



## March 2024 Newsletter

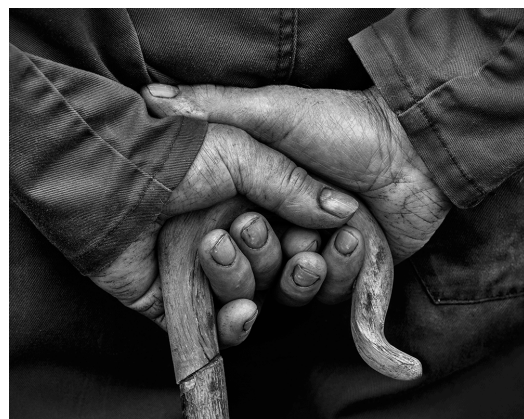
The days are lengthening, the weather is improving, the light is gaining in general intensity, and as our hobby depends on light, then that is a good thing for us all. I know there are nocturnal images to be had, and that bad weather can be quite exciting to photograph, but I'd guess that most of us prefer daylight and at least dryness above us. Bring it on. This month is also your last chance to get tickets for PhotoFest 24, which takes place on 6/7th April. The Saturday is Speakers Day, and the Sunday is Members Day, and it would be great to see as many as possible at one or both days.

This year's AGM is mainly an online one for most members, although if you are at PhotoFest 24 on the Sunday you will be able to attend in person. I'd heartily encourage you to at least attend online, and definitely to get any questions or suggestions or comments to the Committee. RPS Scotland is all about you, and this is your chance to have your say. We are looking for a Secretary in particular, so if you want to help please get in touch. There will be full support and help for the lucky photographer, and I can say that I've enjoyed a good 3 years in post.

Our Annual Exhibition is being selected on the 7th April from 14.00, and you can come along to that, or enter your prints via another photographer, or by post, and again this is a good chance to be an active part of RPS Scotland, even if you can't attend in person.

## Monthly Competition

The theme for February was mono, and it was a strong month. Here's our worthy winner:



Well done Findlay Rankin ARPS, the best of a very good bunch. Congratulations to all who entered.

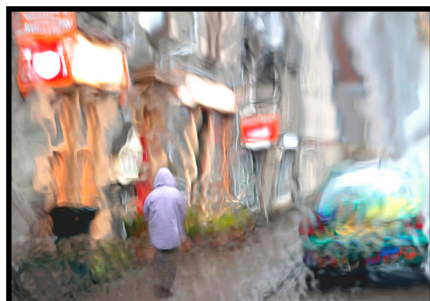
Full results on the webpage:

<https://rps.org/regions/scotland/scotland-monthly-competition/>

March's theme is Shapes and Patterns, so get graphic and send entries to Ken, sized at 1000px wide, by as many pixels as you want tall, via [Scotlandweb@rps.org](mailto:Scotlandweb@rps.org).

Down Came The Rain Mike Tibbs ARPS

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Exhibition



## 6th -7th April 2024

A busy weekend on the RPS Scotland calendar, as we resurrect the biennial Conference weekend. Pre-Covid this took place in Dunfermline, and was a good opportunity to promote photography within Scotland, and to meet familiar and not so familiar faces, and to collectively enjoy our shared hobby of photography. In financial terms this is usually a bit of a loss making event, but over the years due to the good husbandry of initially Roy Robertson FRPS, and then James Frost FRPS, we have built up a bit of a fiscal balance, so this gives us a chance to spend some cash for the benefit of RPS Scotland members. This year we have tried to make the weekend a bit more inclusive and promoted it to other RPS Members elsewhere in the UK, and to non-RPS members too, but the event is heavily subsidised for RPS Scotland members. The venue is the Stirling Uni campus, which is pretty much centrally located. The daily costs have been kept as low as possible to cover the costs of the venue hire and the food (you get coffee / tea and biscuits morning and afternoon, and a full hot lunch), and to help cover the speaker costs.

### PhotoFest 24

Saturday 6th, a wonderful array of speakers:

Colin Prior FRPS,

Paul Sanders,

Simon Hill FRPS RPS President,

Karen Gordon,

Andrew Allan,

Simon Riddell,

face to face advisories, optional accommodation and dinner at night.

Sunday 7th, we start with, a celebration of Scottish Distinctions, then Mick Durham FRPS, and then our **AGM**. Last year we decided to go online with our AGM, and also to separate it from the Print selection process for our **Annual Print Exhibition**...and we've kind of done both, but if you are at PhotoFest 24 on the Sunday you can attend the AGM in person too. The Print selection process has been changed, so it's now just in the afternoon, and you can attend that on it's own, or even just send your prints in either with another member, or by post.

