



# Bollington Photographic Group

***Welcome!***

**Our site is for members and guests of the  
Bollington Photo-Group.**

**We'd love to welcome you inside to see what we're all about!**

**It's FREE to register. In the meanwhile, please scroll down to  
preview our latest gallery images.**

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What an amazing year this has been.  
Thank you to the committed, hardworking team of the  
**Bollington Photographic Group.**

**Simon Nottage** has been spearheading the development of our website [bpg22.org](http://bpg22.org). There is still an amazing amount of work to do but it is now allowing important things to happen.

It provides a snapshot of our varied activities and quality of work along with access to booking, viewing and voting in our photo wall contest. Membership enrolment, renewal, information about photo walks and open meetings, and booking of places on our events are now easy. It gives us direct links from our Facebook presence. QR coded leaflets direct people to our website. This has been instrumental in increasing our membership substantially over this year.

Initial work in the New Year will be to improve and build individual gallery pages for our members, linked to the group image upload pages. Simon needs our support to make this happen. We need to upload our best images of photo walks, personal passions, events, community involvement etc. so that visitors to the site can see our work. enabling our work to be accessed for the benefit of local groups etc.

And we hope to have the content of our amazing Open Meeting talks uploaded onto our Knowledge Hub soon.

**Andrew Huggett** has been multitasking all year. Spending hours helping Simon with the website, providing expert advice on the photo walks which he organised efficiently and reliably, Updating the group's Facebook page with details of our events. He researches everything he undertakes with great attention to detail. He has improved the photo techniques of a lot of the people who have attended our photo walks with his clear instructions. And he does all this whilst being humble and quietly supportive.

**Terry Heathcote** is our very dedicated and professional. treasurer. Liaising closely with Simon, the money side of membership management is now easily possible via the website. He has a very clear grasp of the intricacies of spreadsheets (something that has always evaded me) and has never failed to explain any important details expertly. He even managed to tackle the difficulties Nat West threw in his way successfully.

**John Howarth** has quietly masterminded some very important improvements to our functioning as a group. His involvement with the people at the Turners Arms resulted in our use of their premises for our meetings. They have been so welcoming.

The “Turners Photo Wall” was a genius idea stemming from his knowledge of previous photographic enterprises. These exhibitions of photographs have spurred our members into their best creative efforts and challenged us to perform well.

Although he has often said that he does not want to be labelled, he is actually the guiding force of the Photo Wall, undertaking to mastermind the necessary website involvement. He is also responsible for insisting that the group makes decisions that it will stick to. His dogged determination to keep us on track is responsible for our success as a group.

**Pat Scanlon** has organised the What’s App Group. This has helped enormously with keeping the group informed. He has very cleverly kept himself out of the limelight while still bringing his past experiences to keep us on the right track when problems arise. When he expresses an opinion we all listen.

**Gill Redin** joined our group when she moved to Bollington in February. Since then she has brought energy and passion into our efforts. She is experienced and proficient in publicity and promotion and is teaching us techniques that help us to reach more people. The group has a lot to thank her for.

We have new members who, although joining very recently, have already made suggestions and requests that have pointed us into fresh directions for our group. So thank you **Don Dymer, Richard Barrow, Tony Hopwood, John Odell, Lisa Cox, Jackie Timms, Kevin Welton, Steven Gilligan, David Hirst, Caroline Marshall, Pat Hirst, Craig Hislop, Graham Barrow and Geoff White**. We look forward to working with you and hope you enjoy our group,



# **Minutes of Meetings**

# Bollington Photographic Group



## Minutes

### Meeting 1

Thursday 19th January 2023

The Turners 7pm



#### **Present:-**

Simon Nottage, Andrew Huggett, Janet Beech, Pat Scanlon, John Howarth, Terry Heathcote.

#### **Apologies:-**

Malcolm Brunt.

#### **Matters Arising:-**

Authorisation of Simon Nottage as an authorised person to do business banking on behalf of Bollington Photographic Group?

It has been agreed by Bollington Photographic Group that Simon Nottage will be authorised, in addition to the Groups Treasurer i.e. Terry Heathcote, to undertake business banking associated with the Group's NatWest business bank account.

This was a unanimous decision.

#### **Finances:-**

- We have £489.72p in our account.

The membership subscriptions were discussed. We decided:-

- to raise the annual subscription to £28 from £25.
- the quarterly membership will cost £8.50
- there would be a free trial web membership for new subscribers for one month.

#### **Membership:-**

There has been our first trial member signed up. Dronergram. He has added two photos to the Winter Competition.

#### **Web Site:-**

It has now gone live!

John Howarth voiced the feeling of all on the committee when he said how much we owe to Simon and Andrew. The web site has involved a huge amount of talent, dedication, time, stubbornness, determination and persistence. And now it is up and running! Thank you so much.

Simon has asked for our continued appraisal of the web site and how it is working. He mentioned the navigation. Is this working or does it need improvement? Is it working over multi gadgets? Are there any other problems?

Several questions were asked and Simon showed us how to sort them.

Obviously there will always be issues to resolve but the hard work has been done.

The old website, Bollington Photo Group, has now been taken down. The payment for the url will continue for 2 years at a cost of £50. This will help towards a transition towards the new site, bpg22.org. After these two years this will be discontinued.

Now we need continuous new content. Simon outlined a challenge that would do this. See in A.O.B.

## **The Turners Photo Wall:-**

There has been some confusion between this and the Winter Photo Competition. We have learned some lessons about making decisions without the backing of the committee. This will help in the future.

