



## Newsletter April 2021

Dear Member,

### 1. April Events

As you will be aware, until further notice all of our meetings will be virtual, based upon Zoom software, starting at 8pm.

Date	Event	Leader/ Judge/ Speaker(s)
Thu 1st	Amersham Beyond Group meeting	<a href="#">Steve Brabner</a>
Mon 5th	No meeting - Bank holiday	
Tue 6th	AskAPS Distinctions I Session 2 – LRPS/CPAGB	
Thu 8th	Mono Group	Laurie Turner / Don Lanstone
Mon 12th	PDI Final	<a href="#">Ron Tear</a>
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> (tbc)	PIC Group	Chris Palmer/Steve Smith
Mon 19th	Members' Evening	
Thu 22nd	Ask APS - tbc	
Mon 26th	'Journey'	<a href="#">Roger Reynolds FRPS</a>
Wed 28th	Colour Group	Laurie Turner

\*\*The **full programme** for the 2020/21 year is now on our [website](#).

### 2. Chairman's Message

Well, the anniversary of Covid shutdown has come and gone, and that hardly seems possible. I looked back in my diary to see how, what and why we have been doing since then. We had to cancel two meetings in March 2020 but since then we have been running our Monday meetings EVERY WEEK (apart from fortnightly at end July until start of new season)- we even did some of the Bank



Holidays! As a Club I think we have managed extremely well and I am proud of that achievement and proud that our zoom maestro - **STEVE HOLDEN** has kept us connected throughout the whole year. I am sure you will want to join me in thanking Steve for not only keeping the Monday evenings going but also supporting and helping with the five Special Interest Groups each month. What a star!

Let's look forward now to the coming weeks:

**APRIL 6<sup>th</sup> – AskAPS Distinctions I Session 2 – LRPS/CPAGB** – a follow-on to the first session in February, this is an opportunity for those interested in pursuing these distinctions to learn more. **Please note** – only those who have informed me of their interest will get the Zoom join details – so if you haven't already – do let me know now!

**APRIL 12<sup>th</sup> PDI Final** – just a reminder to start looking through the PDI's you entered this year – select your best two and make sure you email them through to [pdientry@amershamphotosoc.com](mailto:pdientry@amershamphotosoc.com) by midnight on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April. You might ask why am I reminding you now – it's just that Easter intervenes and I'd hate anyone to miss entering.

Now a new light-hearted competition – on **10<sup>th</sup> May** to replace the cancelled League Final we are holding **TOP OF THE SHOTS**. You may choose just two of your favourite images (any images – competition or not) of the last **THREE** years to enter for this fun competition. This will not be part of the League or anything - just a fun competition to give some lovely images another airing! You may edit and improve these images in any way you see fit – utilising perhaps helpful comments from a judge or fellow members. We will keep to the usual three classes and your images will be entered into the class you are in now. There will be virtual glasses of champagne for the winners!

Final reminder that the closing dates for:

**Masters of Print** online by 15 April and actual receipt of prints by 22<sup>nd</sup> April – details on PAGB website.

**Landscape Photographer of the Year** - entries by mid-day on 14th April - all details on LPOTY website.

**Vacancy – AskAPS Organiser** – not one volunteer has come forward who would be willing to share the organising and arranging these once-a-month sessions. So please think about it and put your name forward – it comes with benefits - you'd have relative freedom to choose the topics! Just drop me an email on [chairman@amershamphotosoc.com](mailto:chairman@amershamphotosoc.com) and we can discuss.

Wishing you a good month -

**Hilary**



### 3. **APS Chats 10.30 to 12.00 every Wednesday morning**

APS Chats is Virtual Zoom Café for anyone in the society wanting to call in for coffee and a chat, informal, unregimented, relaxed and, well, just like dropping into a café! We chat about things of interest, enjoy each others company, and share a limited number of pictures. A topic of conversation is introduced by someone and it is then taken up and develops. We chat about many things including but not exclusively photography.

The same link can be used each week so save it, As a reminder it will be posted as part of the **Monday** meetings invite.

Please come and join us any **Wednesday**.

### 4. **Amersham Beyond Group**

The Amersham Beyond Group is for creative photography and photo art. The next meeting will be on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April by Zoom. This meeting will be looking at members' Challenges on the subjects of: **#20 Postage Stamp, #21 Movement** and the latest **#22 Nostalgia**.

