



Newsletter - June 2022

Introduction

I was idly browsing through my online copy of Amateur Photographer the other day and I came across a short article promoting a book called "The Year That Changed Our World". It is photographic history spanning the Covid - 19 Pandemic from March 2020 to the roll out of the first vaccines in 2021, and features over 400 images covering a couple of years most of us would like to forget, but many would find impossible to.

The images were put together using the photographs of Agence France Presse, a world wide agency. At £40 it is not cheap, but the thought occurred to me that this book might be something that some people might buy as a family heirloom, to be handed down from father/mother to son/daughter until the covers fell off.....or may be not!

I have my own photographic memories recorded of the Lockdown periods as I am sure many of you do to, and am sure I don't want a visual reference of the Pandemic despite the historic nature of the time and the quality of the images.

One thing is for certain; those documenting the history of the 21st Century in 50 years years time, are going to have a field day making TV documentaries and writing books about this period in our history! They will certainly have plenty of photographic material to work with!

WPS News

Open Day - Saturday 18 June 22 As you are no doubt aware WPS is holding its first Open Day in three years on 18 June 22. As well as print displays and DPI images on our TV screen, the Studio kit will be set up and Dave Barnes has agreed to manage this during the day. We are going to need help from members to talk to our visitors and explain what we do as a club, hand out programmes and act as general hosts. If you able to volunteer, even if it is only for an hour or so, please come down on the day, let a committee member or John Cann, the organiser know. The Open day is our main means of trying to attract new members and it would be great to have as many members as possible during the day to help. We now have advertising posters available for distribution and display in local shops, doctors and dentist surgeries, offices etc. Please take one or two each (or print out your own (see the attached file) and help make the day as success.

Wymondham - Queen's Jubilee Celebrations - Wymondham's Town Team are organising a family festival (Jubilee Fest) at Ketts Park on Sunday 5 Jun 22 to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. WPS has been invited to contribute to an exhibition in the Community Hall at Ketts Park. This would be an ideal opportunity to promote the club, show our work, what we do and possibly attract new members. It may also be an opportunity for the club to raise

funds for the new laptop if those exhibiting were prepared to allow their exhibits to be sold on the day, the proceeds could be donated to the WPS Laptop Fund. The exhibition will also include local artists so we will be in good company.

The event is planned to run, weather permitting, from 2pm to 6pm on 5 June and we will need a few volunteers to help run our stand and be on hand to answer any questions. If you plan to attend and can give us some time to help out then please let me know so I can put a rota together. Thank you.

Funding for New Laptop - Firstly some great news. We are already nearly half way to raising the funds we need for our new laptop thanks to Gavin Bickerton - Jones. He has, through his contacts, secured a donation of £450 from Wymondham Town Council so we now need to match that. As some of you will have seen from our experiences with the Tripod Comp inn April, a new machine is desperately required. Our current laptop is tired and is desperate to be pensioned off to that virtual IT retirement home somewhere in the I-Cloud. For fundraising we have our weekly raffle which can help, and we are planning a giant one for the Awards evening at the end of the season. If anyone is willing to donate a prize, please let me or Alan know so we can add to the list.

We are also asking our members for monetary donations. I appreciate, that for many, times are tough, but if you can spare a sum of money for a donation to our laptop funds then please do. Donations can be made via BACS, anonymously if required, just mark your donation "Laptop Fund"

Damien Demolder Street Photography Workshop - You may remember that back in March we had an excellent presentation from the former editor and still contributor to Amateur Photography magazine, Damien Demolder. He offered to lead a Street Photography Workshop for our club in Norwich for a reduced fee of £90 per member. The date has now been agreed of 16 July 22 and Alan is co-ordinating details. We currently have 9 members who have confirmed. There is room for one more plus a couple of reserve places available. Please contact Alan if you wish to be added to the list.

Cumulative Competitions 2021-22 season - The Cumulative Competitions are run throughout the season with 3 print and 3 DPI rounds each. Members earn points for entries and additional points are scored of Commended, Highly Commended and placed images. The winners have been decided but you will have to wait until the end of season meeting on 21 Jun 22 to find out.

New Buckenham Photographic Exhibition - A reminder that the New Buckenham Photographic Exhibition takes place at the New Buckenham Village Hall over the weekend of 27-29 May 22. WPS has paid for two boards to exhibit members images, many of which have already been chosen. The exhibition is always worth visit and is normally well attended with a wide variety of images from individuals and clubs in the area. Entry is FREE so please support your club by coming along with friends or family. Opening times are - Fri 19.30- 22.00 Saturday 10.00-17.00, Sunday 10.00-13.00 hrs so, if you are able to come along please let Alan or Dave know.

Club Night Start Time - In the last Newsletter I floated the idea of starting our club nights at 7-30 instead of 8pm and asked for opinions on whether we should make the move. This has not yet been discussed in committee but it would be good to get the views of our members so they can be represented if or when it does come up for discussion. So, if you have any thoughts either way, then please drop me a note or let me know on club night.

