

Newsletter October 2023

1. October Events

All events start at 8pm unless otherwise indicated.

Date	Location	Event	Leader/ judge/ Speaker
Mon, 2	Drake Hall	SPEAKER : Linda Wevill "Expressing Creative Vision"	Linda Wevill
Thu, 5	Drake Hall	Beyond Group	Steve Brabner
Mon, 9	Drake Hall	PDI COMP 1 – Judge: Darren Pullman	
Wed, 11	Zoom	Committee Meeting	
Thu, 12	Committee Room	Mono Group	Roger Wotton
Mon, 16	Drake Hall	SPEAKER : Steve Varman "Creative and Eclectic"	Steve Varman
Thu, 19	Drake Hall	PIC Group - 7:45 start	Chris Palmer/ Steve Smith
Mon, 23	Drake Hall	AskAPS	Chrissi Ratcliffe
Wed, 25	Zoom	Colour Group	Laurie Turner
Mon, 30	Zoom	Rose Bowl Competition	

2. Chairman's Message

Many thanks to all our members who took part in our September evening events and to those who assisted with our Exhibition, in particular to Martin Crook and Steve Brabner. I trust that you all managed to view our Exhibition and that it has inspired everyone to continue to enjoy their photography.



October is the month when we start our speakers programme and competitions.

2nd October: Linda Wevil – FRPS her talk is called 'Expressing Creative Vision' please see Steve Hunters comments below.

9th October: Our first internal PDI competition and for our new members please note these are open competitions with no set subjects. Details as to how to enter are set out in our website. Please do take part and if any new members want any assistance please ask.

The judge is Darren Pullman, who has been judging at photographic clubs since 2010. I note from his website that he produces a wide genre of images.

16th October: Steve Varman LRPS his talk is called 'Creative and Eclectic' please see Steve's comments below.

I would also like to quote the speaker as follows:

'Whether I'm ambling around city streets and the great outdoors or spending hours focusing on a single shot, I find the process of making photographs extremely satisfying. Capturing something unique is a challenge: seeking a new viewpoint and moment in time or shedding new light (sometimes literally) on a familiar subject. It's a challenge that makes my camera an almost constant companion'

23rd October: This will be our first Monday Evening APS Evening and we shall no doubt be hearing from Chrissie Radcliffe who and what is to entertain us for the evening.

30th October: Rosebowl Competition for the Chiltern Association of Camera Clubs (CACC). Round 1 at Amersham when we host other local clubs namely Maidenhead CC, Park Street CC and Stoke Poges CC. This is an opportunity for us to see the work of other local clubs. The second and third rounds are in January and February when we will be hosted by Leighton Buzzard and Ealing and Hampshire House CC's.

(Please note the Rosebowl competition will be a zoom meeting so you will

be able to watch from Home)

Also this month, on the 4th October we shall be entering Round 1 of the North West Federation Cup and Round 2 on the 23rd October at Hemel Hempstead. On Saturday 21st October it is the National PAGB Print Championship in Blackburn when we are representing the CACC along with Watford CC.

For Nature and Wildlife Photographers I have been recommended by Malcolm Cartledge to mention to you all DOUG ALLAN at Old Town Hall Wycombe Swan High Wycombe on Sunday 2nd October. Doug looks back over his successes and setbacks during 35 years of natural history filmmaking. Part retrospective, the show is also Doug's perspective on climate change and its impact on the world's wild places.

Also an early mention, our friendly competition with the Irish clubs of Raheny and Malahide has been deferred at their request, **so instead on the 4th December we shall have a live meeting in Drake Hall. Bob Marshall** will lead our postponed evening entitled ' **Phone Cameras Come of Age** ' when we shall be viewing members phone images.

Enjoy our October programme.

Diane

3. Programme

Guest Speaker: Oct 2nd: LINDA WEVIL FRPS (x2) will be doing a talk on Expressing Creative Vision.

Linda is a creative photographer and her aim is to achieve a soft painterly effect to capture the essence of a place. she wants to express a personal depiction of her environment, looking beyond the obvious, and to capture the atmosphere of a scene.



Guest Speaker: Oct 2nd: STEVE VARMAN, LRPS Talk: Creative and Eclectic
After failing to settle or specialise on one genre, Steve's photography embraces an eclectic approach..... a creative and wonderful approach to seeing common subjects totally differently!



Hope to see you there,

Steve Hunter FRPS

4. Print Competitions

The first Print Competition is due to take place on **Monday 13th November 2023**. The Judge is scheduled to be Paul Burwood. Print details are, as usual, required before midnight on the Friday preceding the competition i.e. **Friday 10th November 2023**.

Any member wishing to enter print competitions must obtain corner identification tags from me before the competitions and these must be securely fixed to the top lefthand corner of the mount. The print title and authors name must also be displayed on the rear of the mount so it can be easily read in subdued lighting. Full details can be seen on the 'Internal Competitions' pages of the club website.

An additional request has been included this season for the Intermediate and Advanced members. The external competition selectors have asked that print entries are accompanied by a digital copy of the image. The digital copy should be sent with the print details outlined above to printsec@amershamphotosoc.com and should be in the same format as for pdi competitions.

Good Luck to all.

John Harding

Print Secretary

5. PDI Competitions

The first PDI competition on 9th October. For those that haven't entered before the rules and instructions are on the competitions pages of the website

<https://www.amershamphotosoc.com/competitions-internal/>.

Any submissions should be emailed to the competition address at pdentry@amershamphotosoc.com by midnight on the Friday night (6th November) before the competition on the Monday.

