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Images from ‘Misty’, by Martin Addison FRPS
Winner of the RPS Gold Medal for Photo Harmony in the RPS National AV Championships 2019
Happy New Year

AV News is the flagship publication of the RPS AV Group. It is an A5 printed journal posted to all members and subscribers, but unfortunately it costs about the same to print as it does to post. Over the last couple of years we have published AV News four times a year, but to give Members more information would mean a thicker publication. In order to keep the costs down the Committee has decided to publish AV News three times a year – April, August and December – although publication dates are sometimes adjusted to fit around significant events in the AV calendar.

To help keep in touch, the Committee has also decided to introduce AV News e-xtra which will come out three times a year in between the printed AV News. The quality articles, tips and tricks will remain in AV News whereas some time sensitive items will be in e-xtra.

If you are not a member of the RPS AV Group and you wish to receive AV News, you may purchase a subscription. The subscription form can be downloaded here.

AV News includes a range of articles, news and letters, typically including:

- Reports from national and international competitions
- Keynote articles from AV authors with thoughts on their ideas and inspiration
- Images from award winning AV productions
- Letters, opinion pieces and debate from the AV community
- Technical articles on sound production, image manipulation and AV production
- News of future events of interest to members
Between publications of AV News – January, June and October, members and subscribers will receive an email communication – "AV News e-xtra" – highlighting forthcoming events, comment from the RPS AV Group Chair and links to technical articles on the RPS Website.

A selection of AV News from previous years is now available for download from the RPS website.

The Editor of AV News, Alastair Taylor ARPS, CPAGB-av always welcomes items concerning Audio Visual and Multimedia, including reviews, technical details, events, photographs, letters and queries. You can click here to email Alastair. Please spread the word that AV News and AV News e-xtra are just two of the benefits of being a member of the AV Group.

**AV News**

In line with the arrangements described above, the next edition, AV News 219, will be published in late March 2020. If you have any articles you would like to submit, please get these to the editor by no later than 14 February 2020. Contact details are here.

**Forthcoming Events in the UK**

**Closing date: Sunday 26th January**
**Event: Saturday 8th February**

Lancashire and Cheshire Photographic Union (L&CPU) Annual AV Competition taking place at Wilmslow Guild, 1 Bourne Street, Wilmslow Cheshire.

Event: Friday 6th and Saturday 7th March

Hailsham Photographic Society – Colour Show – An Audio Visual Extravaganza.
http://www.hailshamphotographicsociety.co.uk/

Closing date: Saturday 1st February

Event: Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th March
IAC Peter Coles International AV Competition taking place at Capel Curig, North Wales.
http://www.nwawavg.org.uk/

Closing date 16th February
Event: Monday 16th March

‘5 to 8’ Photo Harmony Competition

5 to 8 Photo Harmony AV Competition
http://www.bridgendcameraclub.co.uk/5to8Comp.html
Event: Saturday 21st March

Northern AV Group Spring Workshop
Guest Speaker Sheila Graber on animation
https://www.thenorthernavgroup.co.uk/programme

Closing date: Sunday 21st February
Event: Saturday 21st March

East Anglian AV Competition taking place at Margareting Village Hall, Wantz Road, Ingatestone, Essex.
https://avgroup.jimdofree.com/

Event: Saturday 21st March

Closing date Sunday 22nd March
Event: Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th March

Smethwick Photographic Society
https://smethwickps.co.uk/national-av-festival/
Yorkshire AV Day – Guest Speaker Keith Leedham taking place at Leeds Trinity University.
http://www.leedsavgroup.co.uk/syllabus/syllabus.html

International Competitions and Events

Closing date: Saturday 25th January
Festival: Saturday 18th April

The Latow Canada International AV Festival
http://latowseminar.wpengine.com/av-festival/

Closing date: Thursday 6th February
Festival: Wednesday 25th March

Port Elizabeth Camera Club 4th International Salon
http://pssa.co.za/2020-pecc-intl

Closing date: Sunday 15th March

Challenge 321
Challenge 321 International Competition
https://challenge321.org/
Closing date: Sunday 15th March
Festival: Saturday 6th June

"La Coupe Lumière" is organised by CLIC Triel, the Photo Club of Triel Sur Seine, in partnership with the Town Hall of Triel sur Seine, in the Yvelines, in France.

https://lacoupelumiere.com/index.php/fr/

Closing date: Monday 20th April
Festival: Saturday 30th May

The Trophée de Paris International AV Festival.

https://tropheedeparis.fr/
The AV Group has a Facebook page which is well worth visiting; it has news about forthcoming events and activities, reviews of festivals, competitions, discussions and a great deal more.

I am aware that there are a lot of people who don’t trust Facebook and will have nothing to do with it; indeed, I have only used it for the last couple of years, but once I started, I realised that it can be used safely and to good effect and I now enjoy the interaction with other photographers, many not in the UK.

The first concern is often about security and in Facebook you can restrict who sees anything which you may post. Equally, you can decide who you want to see on Facebook and only those people you ‘Follow’ or be ‘Friends’ with will be visible to you. You can also decide whether or not you want to receive any notifications, you can easily turn them off.

I normally just post photographs on Facebook, and I keep any personal information to a minimum, I don’t for instance say when I am going on holiday or mention where I live beyond the city. I know several people who are signed up to Facebook but post nothing whatsoever, they use it to look at other people’s photographs or posts. That is a very safe way to use it.

You can join very easily, just download the App or search on Google, then sign in and search for some people you know. If you join a group like the AV Group then you will see all the posts from the members.

Why not join us and get the news and information quickly?

Martin Addison FRPS
The updated RPS AV Group webpages can now be viewed at:

https://rps.org/groups/audio-visual/

Updated information includes information on:

- Benefits to Join
- AV Examples
- AV news
- International AV Festival
- National AV Competition
- Useful information
- Distinctions
- Making an AV Sequence
- Links and Resources
- Special Awards
- News Articles