We will merge the two competitions and continue as we have always been doing for the Turners Photo Wall.

So the time scale for the next exhibition is as follows:-

2nd January to 19th January - Announce the submission for new exhibition on the website.

20th January to 27th January - Open up for voting. Advertise this on the web site and on Facebook.

Simon and John together will confirm the winners.

31st January - New wall goes up.

The submission window has now closed so we are open for voting. As paid up members we can vote for as many images as we want.

And there is a reminder that these photos should be taken in Bollington or very nearby.

Perhaps the overall winner could have the photo posted as the Hero image.

## **Winter Meetings:-**

### **26th January**

Theme - A Lightroom Workshop

Delivered by Andrew Huggett.

### **23rd February**

Theme "6 in 10"

Hopefully thrown open to some of our friends to join in. People like Andrew Greenwood, Karen Lomax etc.

Each of us should try to invite someone who might be interested.

This should be advertised on Facebook.

### **30th March**

A guest speaker. Lauren Stout and Richard Buck were suggested. Janet will ask Lauren. And Pat knows Richard.

## **Photo Walks - "Bollington at Night"**

"Come and join us this Friday for a short photowalk "Bollington by Night". If you use a smartphone please try setting it to night-mode - (although this mode may activate automatically). If using a mirrorless or DSLR camera try setting it to a high ISO such as 6400. We will meet at Pool Bank carpark at 18.00 sharp - please wrap up well as it will be cold. We will spend about an hour exploring Bollington which looks very different after dark."

We decided that it was far more comfortable to do these walks together as a group. That way it was less suspicious looking. Strength in numbers.

## **Facebook:-**

Our Facebook page needs updating.

Rather than just talking about this, we need someone to take the reins. Malcolm, would you be willing? With help of course.

This is what I have copied from it currently.

### **From the administrator Jim O'Windygates**

The photo is from the group archive and was taken by Anthony Holland.

Get taking photos, load them to the group (only your best and don't ping up hundreds!!) and who knows when the cover shot is changed (around end of the month...or when I remember) your shot could be the 'cover star'

### Group rules

1 It's all about photos & photography

This group is all about showcasing those photographs you have personally taken.

2 Be careful what you post

Do not post graphic or disturbing photos, videos and other media in this group. If you are not sure about the content that you want to post, email the group admin

3 Don't overpost

We encourage individuals to share content relevant to this Group, but please be judicious in doing so.

4 Do not advertise your business on this group.

5. We are not interested in your career, only in your photo's and relevant information...there are plenty of other sites to advertise your business

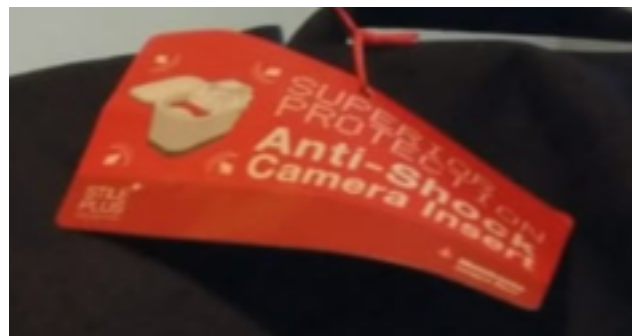
I think these issues to be discussed more thoroughly at our net committee meeting.

From this meeting the things that need to be posted are:-

- The "Bollington at Night" photo walks. Light trails
- Our January Open Meeting 26th January - A Lightroom Workshop.
- 6 in 10 invitation for 23rd February.
- Look at the web site

### A.O.B.

- Bollington Festival. We still need to get in touch with them. Simon volunteered to contact Vera Marten. We need a meeting.
- Picture frames - "11 Nielsen Frames. 40 by 50 cms. Aluminium frames. Black finish. Glass frontages. Good quality. Well made." How do we "get rid" of these out of Janet's loft. Advertise on Facebook? Put into the shop on the Website?
- Ian Davies has a new camera bag that he doesn't need. Free to a good home. Perhaps it could also be advertised on our website.



- Photo Group colour challenge from Simon. A project for the website ongoing for a short while. And we could blog about it. This will help with refreshing the site too.

### Date of next meeting:-

26th January. 7pm Turners Arms.



# Bollington Photographic Group

## Minutes

### Meeting 2

Thursday 16th February 2023

The Turners 7pm



**Present:-** Gill Rodin, Terry Heathcote, John Howarth, Janet Beech.

**Apologies:-** Simon Nottage.

#### **Matters Arising:-**

- Year Booklet. Janet has prepared the booklet detailing all our activities in 2022. It is available for viewing on request.
- Picture frames. The 11 Nielson frames that Janet was storing for the group have now been sold at £10 each. Terry has received £110 from this sale.
- A Lightroom Workshop. Great praise for this meeting. Huge thanks to Andrew for organising it and everyone for contributing.
- Photo Walks. These have been enjoyable and instructive. The best kind of walks!

#### **Finances:-**

At the time of this meeting we have £521 in the bank.