New Seasons Programme - The programme for the new season has been in the planning for the last 4 months and it has now been finalised. The Programme sub committee under the direction of Alex Park has done a brilliant job of compiling an interesting and varied plan of events and speakers. Our thanks must go to Alex, Lydia and Gareth for their hard work in putting this together. A copy is attached below and copies will be printed for distribution among members, plus copies being made available at the New Buckenham Photo Exhibition and to visitors to the Open Day.

Forthcoming Programme

On 24 May 22 we have another in our Continuous Improvement series. This session talks about Long Exposure and will be led by Dave Balcombe and Dave Barnes. The Outdoor shoot planned for 31 May 22 has been cancelled as we don't know what the tides or weather are going to do this far out. In its place the Landscape Group will be showing off some of their work since it was formed last year. If you have participated in any of the groups activities and would like to show some of your work please load your images to a memory stick and bring along on the night.

And then we are into June and the last three weeks of the season. On **7 Jun 21** is our Annual Print Competition, and entry categories are listed below as a reminder.

Black and White: Maximum of two and no more than one in any category.

Colour: Maximum of 4 and no more than 2 in any category.

That means no more than 6 images per member

[Editors Note - Dave , currently entries are limited to a max. of 4 in total (at least that's what is allowed in Tier 2 photoentry! I suggest we check with JE]

A reminder that the categories are as follows:

Black and White: Landscape, Pictorial and General, Portrait

Colour: Landscape, Pictorial and General, Portrait and Nature

You can reuse any images from this years Cumulative Print competition, but remember if you used any images for the Annual DPI competition they cannot be used for the Annual Print comp.

Good luck to all entrants.

The following week (**14 Jun 22**) is a Members Evening and you are invited to bring along images on the theme of "Summer", again on a memory stick please.

Our final meeting of the current season will be on **21 Jun 22** for our Awards Evening, Grand Raffle and end of season celebration.

Squeezed in, between all these dates is the WPS Open Day on **Saturday 18 June**. Please try and support it, invite your friends, bring your families, drag folk off the streets, just get people through the door. As well as showcasing what we are about to the town, we may just attract some new members.

A date for your diary, the new season starts on 6 Sep 22.

Recent Events

The two week break for Easter means there is not much to catch up on. The Landscape group met up at Cley on 20 Apr 22 and we were blessed with clear skies and a sunny evening. It was cold though, and I was glad of my gloves and woolly hat! Those that attended had a great time looking for some unusual images of a classic Norfolk location. I look forward to seeing them in future meet-ups.

On 26 Apr 22 WPS hosted members of Lowestoft and Buxton Camera Clubs in our annual Tripod Competition. Our judge, Andy Wilson provided useful critiques of the images and scored each one. The results are as follows:

DPI - WPS - 63	Print - WPS - 62
Bux - 53	Bux - 62
Low - 66.5	Low - 69.5

Totals	1st	Lowestoft	- 136
	2nd	WPS	125
	3rd	Buxton	115

Congratulations to Lowestoft on their victory and once again thanks to our Comp Sec, John Edwards, who did some excellent work in receiving the images from the other clubs, getting them to the judge in the lead up to the evening, and then battling with our creaking laptop to present the images on the night. Thank you John.

DPI Tier 1 and Tier 2 results.

The Annual DPI Competition for `Tier 1 entries was held via Zoom on 10 May 22 and Tier 2 on 17 May 22. Results for each are below. Congratulations to the winners.

Tier 1 - 10 May 22

Colour Landscape:

1st	Late Afternoon Brograve Mill	Karl Taylor
2nd	Broad Walk	John Staines
3rd	Bluebell Wood	Stephen Bould
Colour Nature		

1st	Female Dartford Warbler	Trevor Oakley
2nd	Kingfisher With Lunch	Trevor Oakley
3rd	Ready For Take Off	Colin Harvey

Colour Pictorial and General

1st	Honda Duel	Trevor Oakley
2nd	Starling Mondrian Style	John Staines
3rd	Happisburgh Sea Defences	Trevor Oakley
HC	3D	Alex Park
HC	Powering Out of the Corner	Colin Harvey
C	Hands Together For Prayers	Terry Drury
C	Tree in Ground Warming Sea	John Staines
C	Impressions of a Bluebell Wood	Stephen Bould

Colour Portrait

1st	Reflection	Karl Taylor
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Monochrome

Mono Landscape

1st	Corey Castle	John Staines
2nd	Storm Brewing Over the Broad's	Colin Harvey
3rd	Passing Lockdown Storm	Karl Taylor

Mono Pictorial and General

1st	Poppy Heads	Stephen Bould
2nd	Can You Still See Me	Trevor Oakley
3rd	Geese in Flight	John Staines

Mono Portrait

1st	Waiting For Action	Colin Harvey
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Best Overall Image - Honda Duel by Trevor Oakley

Tier 2 - 17 May 22

Colour Landscape

1st	Whitby West Pier	Dave Hazleton
2nd	St Mary's	Dave Balcombe
3rd	Sunset Cart Gap	Dave Hazleton

Colour Nature

1st	Kingfisher Brings in Breakfast	Gavin Jones
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2nd Tufted Coquette on Play Perch
3rd Barn Owl Swooping

