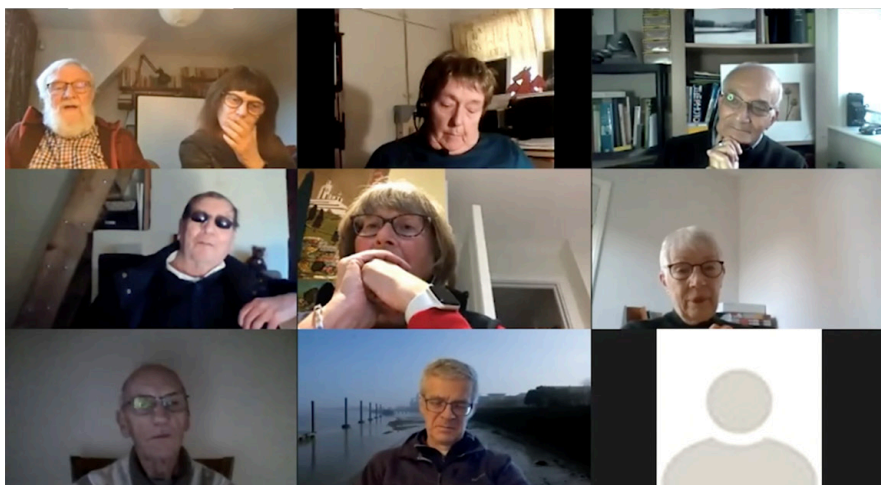


Have you registered yet?

Two events are currently bookable online: this Saturday's 'Journey' with Stu Mackenzie and the Spring Members' Meeting and AGM on April 11th. Please try to join in.



Spring Members' Meeting and AGM

DATE AND TIME

Sunday, 11th April 2021 09.30 (British Summer Time)

VENUE ADDRESS

Online

Join from your location

Link attached to event booking confirmation email

Book Online

FREE

Journey

20th March 2021 at 14.30(UK)

Stu McKenzie is professional photographer, adventurer, veteran, Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and a former Senior BBC Cameraman.

He has filmed and photographed all over the world for the last 22 years, more recently he has lived with Reindeer Herders 200 miles inside the Arctic Circle and migrated into the Altai mountains with Eagle Hunters in Mongolia.

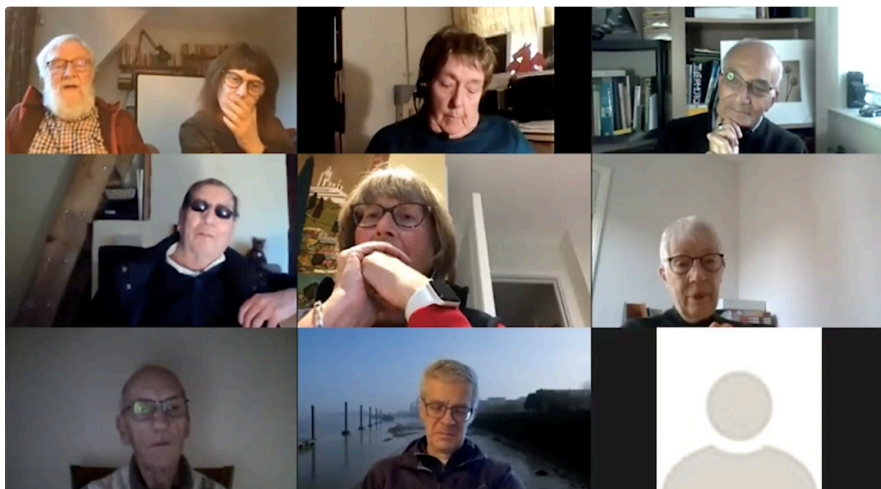
Stu will present a talk called "Journey"; it's an open and honest account of his own journey and how it is intertwined with those he has photographed and the profound effect those journeys have had on him.



Although planned primarily around the interests of Group members our online presentations are open to all and, currently, are available at no cost. Those who are not members of the Travel Group but who would like to know a bit more about its purpose and activities are welcome to join the Members' Meeting on April 11th.

We anticipate that there might be a demand for these to continue and would welcome hearing your ideas. At present we have at least four more online events in the planning for 2021 as well as some 'in person' meetings if they are possible.

Please send your ideas by email to travelweb@rps.org.



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Traditionally, the Travel Group has held a members' event of one or two days each year to coincide with its AGM. This has been a popular opportunity for members to renew acquaintances, share experiences and enjoy some inspirational travel photography. It has also been the time when the results of the annual Projected Image Competition (PIC) are announced and awards presented.

Sadly, last year's planned event fell victim to the pandemic, and so we held an online AGM in October and missed out on our annual gathering.

This year we find ourselves again unable to hold a physical meeting. However, unlike last year, we are not only holding our AGM, which returns to its proper slot of Spring, but are including an online members' event using Zoom. This meeting will focus exclusively on the activities and interests of group members.

It will take place on Sunday, April 11th, starting at 9.45 am.(with log on from 9.30a.m. BST)

The day starts with an address by our President Simon Hill Hon FRPS who will update us on developments within the Society and share some insights into upcoming plans and opportunities.