Bollington Photographic Group Accounts

Starting Date: 11 Nov 09

Treasurer: Terry Heathcote

Assistant Treasurer: Jude Park/

Janet Beech

Update January 21 2023

GBP

Bank Transactions

| Date entered     | Paid In | Paid Out | Reason  | Paid to  | Total  | Notes                        | Payment Type                |
|------------------|---------|----------|---|--|--------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Jan 20 2012      | -       | 27.72    | Web site support  | Andrew Huggett   | 434.15 |                              |                             |
| Feb 10 2012      | 46      | -        | Like donation for John Howarth £20. Cash for two sweatshirts £24. Cash donation from Janet Beech £2 | Terry Heathcote who then transferred monies from own account | 480.15 |                              | On-line banking implemented |
| March 11 2012    | -       | 29.63    | Invoice for web services - Simon Nottage  | Simon Nottage  | 450.52 |                              | On-line payment             |
| March 20 2012    | -       | 16.8     | Web site support  | Andrew Huggett   | 433.72 |                              | On-line payment             |
| April 6 2012     | 25      | -        | Annual Subscription T Heathcote   | BPG  | 458.72 |                              | BACS                        |
| April 7 2012     | 25      | -        | Annual Subscription Patrick Scanlon   | BPG  | 483.72 |                              | BACS                        |
| April 7 2012     | 25      | -        | Annual Subscription Andrew Huggett  | BPG  | 508.72 |                              | BACS                        |
| April 8 2012     | 25      | -        | Annual Subscription Malcolm Brunt   | BPG  | 533.72 |                              | BACS                        |
| April 8 2012     | 25      | -        | Annual Subscription Janet Beech   | BPG  | 558.72 |                              | Cheque                      |
| April 8 2012     | 25      | -        | Annual Subscription Ian Walker  | BPG  | 583.72 |                              | Cheque                      |
| April 14 2012    | 25      | -        | Annual Subscription John Howarth  | BPG  | 608.72 |                              | BACS                        |
| April 14 2012    | -       | 20.78    | Licences, etc - Simon Nottage   | Simon Nottage  | 587.98 |                              | BACS                        |
| April 22 2012    | 25      | -        | Annual Subscription - Simon Nottage   | BPG  | 612.98 |                              | BACS                        |
| April 26 2012    | 25      | -        | Annual Subscription - Robert Warhurst   | BPG  | 637.98 |                              | BACS                        |
| May 1 2012       | -       | 16.8     | Web site support  | Andrew Huggett   | 621.18 |                              | BACS                        |
| May 5 2012       | 15      | -        | Camera Workshop in Bollington Library   | BPG  | 636.18 | Fees (£35) - room hire (£30) | BACS                        |
| June 12 2012     | -       | 90.43    | Invoice for web services - Simon Nottage  | Simon Nottage  | 545.75 |                              | BACS                        |
| June 12 2012     | -       | 8.4      | Web site support  | Andrew Huggett   | 537.35 |                              | BACS                        |
| June 15 2012     | -       | 9.6      | Web site support  | Andrew Huggett   | 527.75 |                              | BACS                        |
| June 22 2012     | -       | 46.89    | Photo paper & frames for Turner Arms Exhibition   | John Howarth   | 480.86 |                              | BACS                        |
| July 22 2012     | 25      | -        | Annual Subscription - Di Dwyer  | BPG  | 505.86 |                              | BACS                        |
| August 14 2012   | 10      | -        | John Howarth - Turners Wall Photos  | BPG  | 515.86 |                              | BACS                        |
| August 14 2012   | 12.5    | -        | T Heathcote and J Beech - Turners Wall Photos   | BPG  | 528.36 | Janet £2.50                  | BACS                        |
| August 14 2012   | -       | 16.8     | Web site support  | Andrew Huggett   | 511.56 |                              | BACS                        |
| August 18 2012   | 25      | -        | Annual Subscription - June Jackson  | BPG  | 536.56 |                              | BACS                        |
| August 15 2012   | 2.5     | -        | Simon Nottage - Turners Wall Photos   | BPG  | 539.06 |                              | BACS                        |
| August 15 2012   | 5       | -        | Andrew Huggett - Turners Wall Photos  | BPG  | 544.06 |                              | BACS                        |
| Sept 8 2012      | -       | 27.99    | John Howarth - A3 Photo Paper   | John Howarth   | 516.07 |                              | BACS                        |
| Oct 4 2012       | -       | 16.8     | Web site support  | Andrew Huggett   | 499.27 |                              | BACS                        |
| October 25 2012  | 22.5    | -        | T Heathcote & J Beech Turners Wall Photos   | BPG  | 521.77 | Janet £13.50                 | BACS                        |
| October 4 2012   | 100     | -        | Grant from Bollington Town Council  | BPG  | 621.77 |                              | BACS                        |
| October 25 2012  | -       | 39.99    | Ink Cartridges  | John Howarth   | 581.78 |                              | BACS                        |
| October 25 2012  | 4.5     | -        | John Howarth - Turners Wall Photos  | BPG  | 586.28 |                              | BACS                        |
| November 4 2012  | 21.55   | -        | Simon Nottage - Turners Wall Photos   | BPG  | 607.83 |                              | PayPal                      |
| October 31 2012  | 0.01    | 0        | Paypal Check  | Paypal   | 607.84 |                              | PayPal                      |
| October 26 2012  | 4.5     | -        | Andrew Huggett - Turners Wall Photos  | BPG  | 612.34 |                              | BACS                        |
| November 24 2012 | -       | 16.8     | Web site support  | Andrew Huggett   | 595.54 |                              | BACS                        |
| December 2 2012  | -       | 109.78   | Simon Nottage - Website Support   | Simon Nottage  | 485.76 |                              | BACS                        |
| January 23 2013  | -       | 47.04    | Web site support and Domain .org extension  | Andrew Huggett   | 442.72 |                              | BACS                        |

