





'Kassam Stadium Panel' by John Bull LRPS

Winner of the Digital Imaging Group monthly competition for February

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings and salutations!

Much of this newsletter is occupied with covering the DIG AGM and Print Exhibition Selection, which took place at Smethwick Photographic Society in Oldbury, Birmingham on 23 February. A number of Committee members were standing down, and new people ('mugs'?) stood up to take their place. For those unable to attend, we have reports on some highlights and a link to a video recording of the excellent presentation by Sue Brown FRPS.

One unusual feature of this year's event was the opportunity to speak with the new RPS President, Dr Alan Hodgson. The endnotes to this monthly newsletter include a link to his President's news page - https://rps.org/about/president-news/ - and I mention it again here because of the conscientious effort he is making to get around to RPS meetings everywhere and listen to what members have to say. I also spotted him at the opening night of the London Region exhibition and at a talk by David Hurn in Cardiff organised by the South Wales Region, so keep your eyes open if you are attending any RPS events this spring. He is, really, approachable.

Your contributions for this newsletter are very welcome. If you want to make a submission, email me at DIGNews@rps.org. The deadline for the April issue will be 26 March.

But if sending something to the newsletter feels too formal, please drop by the <u>Digital Imaging Group</u> on Facebook where you can also ask – and answer - questions. You'll need to join it before you can participate, but the advantage is that it's a closed group open only to DIG members.

All the best,



Deborah Loth (new) DIG News Editor DIGNews@rps.org

DIG PRINT EXHIBITION

For this year's exhibition 136 members participated, each sending in the required three prints. Well done everyone, especially the overseas members who took the opportunity to submit work which we had printed for them.

The judges who whittled the entries down to one per member were Sue Brown FRPS, Barry Senior HonFRPS and Caroline Colegate ARPS. In addition, the selectors chose an overall winner and each selector awarded two ribbons. An additional five images were Highly Commended.

Congratulations to the overall Chairman's Cup winner Hugh Rooney ARPS for his beautiful print, 'Carrasqueira'.



'Carrasqueira' by Hugh Rooney ARPS (Chairman's Cup Winner)

Each of the selectors had two RPS Ribbons to award. Sue Brown FRPS's two ribbon-winners are quite different:



'Overflowing' by Peter Stevens FRPS (Sue Brown Ribbon)



'Wakefield Stairs' by Rex Waygood (Sue Brown Ribbon)

These were Caroline Colegate ARPS's selections:



'Faces' by Carl Joseph Mason ARPS (Caroline Colegate Ribbon)



'Shape and Form' by James Kirkland (Caroline Colegate Ribbon)

And finally, these were Barry Senior HonFRPS's selections:



'Fly Past at Dovercourt' by Janice Payne ARPS (Barry Senior Ribbon)



'Dorset Coast' by Anthony Wright ARPS (Barry Senior Ribbon)

The Highly Commended images were:



'A Walk with the Dog' by Lynda Mudle-Small ARPS (Highly Commended)



'Waifs' by David Alderson LRPS (Highly Commended)



'The Staircase' by Warren Alani ARPS (Highly Commended)



'I'll Huff and I'll Puff' by David Thomas ARPS (Highly Commended)



'Eyes on the Ball' by Philip Barker ARPS (Highly Commended)

The full list of images accepted for the exhibition can be viewed HERE on our website. While all 136 selected images form our total exhibition and will all be hung where space permits, the selectors also chose a shortlist of images which are hung where only a smaller number of prints can be shown.

The shortlist contains the 12 shown above, plus the following:

Jim Bennett
Barrie James Brown LRPS
Nick Brown ARPS
Colin Close LRPS
Neil Davidson LRPS
Barbara Dudley ARPS
Ray Grace ARPS

Sandown
Territorial Dispute
The Road to Skaland
The Syndicate
St Paul's at Dawn
Happy Days
Flight of Fancy

Jeffery Hargreaves LRPS Katy Swan

Ann Healey ARPS Grooming Japanese Macaques
Peter Knight LRPS Peregrine Falcon with Teal Prey

Anthony McDonnell LRPS Open to the Elements
Jo Monro ARPS Girl in a Yellow Dress

David Pearson ARPS Abandoned Pool

David Purnell LRPS Arisarum Proboscideum

Trevor Rudkin LRPS Room with a View Ian Thompson ARPS Winter Wonderland

Although a catalogue will be published, you may wish in the meantime to visit the exhibition. For updates to information on the catalogue and on exhibition venues and dates visit our web page - www.rps.org/DIGExhibition.

