1 st	Rhino's at the Waterhole	Gavin Jones
2 nd	What a Climb	Ivan Brown
3 rd	A Lot on his Mind	Ivan Brown
HC	Woodland Kingfisher Displaying	Gavin Jones
HC	Now with Attitude	David Balcombe
HC	Cape Myrtle Flower head	David Pelling
HC	The Sunsets over Norfolk Reeds	Alan Archer
HC	Swanning Around	David Barnes
HC	The Night is Unfolding	Ivan Brown
HC	Walking the Planks (Our Great British Summer)	Patricia Wilden
HC	Rockhopper Penguin	David Pelling
HC	Billy no Mates	Ivan Brown
C	Czar Nicholas	Dave Balcombe
C	Smoking Under the Bridge	Dennis Gardner
C	The Point	David Pelling
C	Feasting on Decay	Dennis Gardner
C	Thank Goodness My Bike is Still There	Alan Archer

Congratulations to the winners. The next round is set for 15 Mar 22.

Finally, on 22 Feb 22 Colin Hulley, a representative from Permajet joined us at the Dell talk about printing and printer paper. Some members were able to get their images printed on sample paper so that they could assess the difference in textures and finishes. Unfortunately Colin ran out of time so was unable to print all of the images submitted but look out for an e-mail from Alan with details of an offer Colin made on the night.

.....and Finally

Back in October I attended an RPS Panels Day organised by our very own Dave Balcombe. One of the speakers was David Townshend. David was discussing his FRPS panel and showing some of the images that earned him that award. Why do I mention it now? David has an exhibition entitled "Impressions of The Norfolk Coast" which runs from 12 Feb - 16 Mar 22 based at the Norfolk Wildlife Trust centre at Cley Marshes, Cley-Next-The-Sea. The NWT website describes the exhibition as a series of "stunning impressionist images,presenting the Norfolk coast in a unique and magical style". Entry to the exhibition is free. Oh, and the centre at Cley has a very good cafe!

Additionally he is doing a talk on 24 Feb 22 and an Impressionist Photographic Workshop on 26 Feb 22. More details on the NWT website here: <https://www.norfolk-wildlifetrust.org.uk/whats-on/all-events/2022-02-12-impressions-of-the-norfolk-coa>

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2021-22 Programme

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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	To Be Confirmed
Tuesday, April 05, 2022	Extra-Ordinary General Meeting - Approval of New Constitution
Tuesday, April 12, 2022	Easter Break
Tuesday, April 19, 2022	Easter Break
Tuesday, April 26, 2022	Tripod competition - Lowestoft & Buxton
Tuesday, May 03, 2022	WPS Open Evening

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