

Happy New Year!!

Welcome to 2023: a year when we hope to build on the success of our 'On the Road' event and see a far higher proportion of members actively participating in Group activities. In this newsletter we have listed a number of the opportunities that exist currently - and we would be delighted to hear from you if you feel able to help facilitate any others: local, almost pop up, gatherings would be really welcome to provide opportunities for members to share their various enthusiasms.

Following the brief email you will have received earlier in the month, this newsletter gives you some idea of events further ahead and explains how to book your place at our exciting May weekend.

Some good news from our Treasurer Reduction in Travel Group Membership subscription

Our Treasurer, Justin Cliffe, writes:

You may remember that a decision was taken at our last AGM to reduce the Travel Group's annual subscription from £20 p.a. to £15 p.a. This was to bring us more in line with most of the other Groups and because we have been running a positive bank balance.

This will take effect from when your RPS membership renews this year. So, if you pay your subscription by way of a monthly direct debit, you will continue to pay £1.67 per month for membership of the Travel Group until your RPS membership year ends, when it will reduce to £1.25 per month.

We hope that you will agree that this represents excellent value with two print copy issues of Travel Log per year as well as the subsidy that the Group has provided, and will continue to provide, for our in-person events.

A Sense of Place - Some Different Perspectives

RPS House, Bristol

12-14 May 2023

For many years now the Travel Group has held an annual event in Spring to bring members together and celebrate our shared enjoyment of Travel Photography. There have always been underlying discussions like 'Where does Travel begin?' and 'What on earth does "sense of place" mean?' and this year we decided to tackle the question head-on by looking at some different interpretations.

In 2020, the plan had been to hold the meeting at RPS House to provide an opportunity for members to enjoy the Society's new home, so that's where this year's meeting will be. Accommodation at a special rate is available in the Arnos Manor hotel and we are arranging a meal there on Saturday evening.

There are a number of elements integral to the weekend: you can opt to join some or all of them.

Friday 12th May

10.00a.m. Travel Advisory Day with Hazel Frost FRPS

14.00-16.00 Ginko Walk - Bristol Docks led by Stewart Wall

18.30 - 20.30 Focussing on the Travel Photographer of the Year with Chris Coe

Saturday 13th May

10.00a.m. Travel Group AGM followed by a programme including

- Paul Sanders 'Seeing Uniquely'
- Stewart Wall 'What makes a Successful Photobook and Discovering Haiku Photography'
- Travel Photographer of the Year insight
- Annual Competition results
- Bring a Print competition results

19.00 Evening meal at Arnos Manor Hotel

Sunday 14th May

'Feel the Experience' - a full day workshop with Paul Sanders

10.00a.m. -12noon A Ginko Walk arounds the Paintworks led by Stewart Wall

More detail, including cost for workshops, can be found [here](#)

Booking is open [here](#)

Please note that buying a ticket for Saturday (£25 for Group members) entitles you, also to attend the Friday evening session.

Workshops are bookable separately.

Booking for workshops is exclusive to Travel Group members until 20th February.

Accommodation can be booked at Arnos Manor Hotel, a short walk from RPS House, at preferential rates. To book, call the hotel and say you are attending the RPS Travel Group event.

Any problems or queries email travel@rps.org

Chile - Top to Middle An Apology

I just want to record formally here our apologies for the unfortunate start to Jeremy Richards' presentation. We have no idea what happened to prevent many who were looking forward to the presentation from joining in. We know that the direct Zoom link worked and that the event was correctly set up.

The presentation inspired a few members who DID join to say that their desire to visit Chile was renewed and a few enjoyed revisiting places they had experienced before COVID.

The recording will be online later this week, accessible from our YouTube channel and from the [Recent Events](#) page on the Travel Group website.

Share and Chat 19th February 2023

Mike Longhurst FRPS is going to share with us not only his photography but also the way he uses different images in different styles of Photobook during our next session.

We will ensure that the direct link is sent to all who register 'just in case'!!

As you know, in addition to other bits of news, it has become the custom to have one or two members talk about a favourite or an unusual location, sharing a few images over maybe ten minutes. If that could be you, either (ideally!) for 19th February or at a future date, please contact Richard Lewis who leads these gatherings by email at traveltrips.rps.org.

These online gatherings are not recorded as they depend on interaction on the day - so do join in and share your ideas, too.

Overseas Visits 2023

The Lavender Fields of Provence and the Luberon Villages

29 June - 5 July

All the details are available [here](#) and those interested should contact Keith Pointon in the first instance. Keith's email address is bagpoint@aol.com

Vietnam

22 September - 5 October

Organised by Paul Sansome Photography for the Travel Group, details can be found [here](#) and enquiries should be directed to Richard Lewis in the first instance. Richard's email for this is traveltrips@rps.org

There has been increased interest in both trips recently so please act fairly soon if you are considering taking part in either.

And finally..... Competitions

The closing date for the Travel Group's Travel Image of the Year competition is rapidly approaching. Don't be like me and leave it until the very end and then panic, enter now... details can be found [here](#).

The closing date for our **monthly** competition is the last day of each calendar month.

Kath Phillips ARPS
Chair