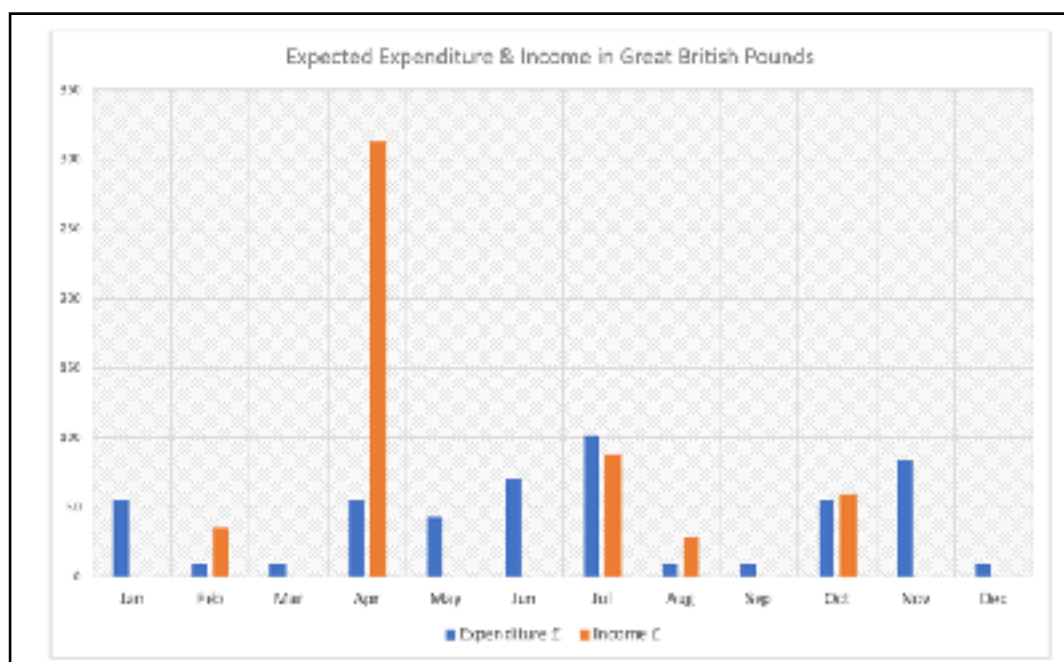
#### Notes:

1. Feb 2023: Need to reserve £25 for printing costs for non members competition entries

| Expected Income  |   |             |                |
|--|---|-------------|----------------|
| Description  |   | Income (£)  |                |
| <b>Turners Wall Exhibition</b>   |   |             |                |
| - Income from members for 19 images at £5 per image - Jan to June      | - | 95          |                |
| - Income from members for 24 images at £5 per image - July to December | - | 120         |                |
| <b>Total</b>   |   | <b>215</b>  | Variable Costs |
| <b>Membership Fees</b>   |   |             |                |
| - Income from nine members paying £28 each in April                    | - | 252         |                |
|  |   |             |                |
|  |   |             |                |
|  |   |             |                |
| - Income from one member paying £28 in July                            | - | 28          |                |
| - Income from one member paying £28 in August                          | - | 28          |                |
| <b>Total</b>   |   | <b>308</b>  | Variable Costs |
| <b>Overall Expected Income Total</b>                                   |   | <b>\$23</b> |                |

The current bank balance as of Feb 23th is £412.43, Sale of frames has raised an additional £120, Total = £532.43

| Provisional Budget for 2023 (February 13 2023)                |                 |                 |             |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Expected Expenditure  |                 |                 |             |
| Description   | Expenditure (£) | Expenditure (£) |             |
| <b>Turners Wall Exhibition</b>                                |                 |                 |             |
| - Inks and paper for two sets of 12 photos - Jan to June      | -               | 90              |             |
| - Inks and paper for two sets of 12 photos - July to December | -               | 90              |             |
| <b>Total</b>  |                 | <b>180</b>      | Fixed Costs |
| <b>Website Support - Ongoing Costs</b>                        |                 |                 |             |
| - <u>Pixabuilder</u> extensions - Annual renewal May 28th     | 33.97           | 33.31           |             |
| - <u>Pixabuilder Elements Pro</u> - Annual renewal June 7th   | 49              | 40.83           |             |
| - Domain name 'egg22.org' - Annual renewal June 13            | -               | 19.2            |             |
| - Website template: REIGN - Annual renewal July 29th          | 52              | 51.67           |             |
| - <u>Evolve Gallery PRO</u> - Annual renewal November 24th    | 89              | 74.17           |             |
| - Hosting of website - £9.60 per month - Jan to June          | -               | 57.6            |             |
| - Hosting of website - £9.60 per month - July to December     | -               | 57.6            |             |
| <b>Total</b>  |                 | <b>334.38</b>   | Fixed Costs |
| <b>Overall Expected Expenditure Total</b>                     |                 | <b>\$14.38</b>  |             |



### **The Turners Photo Wall:-**

The Winter Wonderland wall of photos has received a lot of praise from the customers at the Turners. They have said it is the best wall of photos so far.

Simon Nottage has sold one of his photos. Congratulations.



Dates for the new wall are

Submit images - 2nd March to 19th March

Vote for them - 20th March to 28th March

Have them on the wall by - 1st April

We have decided on the theme of "Signs of Spring" for the next exhibition.

We discussed the procedure for the resale of photos. The sign displayed with the photos now states that, since the photos belong to the photographer, they should be contacted to agree a price.

This display is our shop front. At the next committee meeting we must settle the details of selling any images from our Group's displays.