Next we will have a presentation on the Travel Group's visit to Brazil in 2019, which will be led by Pam Jones LRPS on behalf of the members who went on that memorable trip. As it turned out it was the Group's last before travel restrictions came in.

This will be followed by a discussion of our competitions. Steve Day LRPS, Competitions Coordinator, will go through current activities as well as future possibilities and seek members' comments and suggestions for further opportunities.

Margaret Salisbury FRPS has kindly agreed to undertake the PIC judging role this year. But first she will review the Monthly Competition which is a newly introduced feature and this will be the first time we have featured it at a Spring event. Margaret will select the Best of the 12 Monthly winners for overall Best Image of 2020. She will move on to the Projected Image Competition and provide critique of her top 15 shortlisted entries before announcing the winners and presenting awards.

In the last few Spring Meetings we have held an informal Bring-a-Print competition which has proved increasingly popular. Clearly, that won't be possible this year, so we are inviting participants to load a travel image of their choice as a backdrop for the Zoom meeting. No prizes – just for fun.

Anyone is welcome to join us for the first part of the morning but the AGM which follows is for Travel Group members only.

By now you will have received the official calling notice which provides information on its agenda.

Spring Members' Meeting and Travel Group AGM

Sunday 11 April via Zoom

The Spring Members' Meeting and Annual General Meeting of the Royal Photographic Society Travel Group will be held on Sunday 11 April 2021 at 9.30 a.m. (British Summer Time). We are delighted that some of our overseas members have already expressed their intention to attend.

You will find the provisional programme [here](#)

You will be able to book online to participate and to have a voice in the Group's future plans.

The Formal Notice and Committee nomination form for the AGM will be sent to all Group members by email during the coming week and online booking will open at around the same time.



Volunteering with the Travel Group

Briefly, members will receive reports on the activities of the Group through the year, elect a new Committee of Members and Officers, and discuss several important issues within the Any Other Business section.

We operate with a very small committee, leaving little slack for anyone to be unavailable. But you can help the Group without having to be on the committee.

At this point I should like to make an appeal for Volunteers to help run the group. This includes people to serve on the Committee and others to help organise individual activities and events, perhaps in your local area. The Travel Group can only function, and provide activities and benefits members appreciate, if there is an active group of volunteers. Compared with some other groups, we operate with a very small committee and have very few volunteers to help with regional events. This year we shall be losing some Committee members, so we would really encourage you to consider joining the Committee to help keep the group active.

In addition to the committee there are just one or two people across the membership who have offered to help with local events. We would love to see more travel photography events and we know that, if asked directly, many of you would offer to help. The problem is that we don't see you to ask you, so we need you to step forward and offer.

A number of group members have offered to make online presentations for the rest of the group.

- *Is there anyone who would be willing to organise a day of photography around their local area perhaps co-hosted with their local region?*
- *Or someone who has an idea they would like to offer for a new activity?*
- *Is there someone with skills we're short of - these are especially in the area of digital communication and social media.*

One of the benefits that has come out of Zoom meetings, is that members who are based overseas can join in with us. It's never easy setting a time that works well in all time zones, but we hope that our choice of a 9.45 am start in the UK will prove optimal for many members from the Americas to Asia who do want to attend. We encourage you to join us in this members' meeting and AGM. Registration is via the Events section of the Travel Group website.

The basic questions are:

- *What do you want this Group to be?*
- *How do you want it to develop?*
- *Can you help to make that happen?*

And the best bit – it's all free! There will also be some exciting announcements concerning life beyond lockdown.....

If you would like to discuss this in advance of the AGM, please email travelsecretary@rps.org.

Travel Image of the Month February 2021 results

Thanks to the sterling work done by our Competitions Co-ordinator the monthly competition continues to attract a significant number of high quality entries and our judges, Richard Lewis ARPS and Justin Cliffe ARPS, never have an easy task.

We are grateful to all three for their continued work in this area.



Afternoon Entertainment by Ian Silvester was chosen by Justin as this month's winner from the 36 images submitted.

Justin wrote:

"This image works really well - my eye around the image from the well-positioned girl on the left across to the boat on the bank of the river, up to the steam train nicely positioned on the bridge and then back to the girl again. I did wonder about the red shoes at the corner of the picture, but then felt that this added to the story here. Nice, soft, colour palette - a lovely image - all in all a very worthy winner this month."

Justin also highlighted three other images for commendation. You can see them and his comments, together with all the February entries on the website at <https://rps.org/groups/travel/february-2021-tiom/>

Entries for the March competition are trickling in and either Steve or myself is uploading them to the website. I'm conscious that despite Steve's determination to do less while his health issues are sorted, he is still uploading most of the images: any delay is mine. Please submit your images to travelcompetitions@rps.org in the usual way and we'll make sure they are sent to the judge for the month. Please be sure to remember a. that your images should take into consider the RPS definition of Travel Photography and b. that it is important to stay within the dimensions stated. This is because of the website requirements.

Our thanks to all who enter images regularly: let's see if we can get to 10% of the Group membership entering during this year.

A final thought - a couple of people have asked about the meaning of SIG when booking an event. It means Special Interest Group and, if you are booking a place on a Travel Group event it would help if you would book as a SIG member as it helps us to see if we are in any way meeting members' needs. There is no need also to book an RPS member ticket.

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