David Pelling
Gavin Jones

Colour Pictorial and General

1st Eye On The Win
2nd Light Reading
3rd Point Of Balance

Dave Balcombe
Dennis Gardner
Dennis Gardner

Colour Portrait

1st Ol' John
2nd Pat
3rd Oriental Look

David Pelling
Alan Archer
Dave Balcombe

Mono Landscape

1st The Relentless Sea
2nd Under Millennium Bridge
3rd Loweswater

Alan Archer
Dave Balcombe
Dave Hazleton

Mono Pictorial and General

1st Dance of The Veils
2nd Fountains Abbey Cellararium
3rd Contrasts

Gavin Jones
Dave Hazleton
Dave Balcombe

Mono Portrait

1st Taking Five
2nd Love Is.....

Gavin Jones
David Pelling

Best Overall Image: Taking Five by Gavin Jones

Congratulations to all successful members. Remember all successful images are now on the club website.

.....and Finally

I am member of a Photo-sharing site called "Blipfoto". The basic premise is that you upload one image per day and over time this builds into a sort of photo journal. Indeed some blippers treat it as just that, and write about their daily lives illustrated by a photograph. Blip is world wide, and I follow people from Australia, Finland and New Zealand to name but a few.

Why am I mentioning this? I follow a former RAF colleague from my days at RAF Marham, who now lives in Dorset and who is a keen photographer. He posted a link to a fine art photographer/artist he came across recently by the name of Diana Jane. According to her website she is a "creative visual Fine Art Photographer" who "creates works that blur the boundaries between reality and fiction."

I know many of you love creating images that cross the blurred line between art and photography, and I thought that Dianna Jane may be of interest. With that in mind I have included

the link to her website here <https://dianajane.co.uk>. I hope that may give you some inspiration to try something a little different.

Until next month.....

Dave H

2021-22 Programme

	2021-2022 Programme
Tuesday, May 24, 2022	Continuous 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

2022 - 2023 Programme

06/09/2022
Members evening "Welcome Back"

13/09/2022
Print, mounting and general preparation

20/09/2022
Open DPI competition - Round 1

27/09/2022
Guest speaker: **Paul Richards**
(Via Zoom) Colourful India www.paulrichards.uk

04/10/2022
Members evening Macro photography

11/10/2022
Members display "macro evening" images

18/10/2022
Guest speaker: **Barbie Lindsay**
(Via Zoom) Creative photography
www.barbielindsay.co.uk

25/10/2022
Open print competition - Round 1

01/11/2022
Guest speaker: **David Steel** (In person) Route 66,
America's main street www.minds-eye.org.uk

08/11/2022
Annual members "Night shoot"

15/11/2022
Guest speaker: **Mary Doggett** (In person) Studio and
portrait photography www.ettphotography.co.uk

22/11/2022
Members display "Night shoot" images

29/11/2022
Open DPI competition - Round 2

06/12/2022
Guest speaker: **Bob Johnson** (In person)
Iceland and Arctic

13/12/2022
Member presentation **Alex Park**
Infrared photography
plus one other member (1 hour each)

20/12/2022
Christmas buffet and quiz

27/12/2022
Christmas break

03/01/2023
Christmas break

10/01/2023
Members images - Christmas and New Year

17/01/2023
Open print competition - Round 2

24/01/2023
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

31/01/2023
Members theme challenge - Winter

07/02/2023
Guest speaker: **Peter Benson** (Via Zoom)
Photography on the dark side www.peterbenson.co.uk

14/02/2023
Open DPI competition - Round 3

21/02/2023
Guest speaker: **Roger Hance** (Via Zoom) Nature
photography - tips and tricks www.rogerhancefrps.com

28/02/2023
Guest speakers: **David and Joan Jordan** (In person) Joan
and David do Venice www.facebook.com/Davis-Jordan-FRPS-Photographs

07/03/2023
CAPS competition

14/03/2023
Open print competition - Round 3

21/03/2023
Guest speaker: **Lee Chapman** (Via Zoom) Aviation
photography, Allied aircraft, WW2 www.facebook.com/ChappersPhotography

28/03/2023
Guest speaker: **Tony North**
(Via Zoom) Scapes 2 - Urban intimate and creative
photography www.artofmacro.com/scapes

04/04/2023
Easter break

11/04/2023
Easter break

18/04/2023
Tripod ?

25/04/2023
Guest speaker: **Emma Finch** (Via Zoom) Portraits with
impact www.emmafinchphotography.co.uk/webinars

02/05/2023
Kevin Pigney (Via Zoom) Wildlife Photography

09/05/2023
Annual DPI - Tier 1

16/05/2023
Annual DPI - Tier 2

23/05/2023
Members evening - Continuous improvement

30/05/2023
Vic Hainsworth (In person)
Approach the PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit.

06/06/2023
Annual PRINT - All tiers

13/06/2023
Guest speaker: **Russell Lindsay** (Via Zoom)
Downtrodden Man www.russellindsay.co.uk

20/06/2023
End of year Buffet and Awards