Terry, with his Treasurer's hat on, suggests 10% of the sale price to the Group. I will put it on the next meeting's agenda.

When the display is dismantled, the photos are to be returned to the photographers concerned.

## Photo Walks -

"Bollington at Night." These walks happened over two nights, starting from different locations. They were very instructive. More ideas?

- Signs of Spring.
- White Nancy sunsets.
- Star Trails.
- Panoramas.
- Mimic other people's shots.

We should always try to engineer some learning as we go.

## Monthly Meetings:-

### 23rd February

Theme "6 in 10"

Andy Langdon, DroneGuy, Don Dwyer, and Karen Lomax have been approached.

Karen has apologised. She will be working that night but might be interested in the future.

Just in case anyone else drops out, we should be prepared with images of our own.

### 30th March

Lauren Stout, who produced the book, Faces of Bollington, has agreed to come to talk about her work.

The next monthly meetings are:-

**27th April**

**25th May**

**29th June**

## Web Site:-

I asked Terry if he could calculate how much the website has cost the group so far.

This is what he sent me.

**BFG Website Costs**      Date: Jan 30 2023

**Original Website Costs**

| Date              | Cost (£GBP)  |
|-------------------|--------------|
| March 3 2019      | 17.97        |
| July 26 2019      | 58.66        |
| Dec 9 2019        | 24           |
| June 19 2020      | 29.65        |
| Nov 26 2020       | 35.96        |
| March 25 2021     | 53.72        |
| July 5 2021       | 25.2         |
| Nov 19 2021       | 25.2         |
| Jan 20 2022       | 27.72        |
| Mar 20 2022       | 36.3         |
| May 1 2022        | 36.3         |
| June 12 2022      | 8.4          |
| June 15 2022      | 9.6          |
| August 14 2022    | 36.3         |
| Oct 4 2022        | 36.3         |
| November 29 2022  | 36.3         |
| January 21 2023   | 47.04        |
| <b>Total Cost</b> | <b>441.4</b> |

**New Website Costs**

| Date              | Cost (£GBP)   |
|-------------------|---------------|
| June 5 2021       | 60            |
| March 11 2022     | 29.63         |
| June 17 2022      | 90.43         |
| December 2 2022   | 176.78        |
| <b>Total Cost</b> | <b>296.84</b> |

I make that £731.24p

These costs are for both the original and current websites.



Terry said that he did not realise that the cost of the various plug ins were not one off payments. He has been told that the website will cost £334 per year. And he has asked that there is a review costs every quarter each year to see if it is paying for itself.

Unfortunately Simon could not attend this meeting. Would it be possible to identify how much per month we will have to pay going forward?

We did say that, up until now, the group has been supporting the website and hopefully going forward the website can support us.

Would it be possible to populate the "Best of" Gallery with photos from the various events and photo walks that we have been involved with.

### **Events from last year**

- Bollington Horticultural Society's Spring Show March 12th
- Children and Parents Photo Walk Saturday 9th April 2022
- Street Photography Sunday 10th April 2022
- 'Get to Know Your Camera' Library Workshop Saturday 7th May 2022
- Jubilee Beacon 2nd June 2022
- Bollington Tesco - Opening 7th July 2022
- Bridgend Centre Talk - Terry Heathcote. Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November
- Mayor's Christmas Card

### **What next?**

#### **The Random Apple Co**

Blossom season.

#### **Children & Parents Photo Walk?**

Maybe we could shelve this.

#### **Beeston Quarry Photo Shoot**

For the lighter nights.

#### **Smart Phone Zoom Meeting**

Vince Sparks?

### **A.O.B.**

- If we are having a meeting when the television is needed we need to ensure that necessary connection is easier. John has spoken to Mick about this and plans are afoot. Also, we should arrive in time for the TV set up to be ready for the official start of the meeting.
- We have been asked if we would like to participate in the Bollington Walking Festival. We decided not to because these events are more walking and less photos

### **Date of next meetings:-**

23rd March Committee Meeting

30th March Lauren Stout

# Bollington Photographic Group



## Meeting

### Meeting 3

Thursday 23rd March 2023

The Turners 7pm



**Present:** Andrew Huggett, John Howarth, Pat Scanlon, Terry Heathcote, Gill Redin, Malcolm Brunt, Janet Beech.

**Apologies:** Ian Waker, Simon Nottage, Robert Warhurst, Don Dymer, Jacky Timms, June Jackson. And apologies from Janet. She did not know that Jacky Timms and Richard had paid for Introductory membership and therefore qualified to join us at this meeting.

#### **Finances**

- It has been agreed that we should offer a £30 M&S voucher to Lauren Stout for her presentation to our group next week.
- We have £504 in the bank.
- Several membership subscriptions are due in April. Terry and Simon will discuss how best to manage these.

#### **Turners Photo Wall**

This display is the shop front for our group.

It is all credit to John who has masterminded this venture. He has built on an existing idea and turned it into something very successful. It is an enjoyable thing to do which also is being well received by the customers and staff at the Turners.

There needs to be some clarification about the “rules” or alternatively “terms of entry.”

#### **Submission of images**

- We decided that it should be called an “Exhibition.” (Not a competition or a contest.)
- Only paid up members of the BPG can enter images.
- Only 3 images can be submitted by each member.
- The photos should have been taken in Bollington or its surrounds.
- There is space on the wall for 12 images. The images with the most votes will be used. If, however, there is a tie in the voting, an executive decision will be made by John to choose the final twelve. (At this stage the images would be anonymous.)

