



BPS NEWS BULLETIN

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Congratulations to Members

President Fred Barrington achieved success with his image "Embassy Pool" which won 1st prize in the Battersea Society Exhibition category of Battersea Present. According to Fred, the prize was "very worthwhile". The 35metre high, transparent Sky Pool at the Embassy Gardens Development in Nine Elms has proved very fertile ground for his photography with another of his images from the site, "A Bigger Splash" selected for the RPS Summer Exhibition.



Fred with his winning image



Being There - Angela's RPS feature

Angela Ford's images from her recent visit to Mexico are featured in the latest edition of the magazine of the Royal Photographic Society's Visual Art Group. She writes: "My pleasure in photography is capturing impressions and moods of people and places, communicating my own interpretation of a scene by exploring different techniques. Visits to Mexico have inspired me to portray the abundance of colour and culture found in the country."

Her most recent journey took her to Oaxaca as well as Mexico City and the highlight was the celebrations in preparation for The Day of the Dead. Many of Angela's images captured the glow of orange and yellow, highlighting the importance of marigolds to the festival, as well as the traditional purple and black.

The same edition also includes a piece by Eddie Hyde FRPS who will be judging our mono print competition on 20 March. Eddie takes readers into what he terms 'My' Surrey, showing images that have the advantage of being less seen than other more popular destinations. A copy of the magazine will be available at the next BPS meeting for members wishing to take a look.

Never Too Early to Plan for the BPS Annual Exhibition

Our Annual Exhibition will be held as in the last two years in the Main Hall at Christ Church, Beckenham. The member preview opening will be on Wednesday 14 February 2024 when Judge Tony Bramley FRPS will reveal his decisions and present the awards. Then the exhibition is open to the public between Thursday 15 February and Saturday 17 February. It is a great opportunity to showcase your work.

The more important date for your diary at this stage, however, is Wednesday 13 December which is the final evening for submitting your entries. As previously each member may submit 3 Prints and 2 PDIs, all of which will be exhibited. Both the PDIs and the PDIs of your prints will need to have been entered on the photo entry system before this date.

More details to follow in due course but as ever volunteers will be needed for a variety of tasks, including transport and erection of our display panels, the hanging of the images as well as stewarding and after it is all over, taking down the exhibition.

We are exploring better ways of displaying the PDIs. Could anyone who has access to a large screen smart TV or desktop equipment suitable for use at the exhibition please contact Roger Ford at roger.ford@raf50.com

Get Ready for Dennis Berry

This year's Dennis Berry trophy competition is held on 29 November, with entries having to be uploaded to photo entry by 22 November. The Dennis Berry is a competition of five to nine digital images on a theme of your choice. Members are allowed 2 entries, with no classes.

The images are commented upon by an external photographer but judged by the members. This year the commentator is Robin Hudson who just before lockdown gave BPS a presentation of his images as a UrbEx (Urban Exploration) photographer. Robin has recently had a selection of his work published by fine art publisher Tune and Fairweather in a stunning art edition called Modern Ruins. The book is costly, but a digital version is available for £14 via <https://www.tuneandfairweather.com/products/modern-ruins-digital-edition>.

Fred Barrington will send out a useful document for the newer members which describes how to put a panel together for the competition but in advance here are a few tips from him:

- Panels are displayed sequentially; each panel does not have to be chronological, but it should work together from beginning to end.
- Shorter panels work best. So, while between five and nine are permitted, less is usually more. A good strategy is to start with five and ask yourself whether each additional image adds to or confuses your 'story'.
- It is a good opportunity to see your images on the big screen, and usually an interesting evening.

Supporting BPS with Monthly Cash Prizes

BPS has run a successful lottery to enhance fund-raising for several years. Joining the lottery is very simple – just £5 a month by standing order for one stake. It is possible to buy more than one stake.

Each month the club draws two winners – the first prize is 40% of the total raised each month and the second prize is 20%. The remaining 40% goes to club funds. With the current level of participation, the first prize is £50, the second prize is £25. With more members participating the prize fund will rise.