We're still looking for a volunteer for the Secretary post...get in touch, and I'll still be around to help as you get settled in. Ideally though it would be someone totally different in their approach and photography likes / dislikes, because that's how the role grows, that's how it stays fresh and exciting.

RPS Scotland PhotoFest - 6th/7th April 2024

		6th April	7th April
	Break-Out room Workshops		
9.30		Registration & coffee	Registration & Coffee
			Celebration of Distinctions Exhibition
10.00		Landscape - Colin Prior	Celebration of Distinctions Presentation
11.00		Mindful Photography - Paul Sanders	Nature in Mull & Shetland - Mick Durham
12.00	Advisory Session	Simon Hill Hon FRPS - The RPS	AGM
2.00		Social Portraiture - Karen Gordon	Exhibition Print Selection
			No Charge for Distinctions presenters.
3.00	Advisory Session	Scotland's Night Sky - Andrew Allan	Venue / Food only costs for RPS Scotland members
			+£15 for non Scotland RPS members
4.00		Large format Colloidian Photography & Mental Health - Simon Riddell	+£30 for non-RPS members
5.00		Close	Close
			Print entry £5 (members only)
7.30		Dinner	Afternoon attendance only £5
			includes coffee, tea, biscuits
Costs	£40 per head per day venue and food cost	£40 attendee fee. £60 for non Scotland RPS members £85 for Non RPS members	Book both these options on RPS Scotland website
	Advisory Session £12		
		Dinner £35	
Total		RPS Scotland £80 / RPS £100 /	£0 / £40 / £55 / £70 + print entry + afternoon only
		non-member £125 + dinner + Advisory session	

**Tickets for PhotoFest 24 at:**

<https://billetto.co.uk/e/photofest-24-tickets-896441>

Last month before the big day, so crack on and get your tickets booked.

**AGM zoom link:** 12.00 Sunday 7th April

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86016323928?  
pwd=UVZpU1E0bXR3SVhRci85aUlHS3NqZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86016323928?pwd=UVZpU1E0bXR3SVhRci85aUlHS3NqZz09)

## 2023 AGM Minutes / Notes:

<https://rps.org/media/rhbnd5tk/april-23.pdf>

I've included the latest accounts for the Region on the next page, and if you have any questions or comments on them, or on any other matter that you wish raised at the AGM, please get them in to me on [scotlandsec@rps.org](mailto:scotlandsec@rps.org) by Friday 5th April at 12.00, as no questions will be taken on the day. However, all questions or comments received will be aired and answered on the day.

Agenda

Approval of Minutes of 23 AGM

Regional Organiser Report

Treasurer Report

Questions / Matters raised

Election of Office Bearers...Secretary role is needing filled

Close

## Print Selection entries:

<https://events.rps.org/en/4LrdQ66/rps-scotland-annual-print-exhibition-selection-5a2NN21e2Lt/overview>

The 40 prints chosen on the day will form the annual travelling exhibition, but every member who submits an image will get one in the online exhibition which will be publicised along with the print exhibition at each venue.

Choose your two prints, put them into your chosen genres, book and pay for your participation online using the link above, send jpegs (1000px wide x as many as you want tall) to [scotlandweb@rps.org](mailto:scotlandweb@rps.org), and then bring your prints with you on the 7th April @14.00, or send them in by post, or via another member.

The more entries the better the Exhibition.

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Scottish Region Annual Accounts 2023

	ADMIN	2023	2022
		TOTAL	TOTAL
INCOME			
Regional Funding	£827	£827	779
Group Subs		£0	
Ticket sales	£897	£897	1023
Competition fees		£0	
Food & Drink sales		£0	
Publications		£0	
Postage		£0	
Raffle tickets		£0	
Donations		£0	
Other Income (Note 1)	£64	£64	17
TOTAL INCOME	£1,787	£1,787	£1,819
NET INCOME/COSTS	£87	£87	-£1,300

1. VAT refund
2. Speakers fees from previous year £200
3. Venue hire from previous year £119
4. VAT

EXPENDITURE	ADMIN	2023	2022
Speakers fees & expenses (Note 2)	£800	£800	932
Venue hire and Zoom (Note 3)	£832	£832	646
Food & drink		£0	
Adverts		£0	
Travel		£0	97
Accommodation		£0	
Subsistence		£0	
Newsletter production		£0	
Publicity		£0	
Postage		£0	79
Stationery		£0	
Equipment		£0	1278
Irrecoverable VAT		£0	
Other Costs ( Note 4)	£68	£68	87

TOTAL COSTS	£1,700	£1,700	£3,119
Bank Balance 31.12.2022			£12838.53

BANK BALANCE 31.12.23

£13,245.08

So, what does the RPS Scotland actually do for you?