6 -30 April 2020 Crosby Camera Club http://crosbycameraclub.net/

1- 29 June 2020 West Swindon Library

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/directory_record/17884/west_swindon_library_

Sept/Oct 2020 (dates to be confirmed)
Smethwick Photographic Society
https://smethwickps.co.uk/

Jan/Feb 2021 (dates to be confirmed)
Edinburgh Photographic Society
http://www.edinburghphotographicsociety.co.uk/wp/

Again, congratulations to everyone who entered. It will be a really good 2020 DIG Exhibition and we hope you will get an opportunity to visit it.

'RECRUIT & WIN' PRIZE DRAW

The prize draw for last year's recruitment promotion was held at the AGM, and newly recruited DIG member Win Worley was picked as the winner of the £300 Wex voucher. Her prize was later presented at the Windlesham and Camberley Camera Club by Chair Kathryn Phillips, who had recruited her, and by Marilyn Taylor, DIG Committee member.



Left to right: Kathryn Phillips, Win Worley and Marilyn Taylor

AGM

Quite a few long-serving Committee members stood down this year, including our Chair, Janet Haines ARPS. Most DIG members were unable to come along to the AGM in person or even to join us via Zoom online. So in advance of the meeting Janet recorded an interview with the new in-coming Chair, Ian Race, by way of an introduction. The video is about 8 minutes long, and you can view it by clicking on the screenshot below:



Ian Race and Janet Haines ARPS in conversation

You can also view the interview by visiting YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VQt5t1mf7do.

The other new Committee members' profiles are on the website HERE:



Lyn Phillips LRPS, Hon Secretary



Trevor Pogson LRPS, Hon Treasurer



Jeff Hargreaves LRPS



Deborah Loth LRPS, Communications



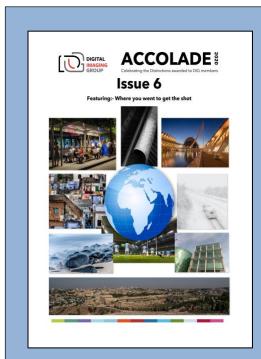
Sue Brown FRPS's inspiring presentation, 'A Potted History', was also recorded for those unable to attend. It's about an hour long, and can be viewed on YouTube: https://youtu.be/DSXY9Pdqq14.



The new RPS President Dr Alan Hodgson FRPS presented four DIG Committee members – Barry Senior HonFRPS, Janet Haines ARPS, Rex Waygood and Chas Hockin LRPS – each with a certificate and a badge in recognition of their long service as RPS volunteers. Further details of Dr Hodgson's presentation and the farewell gifts given to

outgoing DIG Chair Janet Haines ARPS can be found on the website's AGM page: www.rps.org/DIGAGM.

Finally, if you want more details of the AGM meeting, you can download the PowerPoint report presentation HERE.



Accolade 6 is now out. This members-only publication is a celebration of our members' Distinction successes, with plenty of information about Distinctions. So for any one on their Distinctions journey it is a great reference and inspiration. You will find a link to Accolade in the email message announcing this newsletter.

OUT-GOING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We often features articles where a DIG volunteer describes their experience of volunteering. This month we have instead tributes to the volunteers who have kept the Digital Imaging Group alive and who are now stepping down from their roles.



CHAIR: JANET HAINES ARPS

Janet Haines ARPS by Rex Waygood

Back in December 2013 I got an email from a lady I did not know. That lady was Janet Haines and she wrote that she was standing for Chair of the DI Group and would I stand for committee? There followed a phone conversation and further emails, one of which contained Janet's vision for the group. I signed up and the following years have been a fantastic adventure and a challenge I had not expected.

