



## **AUGUST NEWSLETTER**

Whilst this newsletter is also a reminder about the exhibition and membership renewal, I shall also be highlighting what has been happening and what to expect in September when we meet so do please read through to the end.

Regards

Diane Smith

Chairman

### **1. 70th ANNUAL EXHIBITION 23rd to 27th August**

Hello snappers

This will be my last newsletter before the Exhibition.

Please remember that you can deliver your prints to the Community Centre bar on Monday evenings, the 1st and 8th August between 8pm and 9pm. Alternatively you can drop them off at CJ's Locksmiths on Sycamore Road, Amersham during normal business hours – see the website for details.

You may submit up to 4 prints and 2 are guaranteed to be displayed. Please remember your entry form and especially please be prepared to do at least one stint at stewarding, it really isn't onerous and without it the exhibition may not go ahead.

If you wish to submit prints through Mono Group or Amersham Beyond, both Roger and Steve have set out their requirements in that regard. PDI requirements are set out on the website.

Could I have some able volunteers to help erect the exhibition on Monday 22nd August please from 6pm until about 10pm. Meet at the large barn hall to move the exhibition boards to the Church. I would also appreciate some help in displaying the images which would suit those who prefer not to move exhibition boards. Within reason the more hands available the quicker we will finish.

We have a superb venue and members who can produce excellent images, so live dangerously and submit some prints for selection, you will be pleasantly surprised by your ability. This is your exhibition, and in this 70th year let us all make the most of it. Please also remember the Members evening on Thursday 25th for a social event and some wine and cheese.

Martin Crook

Exhibition Secretary.

In addition to Martin's reminder I should like to mention the following :

**a. New Exhibition Boards**

We should have some new exhibition boards as they are due for delivery any day. It was decided that some of the boards we were using for the exhibition may be becoming unsafe so the committee decided to purchase some new boards. ( Please note the discussion about new boards had been a long term agenda item). We shall use the new boards also for the print competitions as they will be much lighter and more manageable than the existing ones.

Many thanks to Steve Brabner for organising the new boards acquisition.

**b. The Members Evening on Thursday the 25th August 7 PM**

Do come and join us for the Members Evening, admire the prints and the PDI AV , chat to friends and enjoy a drink and nibbles. After all, this is our 70th Exhibition so something to celebrate.

**c. Exhibition Flyer**



If you would like some flyers to hand out then please contact Brian Ridgley or email me and I shall pass your request onto Brian. Brian will be handing out the flyers on each of the Monday Evenings for the print deliveries.

Many thanks to Brian for organising the Flyer.

We also have another flyer which we are going to put on the Photography UK Facebook Page.

## 2. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

I hope you are all having an enjoyable summer, we look forward to starting our new season in September.

Thank you to those who have paid the membership fees, for those yet to pay a gentle reminder that your subscription is due before the 1st of September 2022.

In recognition of the fact that we operated partially on-line last season and to thank you for your continued support, the membership fee for this season will remain £45 for individual membership and £80 for family membership\* **WE WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE ELECTRONIC PAYMENT RATHER THAN CHEQUES, WHERE POSSIBLE.**

To ensure we can capture details efficiently we would recommend that:

**Current members:**

Please send an email to [membership@amershamphotosoc.com](mailto:membership@amershamphotosoc.com) with the following details.

1. Full name(s\*)
2. Amount paid
3. Method of payment
4. Note any changes to current details e.g., contact details, qualifications, use of images etc.

**New members:**

Please complete the APS Membership Application form available on the APS website (see links below), and email to: [membership@amershamphotosoc.com](mailto:membership@amershamphotosoc.com)

**Membership fee:**

Individual membership - £45

\*Family of 2 persons, one entering competition and one not competing - £80

**Payment: Subscriptions due on or before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022**

BACS payment is preferred. **Please add member's name as the identifying reference**

Bank: Lloyds,

Sort Code: 30 – 98 - 97

Account No: 78353460

Account name: 'Amersham Photographic Society'

**Alternatively, please post cheques and forms to:**

Cheques payable to 'Amersham Photographic Society'

Membership secretary, Southcliffe, Misbourne Avenue, Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire  
SL9 0PD

Link to membership forms as pdf or word document on APS website:

<http://amershamphotosoc.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2022-23-APS-MEMBERSHIP-FORM.pdf>

<https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=http%3A%2F%2Famershamphotosoc.com%2Fwordpress%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2022%2F05%2F2022-23-APS-MEMBERSHIP-FORM.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK>

**Use of your images on APS website, newsletter & external competitions:**

It is assumed that APS may post or enter your images which have been entered into Internal Competitions - on the APS Website, our Newsletters or into External Competitions on behalf of APS.

