



Amersham Photographic Society Newsletter May 2022

Dear Member

I hope you find the Newsletter okay, it is my first attempt for APS, many thanks to Chris for preparing the timetable but unfortunately I lost the table lines somewhere in the production.

1. May & June Events

Date	Location	Event	Speaker/Leader/ Judge
May 2022			
Mon 02, 8:00 pm	n/a	No meeting. Bank holiday	n/a
Thu 05, 8:00 pm	Large Barn Hall	Amersham Beyond Group meeting	Steve Brabner
Mon 09, 8:00 pm	New Drake Hall	PDI Finals	Philip Joyce
Wed 11, 8:00 pm	Zoom	Committee meeting	n/a
Thu 12, 8:00 pm	Zoom	Mono Group meeting	Roger Wotton
Mon 16, 8:00 pm	New Drake Hall	Members evening	See below
Thu 19, 8:00 pm	New Drake Hall	PIC Group meeting	Steve Smith / Chris Palmer
Mon 23, 8:00 pm	New Drake Hall	Print Finals	Leo Rich
Wed 25, 8:00 pm	Zoom	Colour Group meeting	Laurie Turner
Thu 26, 8:00 pm	Small Barn Hall	Ask APS meeting	Chrissi Ratcliffe
Mon 30, 8:00 pm	New Drake Hall	Speaker: 'On the Edge' Vic Attfield	
June 2022			
Mon 06, 8:00 pm	New Drake Hall	APS Annual General Meeting	John Minter

(Please note the AGM will only be a live meeting)

End of 2021/22 season. Mono Group meetings will continue on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

**Advance Notice
August 2022**

Tues 23 - Sat 27, daily St Michael's Church,
Amersham

Annual Exhibition

Martin Crook

Details of 2022/23 season to follow.

2. Chairman's Message

I cannot believe it is May already and the month of our Print and PDI finals. Good luck to everyone taking part.

For our members evening in May we shall be showing our PAGB Championship GB Cup images, whilst one of the actual national competition judges, our very own Chris Palmer will discuss our images. It will be intriguing to hear Chris's comments. Hopefully, we shall also have time to view some of the winning images from other clubs and establish their popular genre.

I believe the highlight of the month will be Vic Attfield, (for newer members, Vic is an eminent long standing member of APS), giving a talk and showing some of his stunning images. This is an evening we should all be looking forward to as it will be an encouragement to us all.

Actually Hilary also wants to include a few words about this evening as follows

' Speaker Extraordinaire!

It seems unbelievable that the season is drawing to a close, but we have a special evening to look forward to –

Monday, 30th May – our very own Vic Attfield FRPS, MPAGB, BPE5* has kindly agreed to give a presentation entitled 'On The Edge'. Members will no doubt remember when Vic last presented to us – back in 2018 when we celebrated his rather special birthday do read the lovely tribute written by Paul Mitchell which is on our website '

<http://www.amershamphotosoc.com/vic-attfield>

This month I am congratulating the Society on its success in the Rosebowl Final and to praising Eric Creek and Julie Mulings for their respective images "Leopard Hunt" and 'Itoje Breaks Through' which each scored 20. Congratulations also go to Brian Gough who gained a commendation in the Rosebowl Star Competition for his image 'Wistful'.

Please remember to start thinking about which images (both prints and pdis') you will enter into our Annual Exhibition, at the end of August. Hopefully you will all be enthusiastic about the exhibition as it is our one time in the year when we can promote ourselves to the local community and hopefully encourage some new members. Incidentally, we are considering having a panel of images taken with a mobile phone, that is assuming we get sufficient entries. Martin Crook will be giving more details in next month's Newsletter.

Diane Smith



'Wistful' By Brian Gough

3. PDI Finals

The judge for the PDI Finals on the 9th May will be Philip Joyce. Members, who have entered this years PDI competitions are entitled to enter into the final two images of their choice, provided those images have been in this year's competitions and that the images have not had any subsequent alterations.

Please ensure that the images are submitted to Steve Holden at pdientry@amershamphotosoc.com no later than Friday the 6th May.

4. Print Finals

We have now completed our 5 print competitions for the 2021/2022 season and all results are available on the club website. On Monday 23rd May we will hold the Print Finals. The judge will be Leo Rich. Please send me the titles and corner tag numbers of your two entries by midnight of the 20th May . Only prints that have appeared in one of the five print competitions qualify for entry and no alterations should have been made to the print .

John Harding

Winning Images from the April's Competition

Intermediate Class
'Honey Bee on Day Lily'
by Alan Sturgess

Advanced Class
'Making an Entrance '
by Hilary Bailey



Unfortunately Gill Allport, who came first in the General Class with her image is away and I have no copy to show of the image 'Evening at the Lake'.

5. Mono Group

We are a friendly informal group that enjoy showing and talking about our monochrome work. We meet on the 2nd Thursday on the month throughout the year on Zoom. The format for the evening is "show and tell" where members show and talk about their images with an opportunity to discuss and receive comment. If you are not receiving invites and would like to join us, please contact Roger Wotton at: monogroup@amershamphotosoc.com

Roger

6. Colour Group

Is a small, friendly, informal group where we enjoy, seeing, discussing and celebrating our colour pictures.

.Each member submits up to three pictures (any genre) which are shown the author talks about them.

.We then chat about the picture expressing both appreciation and often questions on where and how

.Some authors will ask for feedback to help understand strengths and weaknesses and potential improvements.