Working with Janet is a great experience, she is inspirational, and it is easy to work hard for

the group because of the way she leads. I am not sure that she ever really stops thinking about ways to improve the group. Ideas rain into the inbox of the committee at all times of day and night, mainly night! An email conversation might well be terminated by me saying I was going to bed. I'd go upstairs and I could see more emails from Janet dropping into our shared drive!

In Janet's vision for the group there were many innovative ideas that we now just accept as part of the group. These were achieved by the committee under Janet's leadership however often Janet was a major contributor to the effort required.

Janet's enthusiasm, innovative ideas and hard work have served the group extremely well since she took the helm. I am confident that Janet will do the same for the RPS and we as members will continue to benefit from her drive for improvement.

Because I am a data man:
Since 2013
Emails in from Janet 7326 (Over 3 per day)
Emails to Janet 7107 (I must have not answered some!)



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Barry Senior HonFRPS by Janet Haines ARPS

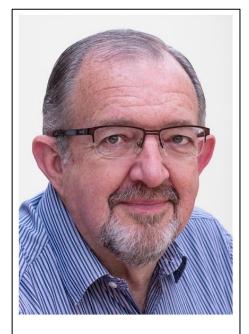
26 years is an amazing commitment from one individual to have given to DIG and we cannot thank Barry enough for all his work over that period.

At the 2019 AGM we presented Barry with his 25 years HonDIG award, which means he gets free membership of the group for life. He joined from almost the start of the group when digital was new. He has served in various roles on committee including being the Chair for a good few years, only handing over when he became the RPS President.

From my personal point of view Barry has been wonderful support during my recent

years as DIG Chair. He is our guru – what he doesn't know about how the Society ticks is second to none. He tackles tedious roles such as writing the Centre Guidelines or updating our DIG Constitution, both of which he does from a basis of knowledge and clarity. Then on other occasions he pitches in with physical jobs too. He has given us continuity as well as innovation. No other individual has given more to DIG than Barry Senior.

We wish him well in the future and look forward to still engaging with him as a member. It seems somehow insufficient to simply say 'thank you Barry' as those words fail to fully express our gratitude to you. But THANK YOU anyway.



DEPUTY CHAIR: DAAN OLIVIER FRPS

Daan Olivier FRPS by Janet Haines ARPS

Daan only joined the committee in 2019 but in his year has given willingly of his time and from his past business experience was able to propose an excellent method for defining the various roles and requirements for the committee volunteers. Using this enabled us to distribute the workloads more evenly, thus making the Chair role more manageable for the new individual who will take over in Feb 2020.

Daan also achieved his FRPS in 2019 for which we congratulate him. Thanks for all your hard work Daan.



RECRUITMENT: MARILYN TAYLOR ARPS

Marilyn Taylor ARPS by Janet Haines ARPS

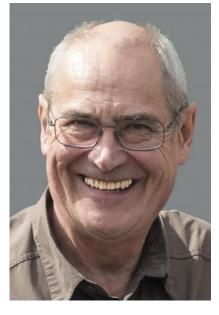
After several years' service to the DIG committee Marilyn has decided to stand down as she intends doing lots of travelling in 2020.

Many of you will know her name as our past Print Exhibition organiser but for the past year she has been the committee member with responsibility for recruitment.

We thank her for all her volunteering and wish her well for her travels and photography.

MONTHLY ONLINE COMPETITION

The winner of our February competition was 'Kassam Stadium Panel' by John Bull LRPS, featured on the cover. (For more information about the friendly monthly competition, visit www.rps.org/DIGMonComp.)



John Bull LRPS

This is a composite of four shots of the side panels of the stands at the Kassam football stadium in Oxford. I liked the graphic qualities and colour contrasts of the individual shots, but felt that each on its own lacked something. I was prompted to bring them together by a panel competition at Oxford Photographic Society last year and adjusted the sizes and shapes so that the lines flowed from one image to the next. The ventilation grill, lamp and shadow in one of the images provided a break in the symmetry.

Second place was 'Diving Reflection' by Tony

Woods LRPS.



Third place was 'The Wonky Light' by Paula Davies FRPS.



The best of the International Landscape Photographer of the Year awards



Photographer Oleg Ershov won the International Landscape Photographer of the Year award with a folio of spectacular vertical images. In its sixth year, the photo contest delivers a stunning array of images focusing on the beauty of the natural world. Read

To view the gallery and not the ads, click where it says 'VIEW 25 IMAGES' in the upper righthand corner of the first image.