If you DO NOT wish your images to be used in ANY or ALL these ways, you MUST inform the General Secretary in writing or by email –[secretary@amershamphotosoc.com](mailto:secretary@amershamphotosoc.com)

Any member belonging to more than one Camera Club, may only have their images entered by ONE Club per season.

We hope that you will choose to renew your membership, if not I would appreciate a “Not re-joining” quick email. Please note anyone who has not paid by the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2022 will be removed from the APS distribution list.

If you have any queries, please email me. Thank you!

Maggie

Membership Secretary

**3. MONO GROUP**

The July Mono Group Zoom, the last of the season, saw 34 varied images discussed and enjoyed by members.

Our next meeting is on 12 September and will be a zoom meeting.

On 13 October we will have our first live meeting for over two years. The meeting at the Chilterns Lifestyle Centre will give us the opportunity to see real prints again, something we are all looking forward to.

Talking of prints, members work will be on display at the Mono Group Exhibition, part of the APS Annual Exhibition, Tuesday to Saturday, 23-27 August.

The groups future meetings will alternate between zoom and live throughout the season, details will be published in the APS Newsletter and on the web site.

If you are interested in monochrome photography and would like to visit or join the group

please contact us for details at: [monogroup@amershamphotosoc.com](mailto:monogroup@amershamphotosoc.com)

Roger Wotton

Mono Group Leader.

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These images above by Bernard Wallace and Ken Law are from our July meeting.

#### **4. WEBSITE GALLERY**

Mike Hynes is hoping members will supply him with some new images for the Members' Galleries on our website, so please if you have not already done so send Mike some of your images for display.

#### **5. NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Those at the AGM in June will know that Laurie Turner was appointed as Membership Representative.

I am pleased to report that we have now co opted Gill Allport onto the Committee to be our Communications Secretary . I welcome them both to the Committee. Please note all of you we are still in need of a Vice Chairman, so if you believe this is a position you may wish to consider then please do contact me.

## 6. SEPTEMBER

I am hoping next years programme will be on the website shortly, however I thought I would advise what to expect in September. Unlike previous years the Committee has decided not to have any internal competitions during the first month. We want to have a period of encouraging everyone with their photography, how to improve one's images and indeed to actually 'see the image' and above all how to enjoy one's photography.

On the 5th September our opening night, I dare you to bring along and display one of your very first images and a recent one ie ( First and Last) so we can see the improvement and/or development.

Member's running our groups will give short talks in the first half and for the second half one of our long standing member's will be giving a talk on 'Seeing the Image'. ( name to be disclosed nearer the time) .

The 12th September is a further Members Evening to be entitled 'Can your images be improved'

We shall hear from a couple of members as to how they believe their images have improved by helpful critique, either from another member, judge or at one of our groups. For the rest of the evening some of our experienced members will be manning tables giving helpful, one to one, critique of your images under various genre, Nature & Wildlife, Flowers and Seascapes, Street and Portraiture, Sport and Landscape, Architecture and Abstract. This will enable new and newer members to be encouraged to show and improve their images, and for those proposing to enter our competitions it gives a chance for your image(s) to be considered and possibly helpful suggestions as to improvements, which can be made, before you actually enter a competition. I appreciate some of our long standing advanced members no longer enter our competitions, however the Society does enter external competitions, so there will also be a table manned for members to show images, which they believe may be suitable, to be considered to represent the Society in external competitions. After all a number of our members did join APS because of its success in external competitions.

For this evening I am suggesting you can either show your image as a print or show it on your Ipad/notebook or laptop.

The 19th September will be a speaker Ian Wilson explaining about file preparation and printing.

On the 26th September we shall have another Members Evening entitled 'PHONE FUN'. This will be an evening to show those phone images ( as PDI's) you have been taking inspired by Robert Friel's talk from last year. There are now numerous app's just for

phone photography and you hear of so many photographers who now just use their phones. We shall have some friendly comments from a panel of 3 of our members.

So do join us at our September meetings