New to Photoshop? Overlooking the fact that Anthony Morganti is calling himself "Mr Photographer Dot Com", he has produced a very good introductory video tutorial on the Top Ten Things Beginners Need to Know about Photoshop <https://youtu.be/A8lad9ZW5r8>. Worth 27 minutes of your time if you have a moment between tidying cupboards (I have just tidied the garage).

All APS members and guests are welcome to Beyond Group meetings. If you don't currently receive my calling notices, email me at [beyondsec@amershamphotosoc.com](mailto:beyondsec@amershamphotosoc.com)

Cheers, Steve Brabner



## 5. Virtual Mono Group Meeting Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April 7.45 for 8.00 start

We are a friendly informal group that enjoys showing and talking about our work. The format for the evening is “show and tell” where members show and talk about their pictures with an opportunity to discuss and receive comment. If you are not receiving invites and would like to join us as a contributor please contact Don at: [dlanstone@hotmail.com](mailto:dlanstone@hotmail.com).

Two pictures from our March meeting:-



*Gill Morgan*



*Ken Law*

## 6. PDI

The next PDI Competition is the PDI Final on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April**.



## 7. Virtual Colour Group Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 7.45 for 8.00 start

Come and join us to enjoy, show and discuss colour images. This friendly group meets on the fourth week of each month please contact me [laurie899@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:laurie899@hotmail.co.uk) if you want to join and are not currently receiving invites.

Two pictures from our March meeting:-



*Alan Sturgis*



*Diane Smith*

## 8. PIC Group (Chris Palmer/ Steve Smith)

The March Zoom meeting of the PIC Group was a varied and successful event, conducted within our self imposed 90 minute window.

**Laurie Turner** provided us with a series of thought provoking gallery images, a mix of monochrome and colour, reminding us of the photographic opportunities available in such locations. Interesting juxtapositions, good lighting, curious characters, graphic designs, all were evident in his presentation.

**Alastair Cowe** showed some local shots documenting the work of the Boxmoor Trust in Hemel Hempstead, near to where he lives. Cattle relocation, (Belted Galloways), the construction of a new bridge, and graffiti artists at work in a train tunnel. It was good to see pictures taken in Alastair's locality.

**David Pearson** has been with the PIC Group since its inception, and many will recall his wonderful A panel a few years ago. Encouraged by this success David has now compiled a new body of work as a potential Fellowship, and shared the latest version of his panel



with the Group. Wonderful graphic simplicity, with subtle tonal and colour restraint, taking the Group back into Galleries to usefully illustrate a different way of realising images in these spaces.

Finally it was lovely to see a few images from **Steve Smith** to conclude the evening. His consistent monochrome documentary style provided us with a mixture of film and digitally captured shots, some that we had seen before, but also newly realised work from Stow in the Wold, Cuba, and North Berwick. No matter where Steve travels he always seems to capture something interesting!

The date of the April meeting has yet to be determined, with both Steve and I having very congested calendars. The date will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Regards,  
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## **9. External Competitions (John Caton)**

### **Results from the CACC PDI Inter-Club Championship and Chilterns Hundred individual competition**

APS finished in third place in the Championship behind Oxford and Watford. Steve Brabner's "Rise and Fall" was Highly Commended.

In the Chilterns Hundred, APS members didn't win any awards but "Waves of Emotion" by Maggie James with 27 marks and "The Cowboy" by Brian Gough with 25 marks out of 30 came close. See the Appendix for all the Amersham scores.

See more detail at [thecacc.org.uk/wp/events/championship-day/](http://thecacc.org.uk/wp/events/championship-day/).

### **Rosebowl Final**

The next competition is the Rosebowl Final on Sunday April 18th. Oxford must be favourites for that event, I would suggest.

Best regards, John

David Baldock (editor)



## **10. Appendix CACC Chilterns Hundred 2021**

### **APS Results (max score 30)**

Waves of Emotion Maggie James 27

The Cowboy Brian Gough 25

Beauty in Decay Gillian Morgan 24

Snowy Morning in the Chilterns Jacqui Titcombe 24

Cheetah Family Lookout Linda Gould 22

On the Sea Wall Michael King 22

Box Junction Chris Palmer 21

V&A Reflections John Harding 21

Blooming Marvellous Alison Trimbee 20

Reaching Hilary Bailey 20

The Grab John Caton 20

A Splash of Colour Alfred Garcia 19

The Wave Vic Attfield 19

A Veiled View Janette Quainton 18

Look Behind You Sylvia Morris 17