A UK MEMBER

How did Kathryn Phillips find the time to put together this article? She's Chair of the Windlesham and Camberley Camera Club, editor of the SPA Newsletter and the Digital Communications Editor for the RPS Travel Group.



Kathryn Phillips ARPS

Given a blank page to fill with a few hundred words and an invitation to write about 'anything you like to do with photography' the world was my oyster. I confess that, having eventually agreed, I put thinking to one side for a while as I dealt with other things life throws at us. And then the deadline was looming...

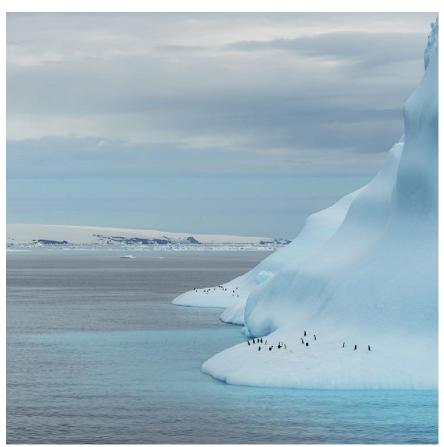


'Wedding' by Kathryn Phillips ARPS - I had just taken this as the young photographer turned around to catch me unawares, resulting in my profile picture, above. It was the wedding of a young Thai couple where I had known the groom since he was about 5 years old. It was great to see a

group of young professional photographers having such fun as they worked.

My ARPS panel 'Jerusalem: City of Faiths' is without doubt my proudest photographic achievement. It was featured in an RPS Journal last year - so all RPS members have had an opportunity to see it and read about it. [Ed: It also features on Kath's RPS profile and is shown in full in Accolade 6 which is now online.]

So I thought it might be worth examining my reasons for taking photographs. In the world of Club photography it so often seems that our only objective is to win competitions or be selected in exhibitions, possibly to have more letters after our names. Yet most of the images which give me most pleasure are those which bring back memories, or which capture a particularly significant moment. Those are the personal things.



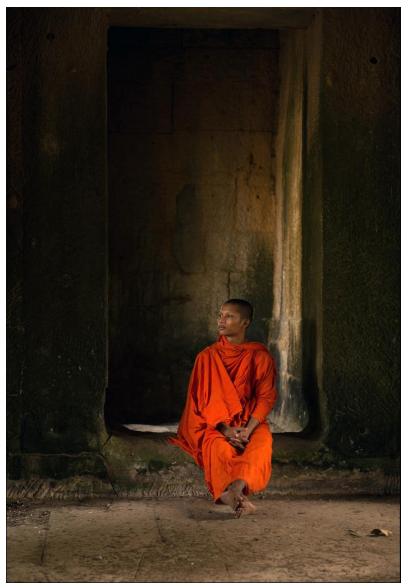
'Antarctic Pastels' by Kathryn Phillips ARPS – Taken at the furthest south we reached in the Antarctic on a gloriously calm January day.

But I think my prime motivation - particularly within the genre of Travel photography - has been to inform: to share the significant features of peoples and their places. This was especially important to me when I was living in Asia and wanting to share experiences there with family and friends at home. I didn't just want them to see scenery, stunning though that may be, I wanted them to feel the place, to be encouraged to go there themselves. It was ten photographs from this period that made up my LRPS panel in 2015.



'Lhasa' by Kathryn Phillips ARPS – Shows the main street of the Himalayan Tibetan town looking towards the famous Potala Palace, historic home of the Dalai Llama. Looking at this, I feel the purity of the air.

With the advent of mirrorless cameras and camera phones the bag is now much lighter than it used to be so I have no doubt I will continue to record my travels; I hope the shots I share will be much more than the much maligned 'record shot'!



'Thoughtful Monk' by Kathryn Phillips ARPS – Taken at Angor Wat in Cambodia

The professionals shine in 2020 Sony World Photography Award finalists



From profound works of photojournalism to surreal and creative abstract entries, the prestigious Sony World Photography Awards is an effective snapshot of the best photography in the world right now. Read more

To view the gallery and not the ads, click where it says 'VIEW 31 IMAGES' in the upper righthand corner of the first image.