I guess the answer to that varies, and that variability is mainly down to yourself. Membership of the RPS gets you a regular centralised magazine, and access to a huge back catalogue of articles and magazines. It also gives you access to the various SIGs that I've spoken about over the past few months. To my mind they are where the true glory and value of RPS membership is realised, as for a few pounds more you get access to a whole load of specialised content...tailored to your likes and dislikes. There is also the geographical aspect with each Region having its own hierarchy of thinkers and doers, and as Scotland is the largest physical area, we have notional sub-regions within the main Scottish Region, to try and keep all the airts and pairts of Scotland as well covered and served as possible. Some Regions are busy ones, some aren't. All the SIGs are pretty active, although not all are active in Scotland.

In general terms, RPS London is the busiest Region, and Scotland is the second busiest...so overall we do okay. Could always do more, and could always do better. Some of the sub-regions within Scotland are busier than others too, and if you feel your area needs more stuff done, then get in touch, volunteer to help, and get organising.

The kinds of things that do happen locally are exemplified by the Northern Group who arrange outings, dinners, weekends away, and distinctions support.

North East has become busier recently too, under Nigel Corby FRPS, and below is the issuu link to their latest Day Oot, down to Fittie. The Annual Exhibition is in Aberdeen just now and can be publicly accessed on Thursdays and Saturdays, and we're going to host a members / guests / local camera club night on the 26th March

[https://issuu.com/royalphotographicsociety/docs/10\\_feb\\_2024\\_fittie](https://issuu.com/royalphotographicsociety/docs/10_feb_2024_fittie)

<https://www.aberdeenartscentre.com/whats-on/royal-photographic-society-exhibition>

Lanarkshire have regular outings, and an annual exhibition at Chatelherault.

South West have a Sharing Day coming up on the 9th March.

The TWT days are well under way, and I should have a couple of issuu links for them in next month's Newsletter, which will be entertaining for sure.

So, plenty of things going on within Scotland, and all you have to do is get yourself to one or two of these events, and your photography will get the boost you need. The Contemporary / Documentary Scotland Group had a Book Club night the other night, which was all serious and considered, and then descended into a bit of a gigglefest...and isn't it all meant to be about fun and enjoyment?

## What's On in March?

Making Space: Photographs of Architecture. Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh 07/10/23-03/03/24. <https://www.nationalgalleries.org/visit/scottish-national-portrait-gallery>

Tuesdays and Saturdays through March, Annual Exhibition at Aberdeen Arts Centre <https://www.aberdeenartscentre.com/whats-on/royal-photographic-society-exhibition>

7th March: How The Study of Photography in Latin America Came to Be, and What I Learned in the Process. Nathaniel Gardner, Stirling Maxwell Centre, University of Glasgow

9th March South West - Dumfries & Galloway Group, Contact Jean on [digmem@rps.org](mailto:digmem@rps.org)

Haugh of Urr Village Hall, Main Street, Haugh of Urr, DG7 3YA 14.00-17.00

A meeting for members to bring work to share and discuss. If you would like to talk about your work with a group of like-minded photographers why not come and join in. Participants are encouraged to bring along up to 6 images (prints or pdis).

Everyone will get a chance to explain their work and ask for advice on whichever aspects they choose. This is not an advisory day or Photoforum, simply an opportunity for everyone to give and receive feedback. We believe that everyone has views worth expressing, so why not come and join the fun.

Price - free to RPS members, £5.00 to non-members.

21st March Leave To Remain: A Snapshot of Britain - Noni Stacey Royal Academy of Art, Trinity University Dublin, co-hosted with Glasgow Loves EU. John Smith Bookshop and online 17.00

26th March Aberdeen Arts Centre Exhibition Open Night...members and non-members welcome. Contact [scotlandsec@rps.org](mailto:scotlandsec@rps.org) to book your spot.

Further ahead:

6th/7th April 2024: PhotoFest '24 and AGM and Exhibition Selection, Stirling University.

AGM / Exhibition Selection details are live on our website.

PhotoFest 24 Tickets:

<https://billetto.co.uk/e/photofest-24-tickets-896441>

AGM Online link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86016323928?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86016323928?pwd=UVZpU1E0bXR3SVhRci85aUlHS3NqZz09)

[pwd=UVZpU1E0bXR3SVhRci85aUlHS3NqZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86016323928?pwd=UVZpU1E0bXR3SVhRci85aUlHS3NqZz09)

Annual Exhibition Print Selection:

<https://events.rps.org/en/4LrdQ66/rps-scotland-annual-print-exhibition-selection-5a2NN21e2Lt/overview>

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