If you have any questions they can be asked to me (Steve Holden) on most Monday nights either at the break or after the meeting, or via the pdisec@amershamphotosoc.com address.

Steve Holden

6. The Mono Group

The first Mono Group meeting of the new season is a live meeting on Thursday 12th October in the Committee Room, adjacent to the Drake Hall in the Chiltern Lifestyle Centre.

Our meetings are informal with members showing and discussing their images and receiving feedback from the group. It's not necessary to bring prints, you can just come along and join the discussion if you wish.

If you would like further information, please visit the APS website or email us at monogroup@amershamphotosoc.com

We look forward to seeing you.

Roger Wotton FRPS

Mono Group Leader.

7. The 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 and 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”

Less experienced members have said it is a friendly place to get feedback and take the first steps to be ready for competition

Experienced members have improved work for external international exhibitions.

Some members come just to watch and enjoy.

“So something for all and its fun - please join us”

When and were:

Last Wednesday of the month starting at 8.00 and finishing at 10.00

Alternate, each month, between live and virtual Zoom meetings (see programme).



Bernard showing some of his images at our live meeting on 27th September

If you are not a member of our group and would like to join please contact me laurie899@hotmail.co.uk and you will be put on the distribution list.

Look forward to seeing you.

Laurie Turner

8. Amersham Beyond Group

This group is for creative photography and photo art. We enjoy exploring *beyond the viewfinder*.

We are a sub-group of APS but everyone is welcome including visitors not yet signed up as members.

No prior notice, or equipment is required – just turn up!

We meet monthly and the first of the 2023/4 season will be in the Drake Hall (the big hall we use for Monday meetings at the Chiltern Lifestyle Centre) on Thursday 5th October from 8 to 10pm.

The current Challenges are;

#37 Out of Bounds

#38 Film Grain

and the latest;

#39 Challenge Yourself



#36 MYOPIALAND by Ken Batchelor



#37 THE ROAD OUT by Martin
Warner



#38 GOOD FRIENDS by Yin Wong

If you have any digital photography questions or would like to be on the distribution list for calling notices and meeting notes, email me;

beyondsec@amershamphotosoc.com

Notes of previous meetings and an FAQ are here;

<https://amershamphotosoc.com/message/viewforum.php?f=42&sid=ab73676e9c2c3bbbf544f7243f55f8d2>

Every image produced by group members since 2019 is here;

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/71981796@N00/albums>

Cheers,

Steve Brabner

9. ASKAPS

AskAPS will be held in The Drake Hall on **Monday 23rd October**.

This will be the first AskAPS in the new format on a Monday evening.

For this first meeting, we would like the topics covered to be of particular interest to our new members, to whom we give a very warm welcome.

AskAPS is a very relaxed informative evening run by Club members where we aim to provide lots of interesting topics on a range of photographic genres.

We will be having a print board in the hall, and it would be absolutely lovely if members could bring a print that was created following a previous AskAPS session that they particularly enjoyed, - an infrared image for example.

To begin the evening, we will be having a very informative presentation by Geoff Walker on the subject of COLOUR MANAGEMENT which will ensure that your images are perfect from the camera to the computer to the final print.

Following this we will have a break for socialising and refreshments.

After the break we will have 2 separate workstations in the hall.

One will demonstrate the subject of mounting prints correctly with emphasis on presentation for competitions and exhibitions.

New members are very welcome to bring a print to be mounted for a small cost.

The other will be an introduction to a simple studio lighting set-up. (If you would like to have a go with this please bring your camera.

We look forward to seeing you!

Chrissi Ratcliffe.

10. Outings

A small group of us went to see the **Sculptures at Ashridge House**. The exhibition is now closed but am hoping they will do something similar next year as we all agreed it is a fantastic venue to visit. They have worked really hard to improve the gardens since the covid closures.



Kop Hill was fun and many images were taken over the weekend. APS members were present on both days. Saturday was extremely hot and bright

and Sunday there was rain and a thunderstorm.

A selection of our images will appear on Flickr soon. Don't forget if you would like to, please could you send up to 4 images of the day to patrick@hudgells.com



The next outing is on **Friday 10th November** When we plan to visit **Burnham Beeches** for the beautiful autumn colours.

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/green-spaces/burnham-beeches-and-stoke-common/visit-burnham-beeches>

Wednesday 6th December we will go to **Old Amersham** in the evening to take some low light shots

If you would like to join us or have any queries about the outings, please email us and we will send you details:

outings@amershamphotosoc.com or speak to either Juliet or Patrick at the meetings. We are also often at The Beech House Amersham on a Wednesday morning.

Juliet and Patrick

APPENDIX

APS Covid Guidance

The following APS guidance is reviewed monthly by the committee. Please contact a committee member if you have any comments or suggestions relating to this guidance.

Wearing a face mask during APS meetings will remain optional. However, when infection levels are high, to maximise personal protection, it is recommended that FFP2 or FFP3 grade face masks are worn by those that feel vulnerable.

Nobody should feel embarrassed about wishing to protect themselves by wearing a face covering. Gov.uk guidance updated June 2023 states:

"Face coverings and face masks can help reduce the chance of you spreading infection to others, especially in crowded and enclosed spaces, and may protect you from becoming infected by some respiratory viruses."

Please do not attend a meeting if you feel unwell, have Covid or any other respiratory symptoms or have tested positive for Covid in the past week. We will not seek evidence of vaccination or negative tests. We rely on our members to act sensibly for the protection of others and themselves.

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