#### **Voting for images**

- The choice of images will be decided by voting.
- Facebook involvement is to be encouraged for the voting stage. A link to the website will be posted on our group’s page. BPG members can vote too.
- No voting for your own image.
- Only one vote for each image you like but how many votes you use is up to you.

#### **The exhibition of images**

- Each photo printed will have the name of the photographer on it.
- The photos belong to the photographer. They are for sale. The photographer should be contacted for a price if someone wants to purchase them.
- Images could be printed for sale at a cost (currently of £5) or offered as a jpeg.
- 10% of the profits of sale go to the Group.

#### **New dates for the wall**

Submit images - until 7th April

Vote for them - from 8th to 16th April

Confirm and print Photo Wall 17th to 19th April

Have them on the wall by - 20th April

## Photo Walks

It needs to be said that Andrew should be praised for his support and knowledge during these walks. He comes to each one ready to answer questions about the use of the different cameras participants have. He has researched these beforehand whenever he can. Thank you so much Andrew.

The best walks seem to be when we engineer some learning as we go.

The "Signs of Spring" theme has generated 5 photo walks.

## Walking Festival

Terry has been in touch with the organisers and explained to them that we will not be participating. However, if anyone is interested in joining our photo walks, they should watch for details on our Facebook page.

### Ideas for new walks:-

- Richard Gay mountain bikes. Janet has made several attempts to contact the people - so far with no success.
- Last year the Random Apple company did say that we might contact them during blossom time for a visit. Janet has made one attempt but will try again.
- A Sunset Walk. Andrew recommended an App called SkyCandy that helps with forecasting good ones.
- Walks connected with the suggested new themes for the Turners Photo Wall. These are
- The Love of Trees
- Monochrome
- Clouds
- Bollington Streets

## Monthly Meetings

30th March - Lauren Stout



Teacher, author and photographer Lauren Stout who chronicled the people of Bollington during lockdown pictured at the launch of her People of Bollington book (Image: Richard Buck)

27th April - "Back to Basics."

Suggestions for 25th May & 29th June are

A website introduction meeting.

Film Photography.

Talk about our cameras.

Back button.

Technical details.

Editing tools.

## Website

Will it allow us to vote only once for an image?

Will it prevent us from voting for our own image?

Will it tell us when the voting will start? (For the photo group members and the Face members too?)

- The feeling of everyone is that we need a meeting with members dedicated to the Website itself.
- If this happens, we felt that it would help if we all came armed with the positives we recognise about it.
- We could discuss our ideas of a way forward with Simon as we see them.
- And Simon could tell us what he wants from us to make his work load lighter.

## Membership:-

Most of us will need to renew our membership in April.

## Facebook:-

It was decided that Andrew would make Malcolm Brunt should be made an Administrator.

Malcolm wants to sort out how to share posts from our group to others effectively.

## Bollington Festival

Meeting with Rebecca Roth-Biester 17.3.23.

### These are Rebecca's notes:-

#### Key Points

- Website: [bpg22.org](http://bpg22.org)
- Founded in 2007 in the run-up to 2009 Festival. Originally called "Bollington Festival Photography Group"
- BPG is extremely keen to be involved in 2026 Festival and potentially 2024 Jubilee Jamboree
- Important BPG members are known to Festival Committee (and stewards) and easily identifiable at events to avoid any misunderstandings in terms of event admission
- New member of BPG, "Richard" is a professional drone operator - Chris Bennett has his contact details
- At a previous Festival a webcam was set up in a window overlooking the Festival marquee - taking shots every seven minutes - the footage is in BPG archive
- No photos were permitted at the last Festival's "Bollington Best" event featuring lots of school children - might be worth considering an "opt-out" option in future, so there is an assumption photos are taken unless participants actively request they are not photographed
- BPG has plenty of images of Festivals since 2007 but it would be terrific to launch a campaign to encourage folk to share any pre-2007 photos - particularly as we will be celebrating 60yrs of the Festival
- There are also plenty of old Festival videos around
- Andrew would love to gather vintage Kodachrome slides of the Festival as well - he can scan them at very good resolution

#### ACTION

- Rebecca to meet with Simon Nottage - founder of BPG, now retired, created BPG website and has lots of ideas
- Rebecca to act as Festival contact point for BPG members
- Longer term, a member(s) of BPG to attend a future Bollington Festival meeting, to put faces to names and share ideas.

## Janet's notes from the meeting

- We hope to be recognised as part of the Festival team, rather than "outsiders."
- Perhaps we could be recognised as such with official Festival lanyards like all the other volunteers.
- We would like to be invited to the Volunteers meeting before the Festival.
- We know how to be low key at Festivals.
- The next full Festival will be in 2026.
- Rebecca mentioned that it will be the 60th anniversary of the Festival and they were wondering about archive images from past Festivals. We wondered if this would be a good opportunity to persuade people



to look through their family archive of photos from the 60's onwards that are still on Kodachrome slides. We could digitise them.

- We stressed how interested we are to liaise with the Festival via websites. And explained that Simon is very keen to contact the Festival Committee's web person. Contact Matt Butcher.



Matt Butcher  
**BRAND, COMMS & MARKETING**

[hello@mbutcher.co.uk](mailto:hello@mbutcher.co.uk)

These two Festival Committee members might be the best to try to liaise with initially.



Richard Gay **VICE CHAIR AND LEGACY**

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#### **A.O.B.**

- Malcolm did a talk for the Cub Scouts at St Peter's Church in Macclesfield. He talked about the basics of photography to help to prepare them for a photography badge. He recommended a theme of Signs of Spring.
- Gill recommended that we use Instagram. Apparently we do have an Instagram account. Andrew is going to research this.