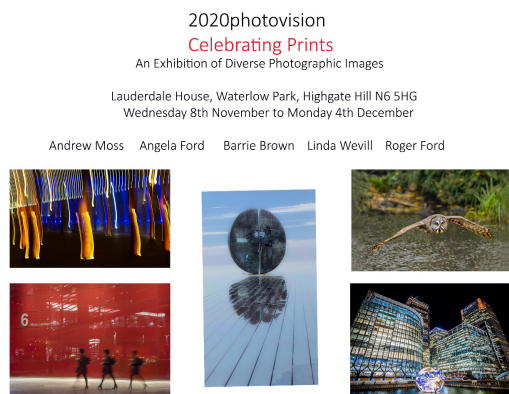
If you are interested in joining the lottery, please set up a standing order with the following account: Beckenham PS; Sort number 60-05-11; Account number 16616200; Reference: Lottery: (Your Name)

Astrophotography

We enjoyed an excellent presentation from Greenwich astronomer Les Brand on Astrophotography. After the meeting several members said they would be interested in participating in a BPS workshop on the subject. It may be possible to organise an event led by Tom Maguire at appropriate venues such as Birling Gap – or further afield in Dorset. Before any planning starts, we would like to gauge likely interest. Could you email Sheree on scdodd@mac.com if you are interested and whether you would be interested in a single evening or a longer visit. Any astrophotography workshop must carry a weather warning – clouds could ruin the chances of good shots.

Events for Your Diary

2020 Photovision – Celebrating Prints: Wednesday 8 November – Monday 4 December



2020photovision

Celebrating Prints

An Exhibition of Diverse Photographic Images

Lauderdale House, Waterlow Park, Highgate Hill N6 5HG
Wednesday 8th November to Monday 4th December

Andrew Moss Angela Ford Barrie Brown Linda Wevill Roger Ford

The 2020photovision exhibition which includes prints from four BPS members will be on display in the Lower and Upper Galleries of Lauderdale House in Highgate Hill. Everyone is welcome to the opening night on Wednesday 8 November from 7.30 pm to 9.30pm - come meet the artists and see the work first!

The gallery is generally open: Monday - Tuesday: 12pm to 4pm; Wednesday: 11am to 3pm; Thursday - Sunday: 12pm to 4pm.

Please note that gallery hours may change or the gallery may close at short notice due to private events. To avoid disappointment, please check the most up-to-date opening hours by clicking [here](#) or calling 020 8348 8716 the day before your visit.

Candlelight Photography Evening at Southwark Cathedral: Wednesday 15 November

Southwark Cathedral is holding another of these popular evenings which a group of members enjoyed some years ago. You can experience the tranquillity of the Cathedral after hours and capture some excellent images with the Cathedral's features lit by candles. An opportunity for a BPS group visit perhaps. Tickets cost £12.50 and are available from the Cathedral website – <https://cathedral.southwark.anglican.org/whats-on/winter-candlelit-photography-evening> or via Eventbrite.

Portrait and Wildlife Exhibitions

Two exhibitions offer the opportunity to see some great images. The Wildlife Photographer of the Year is currently on show at the National History Museum until June next year – see <https://www.nhm.ac.uk/visit/exhibitions/wildlife-photographer-of-the-year.html>. And at the National Portrait Gallery the winners in the Taylor Wessing Photo Portrait Prize 2023 can be seen from 9 November until February - <https://www.npg.org.uk/whatson/exhibitions/2023/taylor-wessing-photo-portrait-prize-2023/>

BPS WhatsApp Site

We will continue to let you know of events and visits by email and newsletter but for last-minute trips BPS WhatsApp site is a useful way of sharing information. If you haven't yet joined the site let Sheree (scdodd@mac.com) know and she will add you to the list of participants.

THANK YOU for reading this News Bulletin. Look out for Issue No 17 in late November/early December. Please send any articles, feedback, images, news items, suggestions, advice, announcements to beckenhampscomms@gmail.com

Deadline for copy for the November/December issue is midday on 16th November