



Amersham Photographic Society Newsletter June 2022

Dear Member

Another month has passed and this is the last newsletter of the 2021/2022 season although you will be getting communications over the summer months relating to renewing your membership and the APS annual exhibition.

1. June Events

Date	Location	Event	Leader
Mon 06, 8pm	New Drake Hall	AGM	John Minter
Wed 08, 8pm	Zoom	Committee meeting	n/a
Thu 09, 8pm	Zoom	Mono Group	Roger Wotton

Advance Notice August 2022

Tues 23 -Sat 27,	St Michael's Church	Exhibition	Martin Crook
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2. Chairman's Message

During May we had both the PDI and Print Finals for the season and congratulations to the winners. I think the images all deserve publicising .

PDI Winners

General Class
Opposing Views, Gill Allport

Intermediate Class
Early Light , John Allport



Advance Class

Dahlia Mania Alison Trimbee



PRINT Winners

General Class

Winter , Janette Quinton

Intermediate Class

Morning Dew , Alan Sturgess



Advance Class
Passing the time, Ken Law



I can also now show you the PDI General Class image from the April competition, namely Gill Allport's image 'Evening at the lake '



In addition to the two finals we had two fascinating evenings, one where Chris Palmer, discussed our PAGB cups images and most recently a talk by Vic Attfield which was an inspiration to us all. Vic explained his transition to digital photography after 60 years plus of film. Although Vic does not travel as much as he used to he still manages to take evocative images of moments in everyday life. What a memorable final speaker for the season.

Have a lovely summer and do remember to start thinking about which Prints and PDI's you might enter for our exhibition

Diane

PS For those still to send me some images for next weeks 'Images that make us smile ' my email address is diane.sorsopmis@gmail.com

3. The Mono Group

The Mono Group meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month throughout the year, currently 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 would like to join us, please contact Roger Wotton at:

monogroup@amershamphotosoc.com for further details

Below are images from our last meeting from Gill Morgan and Laurie Turner



4. Outings

The next APS outing will be to London to visit the recently developed Battersea Power Station and surrounding area on **Friday July 1st** . If you are interested in joining us, please could you email me and I will send you details of the trip once we have worked them out .

Patrick Hudgell has kindly offered to help me with the running of the outings so we can look forward to some excellent wildlife trips as well as street outings.

Have a good summer everyone

Juliet

Juliet's contact email outings@amershamphotosoc.com

5. Colour Group

Last Wednesday we had the last Colour Group of this season. We will reconvene in September and hope you will join us.

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

If you would like to join us and you are not a current member please email

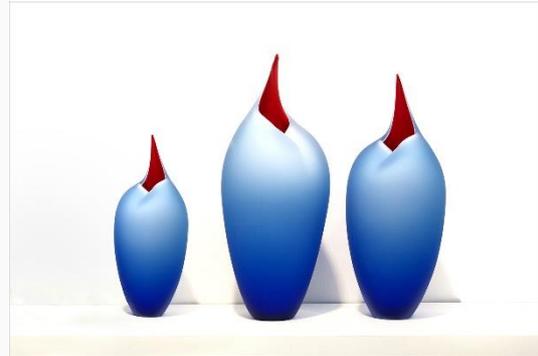
laurie899@hotmail.co.uk

We meet the last Wednesday of the month and restart in September.

Two images from our last meeting from Gill Morgan and Yin Wong

Best Wishes

Laurie



6 Beyond Group and More

MOBILE PHONE PHOTOGRAPHY

I am sure that we are all taking more and more images on our phones but not really considering them for club purposes. There is no reason to discount them for 'serious' photography. Fast moving, distant subjects such as wildlife and sports are going to be too demanding, but otherwise the quality can be excellent so long as there is enough light. The fact that your mobile phone is always to hand is very compelling and the combination of multiple cameras with powerful image processing offers the most dramatic advance in photography in the 21st century. By contrast, traditional DSLRs are falling far behind and seem to have ceased to innovate.

As you know, I am fascinated by creative imaging, and this is a particular area in which mobile phone photography excels. There are dozens of powerful and

innovative creative apps available too download for free or just a few pounds. Picking up on this trend, the Beyond Group Challenge for this summer is **Mobile App Art** ie creative images taken and processed entirely on a phone or tablet. Whether you are a member of the group or not, why not have a play? It will be more fun than sitting under a sun umbrella and reading a book all day!

For examples of amazing creative mobile phone images take a look at past winners of the Mobile Photography Awards <https://mobilephotoawards.com/> in particular, the *Digital Fine Art* and *Visual FX* categories showcase innovative images and techniques.

For a list of some of the better-known apps take a look at my notes of the last Beyond Group meeting

<http://amershamphotosoc.com/message/viewtopic.php?f=42&t=850>.

I look forward to seeing some spectacularly original images next season.

Cheers, Steve Brabner.

(Please note we shall be having a September members evening for everyone to show their phone images , so this is relevant to everyone not just those attending the Beyond Group - Diane)

7. PIC GROUP

Our May meeting of the PIC Group witnessed a healthy attendance, and enjoyed four presentations.

Firstly Don Lanstone showed 6 shots of wolves taken in a wildlife reserve in Watford, (it's always satisfying to shoot images locally!) Next Roger Wotton presented the results of experimenting with a Slow Shutter App on his phone, generating impressionist monochrome prints.

Steve Hunter has been slowly evolving his style of landscape photography, (and processing), so it was revealing for the Group to see so many of the representative prints that he has produced during that time. Varied and

widespread locations, all evocatively captured and printed!

After a break Chris then showed a set of abstract textures, a series of prints taken in Lower Antelope Canyon, and finally some A3+ or A2 prints to conclude the meeting, and thereby PIC season too.

We will resume meetings on Thursday 15th September at the start of the new APS season.

Have a great summer!

CJP

Chris Palmer



Steve Hunter



Roger Wotton



Don Lanstone

8. A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

" I have been very pleased to see more members attending live meetings and I hope numbers will increase as we learn to live with Covid. But as someone who

(like many others) in clinically extremely vulnerable I'm also pleased to see the sensible and cautious approach by the committee as to the wearing of masks and other precautions.

You will by now have had a chance to read and respond to the AGM papers which Chris Read circulated recently. I'm hoping for a large turnout at the AGM to show support for all the hard work undertaken by the committee and other members to maintain our Society's activities throughout the last two difficult years. I strongly encourage members to show not only their support but to actively respond to our call for nominations to the committee posts which fall vacant.

Remember JFK's inaugural address:

Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country"

Take Care

John

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