It is a fun enjoyable evening. To quote members;

" Its spending the evening with a group of interesting, enjoyable friends and seeing wonderful images "

" Great way to understand and improve my work "

" We always have a great evening"

Meetings are virtual zoom.

We meet on the last Wednesday of the month starting at 8pm and finishing around 10 pm.

If you are not a member of the group and would like to join please contact me

laurie899@hotmail.co.uk and you will be put on the distribution list.

Please do join us you don't have to submit pictures initially. You can show old in addition to your latest .

Laurie

Pictures from our last meeting by : Andy Smith, John Harrison and Vic Attfield



7. External Competitions

Results in Retrospect 2021-2022

Another year of competitions draws to a close. We've made a bit of progress this time around but to achieve the success of years gone by, there's still a way to go.

Our big highlight was winning the Rosebowl for the time in at least 5 years. I stumbled on a formula that does not rely on human selection but on performance in the face of judgement. A spreadsheet solution. So the images in the final were chosen by working out average scores over the season and prioritising that over any personal preference. This time round it worked.

The North West Fed

We won all our qualifying rounds and lost to Watford in the final. Next year post-pandemic prints are back.

The Rosebowl

Again, we won all the qualifying rounds(much better than last year) and then won the final .

Successful Images in the Rosebowl final

' Leopard Hunt 'by Eric Cheek

' Itoje Breaks Through ' by Julie Mulings



The CACC Championship

Equal second in the Prints and fourth in the PDI's. Our Prints result was really much better than expected considering very few Club competitions we've had. The PDI result was very disappointing but judging is subjective so you never know what the outcome will be.

Watford won both competitions by a very large margin. They are a club with a fairly young membership so one must expect them to be quite dominant for several years to come . Let's see if we can do something about that.

The GB Cup

This is a very tough nut to crack. Northern Clubs have long, dark, cold , winter nights with nothing else to do but look at their computers and imagine possible images. Still, we can dream .

John Caton
Ex Comps Sec

8. Outings

Some of our images from the outing to the British Wildlife Park are now up and running to be viewed on the APS Flickr site located under the outings section.

We had an excellent trip to Covent garden. Thanks to Brian for organising a great lunch venue. Mark Phillips gave us a brilliant talk about the DPOTY competition and we viewed some of the images on display at Fujifilm House. It was a good day out, some of us were visiting London for the first time in 2 years.

In the meantime, I am looking for someone to help me with the admin in organising the outings as my time is quite limited at the moment, please could you let me know if you are interested.

Juliet

9. Beyond Group

Steve Brabner has already circulated everyone details of the Beyond Group's last meeting of the season to be held on Thursday 5th May at 8 pm in the Large Barn Hall. We can all look forward to the challenge Steve sets for the summer months.

10. PIC

The final PIC meeting of the current season will take place in the New Drake Hall on Thursday 19th May at 8pm. Since Steve Smith will be away in the USA I'll be running the evening, and look forward to indications from members to show their work.

I reiterate that we don't need to see complete panels of work, just 2 or 3 related prints will be sufficient, a themed project that you are working on, we welcome participation! Just email me if you've got something to share with the Group. See you on the 19th!

Chris Palmer

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11. Website

Mike Hynes has managed the website for a number of years but so that we can have an orderly succession, members who would be interested in taking over this role are invited to put their names forward to the committee. A knowledge of WordPress would be very useful. The detailed job description can be obtained from Chris Read the APS Secretary or Mike Hynes.

Mike

12. Annual General Meeting

Our AGM is to be held on Monday 6th June at 8 pm in the New Drake Hall. This will be a live only meeting.

John Minter our President is hoping to preside over the meeting. The AGM paperwork will be circulated to everyone mid May from Chris Read the APS Secretary.

After the formal part of the meeting and the awards, I have arranged for Steve Smith to give us a presentation on his successful Royal Academy entry for last year.

For the latter part of the evening I thought we might round off the season with a show of images 'To Make Us Smile'. However, that will depend upon members' looking out 'amusing images' or 'those that went totally wrong' and emailing them to me too compile a presentation. So, please look through your photos for some suitable images.

Diane

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13. AskAPS

I understand AskAPS had a fascinating meeting on Infrared with talks from Roger Wotton and Chris Read, I was sorry to miss it. We shall hear what is planned for the group, in May, later in the month.

Chrissi is always open to suggestions for organising an evening which includes an interest for members to help with their photographic development.

14. Committee Vacancies and Helpers

We have a vibrant society with numerous groups which help us develop and enjoy our photography.

However, the Committee Members' work hard to provide the Society for the enjoyment of the members. Please consider volunteering or at least helping out in some way.

Vacancies ;

Communications Secretary : Someone to be responsible for co-ordinating and producing the newsletter using Mailchimp and sending out other circulars when necessary.

Outings : Juliet is looking for help with the outings

Website: Mike is looking for someone eventually to take over the website

Vice Chairman : There will be a vacancy for this post

Projectionist : We need someone to help Steve Holder

Sound System : Tony would like to have a back up

Tea Rota ; Offers to organise and help at Monday meetings

Please do not be afraid to make enquiries to see if you can help, even in some small way.

15. Annual Exhibition

Just to mention again, Martin will have full details for the exhibition in next month's Newsletter, but to reiterate my earlier comments the exhibition is how we promote ourselves to the local community and to attract new members. Let us make it a successful one for 2022. Please start considering which prints and PDI's you may wish to enter .

Finally, enjoy our Society this May, remember to send me some 'Images which make to smile ' and also, if you have any ideas about the Society which you think the Committee should consider then please email me, for instance someone has suggested a photo session with a model (with clothes on !)

Diane

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