#### **Dates of next meetings**

- Open meetings on last Thursday of the month.
- Committee meeting 1 week before that.
- We need to organise a website meeting. Janet will contact Simon about this.

# Bollington Photographic Group

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### Meeting 4

Thursday 27th April 2023

The Turners 7pm



**Present:** Malcolm Brunt, John Howarth, Terry Heathcote, Janet Beech, Gill Redin (& Buster), Andrew Huggett, Simon Nottage,

**Apologies:** No member apologies but a big apology from Janet. This meeting is one week later than planned because I forgot to read my diary.

#### **Matters arising**

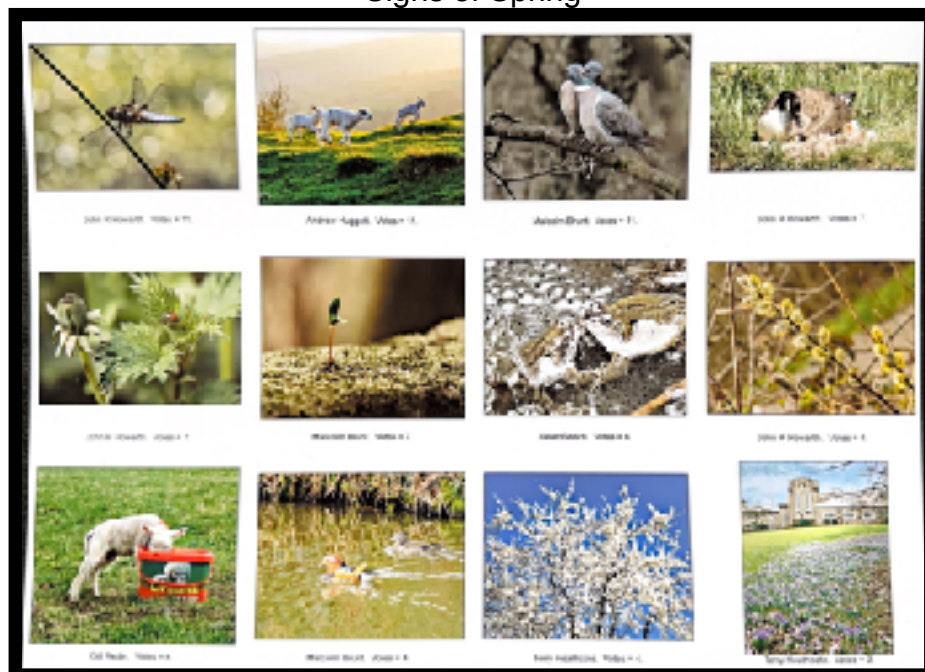
- Malcolm has not yet had feedback from his talk for the Cub Scouts at St Peter's Church in Macclesfield.
- We discussed Gill's recommendation that we use Instagram. We checked and we do have an Instagram account.

#### **Finances**

- We have £560 in the bank.
- There are £73 of pending transactions.
- We need £295 to support the website for the year.
- Membership renewal is happening now
- Getting Simon as a signatory on the Nat West account is taking a much longer time than expected.

#### **Turners Photo Wall**

##### Signs of Spring



The new images are up on the wall and are getting good comments so far.

Submission for images for the next exhibition will be from 1st June and should be going up on the wall by the 1st July.

Suggestions for the next theme are Reflections, Streets of Bollington, Bollington Festivals / Events, Light and Shade but the winner is .....

**TREES.**

### **Photo Walks**

- The Random Apple Company have agreed to let us photo the trees in blossom. The theme of Trees can be started off well by this visit. (Random Apple Company phone number 07742 678873. Contact is Sarah.) We will arrange this soon.
- Adam Sebes, who is the contact for photos of mountain biking in Styperson Wood. is proving hard to contact. (Mobile number is 07712 042278. Business name is HS Cycles) Janet will keep trying!
- Chesney has confirmed that he will arrange a walk around Beeston Quarry sometime.

### **Monthly Meetings**

27th April -This has been delayed by one week. New date will be 4th May. Details to advertise the talk are:-

#### **Tips to Improve your Photographs**

Are your photos too light or too dark?

Do you know what simple things to look for when composing a photograph?

Do you know how to handle available light?

It doesn't matter if you use your Mobile or a Compact camera, SLR, DSLR, our tips will help you to take better photos.

Find out how to take a picture of a white polar bear in the snow!

Malcolm Brunt

There was talk about how to get the TV set up for the talk.

Malcolm said he would find an image to go with the post. This is what he found:





My suggestion - Well, maybe not!  
Sorry Malc!

Suggestions for 25th May & 29th June are  
A website introduction meeting.

- Film Photography.
- Talk about our cameras.
- Back button.
- Technical details.
- Editing tools.

We will have to make a decision about this at next week's meeting.

### **Website**

- We are going to have a meeting dedicated solely to the website on Thursday, 11th May at 7pm.
- We have decided to target things that we find good/not so good. Problems we find, things that work well.
- We should bring any mobile devices we might use and list which operating systems or device we use.
- Also we hope to identify ways that **WE** can help to make the website work instead of all the effort falling on Simon with Andrew's help.

### **Membership:-**

As mentioned under the heading "Finances" the membership renewals are underway now.

We mentioned Robert Warhurst, Ian Walker, Richard the Drone Guy, Helen Marshall and Phil Mobey. We hope they will renew.

