

# Bollington Photographic Group



## Meetings February 2025



### Website 6th February

#### **Present:-**

Tony Hopwood (and Disco Daisy!), Kevin Walton, Andrew Huggett, Ian Walker, Terry Heathcote, Pam Lob, Simon Nottage, John Howarth, Janet Beech.

#### **Apologies:-**

Pat Hirst, David Hirst, Alan Hodgson.

### Questionnaire

- Thanks given to Kev for generating this.
- So far the email newsletter containing the Questionnaire have been sent to 19 members. As of yesterday Simon said 12 have been opened and 5 were clicked and completed have not replied.
- Extend deadline?
- Terry has volunteered to collate the responses.

### Discussion about the Website

**These are comments and suggestions made during the meeting.**

- The overwhelming opinion is that it needs simplifying.
- 70 to 80% of the content needs to be stripped out.
- The website is getting between us and the group.
- Overly complex and cumbersome.
- We don't need the blogs. Comments on our photos are done better at 6 in 10 meetings.
- Tells me \*\*\*ger all so why go on it? (Guess who.)
- The booking for events is underused so is it needed?
- Information about photo walks and meetings is already posted on Facebook (with a link to redirect to the site.)
- The aim for a good website is to get to the answer in three clicks.
- The WhatsApp group is there for comments/help. Again there could be a link from there to the website if necessary.
- The Turners Wall area is very useful.
- Membership renewal seems easy.
- Posting images from the photo walks should be used more often.
- The site should be a good depository of archive images.
- The calendar is useful.
- Could we use iCloud to host our photos?

### The Newsletter

- Everything in the latest newsletter contained things that had already been posted elsewhere.
- Who can this be targeted at? Paid up members or other types of members.
- What can it be used for? Photo walks, meeting themes etc. are catered for in other ways.
- How often should it be sent?
- Perhaps not for emails that can be sent out by Janet but ideas, projects etc. again with links to the website.

## Current Membership

Details supplied by Terry Heathcote

Terry Heathcote
Simon Nottage
Janet Beech
Andrew Huggett
John Howarth
Robert Warhurst
Don Dymer
Ian Walker
Pat Hirst
Kevin Welton
Steven Gilligan
David Hirst
John O'Dell
Alan Hodgson
Bruce Kendrick
Andrew Gregory
Denise Skiffington
Pam Lob
Jackie Timms
Richard Barrow
Tony Hopwood

Leaving the Group	Date Cancelled
Caroline Marshall	December 11 2024
David Baume	December 23 2024
Geoff White	December 2004
Gillian Redin	February 7 2025
Lisa Cox	February 7 2025

## Photo Walks & Open Meetings

### February

- 13th Wide angle walk. Urban Macclesfield. 101 steps and around. 2pm.
- 20th Wide Angle Information Discussion. Introduction of the idea of project groups.
- 27th Along the lower Kerridge ridge. 2pm

### March

- 6th 6 in 10
- 13th Poynton Pool. 2pm.
- 20th Post processing - Andrew and anyone else.
- 27th Ginnels and back alleys walk. Pool Bank 2pm.

### April

3rd Photo Stacking. Macro. Information & discussion.

Good ideas for these meetings have come from the Questionnaire.

We also discussed a visit to Chester Zoo, the Gauntlet Birds of Prey, Knutsford, A Narrow Boat trip.

## Turners Photo Wall

WIDE ANGLED EVERYTHING. Time-scale.

(Note, all dates are inclusive.)

1... 1 to 13 March (13 Days)...

2... 14 to 28 March (15 Days)...

3... 29 to 31 March 3 Days)...

4... 1 April (1 Day)...

To submit your image/s head to our Bollington Photographic Group Web-Site

<https://bollingtonphotogroup.org/>

Submission of images via the BPG web site

Voting.

Confirmation of 12 images with most votes.

Printing of images to A3 for display.

Images up on the Photo Wall in The Turner's

## Next Steps

- Convene a sub committee to join Simon to initiate plans for change to the website.
- Simon will liaise with Terry to "crunch" the information and get it ready to report back through the Newsletter.