WELCOME to our new members this month...

Vincenzo Albano ARPS London Jane Berrisford Crewe

Fay Bowles ARPS Christchurch
John Chatley Wellingborough
Olivia Costello Saltburn-by-the-Sea

Narelle Dellebaite Ayr, Australia

John Donnelly Reading
Karen Dunkason Eastleigh

Nigel Essery ARPS Melton Mowbray
Laure Gibault Paris, France

lain Gilmour Market Harborough

Pat Goodall LRPS Winchester
Anthony Harris ARPS London
Hilary Holmes Wimbledon

Anna Jastrzebska Bristol

Da-Wei Jiao FRPS Taipei, Taiwan
Mike Kitchingman Leighton Buzzard

Catherine Knee Lutterworth
Cameron Leask Linlithgow
Dave Mawby Isle of Lewis

Anthony Moir Solihull

Jennie Mursell LRPS Great Yarmouth

Nigel Owen Bristol
Margaret Rainey FRPS Glasgow
Anne Ruffell ARPS Winchester
Jennette Russell LRPS London

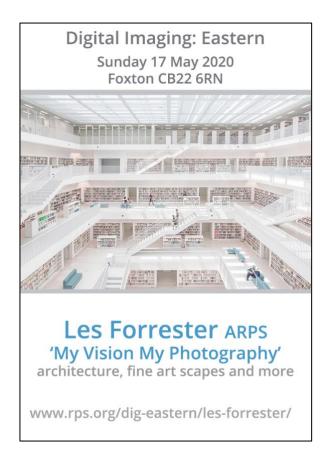
Seamus Ryan Tunbridge Wells

Elizabeth Tarren LRPS Windsor
Andrew Terry Bristol
Susan Tyerman LRPS Yarm

Wen Zhang Hong Kong

DIG CENTRE MEETINGS

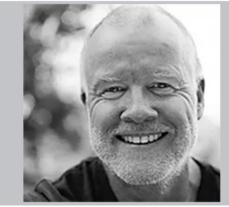
DIG Eastern Centre



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DIG North West Centre

Digital Imaging: North West Sunday 24th May 2020 Frodsham WA6 7QN



Adrian Beasley Getting the most out Lightroom

www.rps.org/dignw-may2020

DIG South East Centre



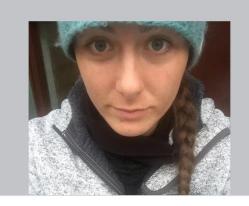


Tesni Ward

A Workshop with Tesni at the
Owl Academy, Kent Life, Maidstone

www.rps.org/workshop-with-tesni-ward

Digital Imaging: South East Sunday 29 March 2020 Maidstone ME17 4HX



Tesni Ward

A Presentation from this young and upcoming Nature Photographer

www.rps.org/talk-with-tesni-ward

DIG Southern Centre





Kevin Maskell FRPS
and
Margery Maskell ARPS
'Prints from out of the Box'

Fine Art, Nature, Landscape, Travel www.rps.org/digsouthern-2020-04

Clicking on any of these ads will take you to its RPS Events page where you can find more information.

DIG Thames Valley Centre

Digital Imaging: Thames Valley
Sunday 22 March 2020
Wokingham RG41 3DA



Colin Westgate FRPS
The Expressive Landscape

Chrissie Westgate FRPS
Mixed Blessings

www.rps.org/digtv-2020-03

Clicking on any of these ads will take you to its RPS Events page where you can find more information.

