

A season like no other

This will be my last mini newsletter as your President, since I will be stepping down after the AGM, following an interesting and challenging two years in that role. My official presidential season started normally enough in September 2019. But suddenly in March 2020 the world was turned upside down when the first lockdown was announced. The subsequent period has been unbelievably difficult for individuals and organisations alike. However, due to a huge amount of hard work by the committee, and the support of members, the Society has hopefully come through the worst of the pandemic in reasonable shape. By way of example, during the last 15 months we have:



- ◆ Faced new challenges, such as the need to find a new hall and storage facility at short notice
- ◆ Learned new skills, particularly how to effectively manage Zoom meetings and other electronic communication between us
- ◆ Had on-line talks from speakers in distant parts of the UK and even from overseas
- ◆ Embraced new ways of sharing images, for example through the Facebook challenges
- ◆ Cooperated with Shirley PS to share talks and workshops on-line
- ◆ Kept members up to date with regular mini-newsletters

But while working on line has helped to keep us going, I am sure that everyone is looking forward to the time soon when we can once again enjoy our photography together in person.

As you know, we were hoping that our last couple of meetings might be back in the hall but in the end it was not possible, so we will need to have our AGM on line. Bob Bracher has already sent out the agenda (see page 2) and papers and I really hope that as many members as possible will join us on 26th May. If you have not received any of the papers just let us know.

AGM's are never the most exciting of events, but is important we hold one. In particular, the last year has made us rethink the way we manage the Society in order to meet the challenges ahead over the next few years. Our proposals are set out in the circulated papers which I urge you to read. The ideas have been carefully worked through to better deal with the different world in which we will have to work, so we really hope you will all support them. But of course if you have any queries or concerns about the proposals please let us know, if possible before the meeting. In addition we still need members to help out, by volunteering for the committee and also to help with meetings next season (hall set up, welcome desk, tea duty, meeting hosts etc.)

But we also want the AGM to be a celebration of some of the things we have done during the last year, despite the pandemic. In addition we want to look forward to the months ahead. So the plan for the evening will be as follows:

- The formal AGM
- A 15 minute AV showing all the images receiving awards in internal competitions over the last 12 months
- Open forum to briefly discuss plans for summer activities and highlight some things to look forward to during next season
- A run through of 6 winning AVs from our internal competition over the last few years (45 min)
- An open social chat for those who wish at the end of the evening

I'll look forward to seeing you there.

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AGM agenda May 2021

Due to Covid restrictions the AGM will be held via Zoom

Item 1.

Approval of Minutes of AGM 2019 and matters arising.

Item 2.

Presidents Report

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Proposed Rule changes.

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Proposed Committee structure and Proposed Committee Members.

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Presentation of Provisional Accounts

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Proposed fees for 2021/22

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Open Exhibition Report

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2020/2021 Awards

(Winners listed on Page 3 and AV to be shown of all awarded images)

Item 9.

Trophies

Item 10.

A.O.B.

In Step with mummy

Congratulations to Jan Lee for her moving short article published in the RPS Digital imaging group website which describes her family bubble during lockdown

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2020/2021 Competition winners

Thanks to Bob Bracher and John Innes for their hard work in running the internal competitions again this year, and many congratulations to all this year's winners:

Panel Competition (*The Derek Foss Memorial Trophy*)

Print - Not held due to Covid

DPI - **Phil Moorhouse LRPS** with *An Epiphone*

Knockout Competition (*The Roger Pinn Memorial Trophy*)

Print - Not held due to Covid

DPI - Not held due to Covid

Annual AV Competition (*Jubilee Cup*)

Not held due to Covid

Quarterly Aggregate Competition

Print - Not held due to Covid

DPI - **Jo Monro ARPS AFIAP**

Annual Nature Competition

Print - **Tony Moir** with *Monarch Butterfly on Lantana Camara*

DPI (*Bowie Trophy*) - Not held due to Covid

Annual Digital Competition

Colour (*R H Patterson Cup*) **Jo Monro ARPS AFIAP** with *Coffee Break*

Landscape (*Betty Derrick Trophy*) **Bob Breach BPE1** with *Dawn on the lake*

Mono (*Joan Moignard Cup*) **Naima Christensen** with *Follow the Green Line*

Portrait (*SPS Challenge Cup*) **Joyce Rothschild** with *The Burmese Scarf Seller*

Annual Print Competition

MONO (*Donald Allen Cup*) **Bob Bracher ARPS AFIAP** with *Ile de la Cite*

COLOUR (*SPS Challenge Cup*) **Glynis Harrison LRPS** with *Garlic*

LANDSCAPE (*George Matthews Cup*) **Tony Moir** with *Altiplanic lagoon, Atacama Desert*

PORTRAIT (*W Hiles Cup*) **John Shaw ARPS CPAGB** with *Astou*

PRINT of the YEAR (*Anniversary Trophy*) **Glynis Harrison LRPS** with *Garlic*

Most Consistent Worker (*Millennium Trophy*)

Not awarded this year due to Covid

As previously announced, due to the increasing difficulty and cost, we have discontinued the practice of having the Society trophies engraved with winners' name each year. Instead we have created a "Roll of Honour" which will list the recorded winners from the inception of each competition. Copies will be made available to members and will be updated each year.