Digital Imaging: Thames Valley
Sunday 19 April 2020
Wokingham RG41 3DA



Jo Teasdale FRPS

'The Factory' (Jo'sFRPS Panel)
'My Adopted Family'

+ PDI Competition

www.rps.org/digtv-2020-04

Digital Imaging: Thames Valley
Sunday 17 May 2020



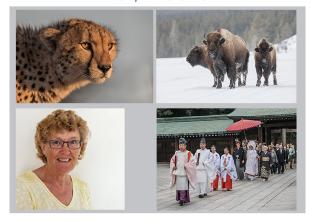
Sam Gregory

MORE THAN AN IMAGE
A JOURNEY INTO
LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHY
& BEYOND

www.rps.org/digtv-2020-05

DIG Western Centre

Digital Imaging: Western
Sunday 10 May 2020
Ilton, TA19 9HG



Sandie Cox ARPS DPAGB
How to take better wildlife images
plus This and That
and Travels around the World

www.rps.org/DIGWesternSandieCox

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DIG Yorkshire & NE Centre





YORKSHIRE & NE CENTRE

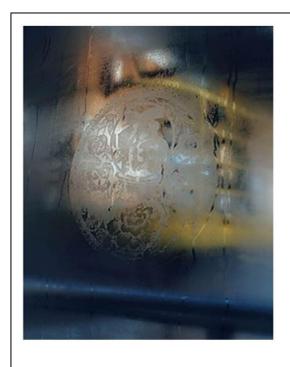
Diane Seddon

"Odd things, and Multiple Exposures"

Saturday 25th April 2020 ~ Clements Hall, York, YO23 1BW

SIG LINK

This section highlights meetings and events from other Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and the RPS in general which seem likely to be of interest.



An afternoon with photographers Teresa Eng and Sarah Lee

DATE AND TIME

14 March 2020 12:00-16:30

VENUE ADDRESS

RPS House 337-340 Paintworks Arnos Vale Bristol BS4 3AR

Book Online



Landscape Group Symposium and AGM

DATE AND TIME

21 March 2020 09:30 - 16:30

VENUE ADDRESS

RPS House 337-340 Paintworks Arnos Vale Bristol BS4 3AR

Book Online



Night landscapes and astrophotography

DATE AND TIME

22/23/24 March 2020

VENUE ADDRESS

Bamburgh and Dunstanburgh Northumberland Bamburgh NE69 7BW



Firle Beacon and the Ouse Valley

DATE AND TIME

30 April 2020 05:00 - 14:00

VENUE ADDRESS

Firle Beacon car park South Downs Way Lewes BN8 6LR

Book Online



Nature Group 2020 AGM and Spring Meeting

DATE AND TIME

4th April 20202 10:00 - 16:30

VENUE ADDRESS

Smethwick Old Schoolhouse Churchbridge Oldbury Birmingham B69 2AS



RPS Travel Group Spring Weekend Annual Dinner & AGM

DATE AND TIME

17th, 18th and 19th April 2020

VENUE ADDRESS

RPS House 337-340 Paintworks BRISTOL BS4 3AR

Book Online



A&H Group AGM 28th March 2020

DATE AND TIME

Saturday 28th March 2020 10.00am till 5.00pm

VENUE ADDRESS

Leatherhead Institute Room G6, Leatherhead Institute 67 High Street LEATHERHEAD KT22 8AH



Members' 2020 Exhibition Selection & AGM

DATE AND TIME

1st March, 2020 10am to 4.30pm

VENUE ADDRESS

Whittlesford Memorial Hall Mill Lane Whittlesford Cambridge CB22 4NE

Book Online

THE RPS WEBSITE

The new RPS website may still be proving a challenge to some. For guidance from the RPS on website basics, visit https://rps.org/new-website. For detailed information on setting up your profile and how to set up a gallery, visit https://rps.org/media/i3aaf51z/myrps-editing.pdf.

If you have not had an opportunity to explore the site, you might want to take a look at the President's news page from Dr Alan Hodgson: https://rps.org/about/president-news/

For everyone's convenience, we will include Chas's list of shortcuts to the main Digital Imaging Group pages at the end of each newsletter for the foreseeable future.

Digital Imaging Group website shortcuts:

DIG Home page www.rps.org/DIG
Membership www.rps.org/DIGMembership
Committee www.rps.org/DIGCommittee
News www.rps.org/DIGNews
Monthly Competition www.rps.org/DIGMonComp
Print Circle www.rps.org/DIGCircle
AGM www.rps.org/DIGAGM
Print Exhibition www.rps.org/DIGExhibition
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Publications www.rps.org/digpubs

There are links to all the Centres from the DIG Home Page.

The three members-only links (DIGIT Archive, Accolade and Welcome Page) are to be found in the email message announcing this newsletter.