### **Facebook:-**

Andrew Huggett will post about Malcolm's talk on Facebook. We need to share it in as many ways as we can.

### **Bollington Festival**

Hello Janet,

We're about to launch the idea of having a Bloomin' Bollington on 24 and 25 May, 2023. I wonder whether this is something that the Photographic Group might want to participate in too?

The essential premise of the project is that via social media and posters and banners about the town, we hope to invite the community (including Kerridge, Pott Shrigley, and Rainow) to have 'front of house' displays of window boxes, tubs, pots, hanging baskets, and even front gardens; these displays might be real flowers/vegetables or hand-crafted displays of flowers or butterflies. We have also invited all the pubs in Bollington and several have already agreed. Lastly, school children will be invited to create pots, etc, which will be displayed on the Rec on the Sunday 25 June.



There will be no theme or fee. Displays could be traditional or eccentric. We will collect the addresses of participants and create a trail that will be found on the Festival website.

We hope to collect photos of all the displays. So, we could either ask participants to submit their own or, I wondered whether your members might like to take 'official' photos? All photos will be shown on the Festival website and maybe on social media.

Might this appeal to your members? Let me know what you think, please.

Many thanks.

Kind regards - Vera

I replied that we need firm details.

**A.O.B.**

- Our group's Facebook page was hacked and Andrew turned it into a private group. Now we cannot share any posts. So Andrew will reverse this change.
- Janet suggested that we all have a meal together. A party at Papas - followed by a visit to a pub? We have worked hard - with considerable suggest and could reward ourselves. Janet has asked John to find out how many people they can accommodate and maybe suggest some dates.

**Dates of next meetings**

- Web Site Meeting Thursday, 11th May at 7pm
- Tips to Improve your Photographs 4th May.

# Bollington Photographic Group

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### Meeting 5

Thursday 6th July 2023

The Turners 7pm



**Present:-** Simon Nottage, Pat Scanlon, Janet Beech, John Howarth, Terry Heathcote, Ian Walker.

**Apologies:-** Gill Redin, Don Dwyer, Robert Warhurst.

#### **Finances**

- Membership renewal. Going well. 9 full members have renewed full membership and Gill Redin has also paid a full membership subscription, making 10 fully paid members now. Malcolm Brunt has resigned. Jackie Timms and Richard have renewed for a further three months. We are not sure about June Jackson. Terry will contact her.
- We have £708.75p in the bank at the moment.
- Simon as a signatory on the Nat West account has still not happened but it hasn't been because of a lack of effort.
- Terry has applied for a grant from the 2023 Beer Festival. He has applied for £600. He has sent the necessary paperwork to support our application. Fingers crossed.

#### **Turners Photo Wall**



- The “Trees” exhibition is now on the wall.

- John identified a problem encountered when trying to view an image on the website. The photo is displayed as square on the grid instead of rectangular.
- The new exhibition will have the theme “Reflections.” This will go up at the beginning of September.

## **OUR GROUP GOING FORWARD**

There is a strong feeling that we, as a group, should get back to doing what we enjoy. **Photography.**

The development of the website and Covid has deflected our direction but it is time to refocus.

Our priority is Photography - and socialising with like-minded friends. (Someone mentioned a pub!)

How we plan to do this is to produce a six month programme of meetings, events, walks etc. that we can publish on the Website, Facebook and Instagram. This will also give us a framework to work around.

We brainstormed ideas and produced this list of suggestions. I made a stab at putting them into categories:-

### **Monthly Meetings**

- Film Photography.
- Talk about our cameras.
- Back button.
- Technical details
- Website introduction meeting.
- Editing tools.
- Showing photos of Bollington events
- Infrared photography
- Astronomy
- Richard drones
- Raw file One Image Member manipulation
- Camera session

### **Events**

- Trip away from Bollington
- Beer Festival
- Starling murmurations
- Walking Festival September
- Buxton Day of Dance
- Jodrell Bank
- Gooseberry Shows
- Bollington Bikes and Boats
- Marton Trout Farms
- Scarecrow Festival
- Well Dressings June/July
- Cheshire Steam Fair
- Sheepdog trials
- Bollington Brewery
- Cat and Fiddle Brewery
- Anderton Boat lift

### **Photo Walks**

- Shopkeepers of Bollington
- Beer Gardens of Bollington
- Open Gardens
- Bollington Festival
- Bollington Flowers
- Sheep shearing photos
- Fell Race
- Star Trails
- Shining Torr
- Walks with a theme for the Turners Wall

## **Website**

Simon has worked hard on the front page.

Feedback had identified that we should have photos available for non members to view.

At the moment there are only the Love Bollington Montage.

We decided that we need photos of:-

Our Turners Exhibitions

Photo Walks

Events we attend.

Simon will make a start on this by uploading the Bollington Beer Festival 2013 montage.

We also identified that we really need at least one other person, apart from Simon and Andrew, to be involved practically with the website. Any ideas?

## **A.O.B.**

Meeting dates have be reviewed.

Probably the monthly meetings will be moved to the first Thursday of the month. Janet will ask if this is OK with the Turners.

And on the third Thursday we will have our Open meetings. So.....

## **Dates of next meetings**

3rd August

17th August

# Bollington Photographic Group

## Minutes

### Meeting 6

Thursday 3rd August 2023

The Turners 7pm



**Present:-** Terry Heathcote, Andrew Huggett, Pat Scanlon, Don Dymer, Gill Redin, Simon Nottage, Janet Beech, John Howarth.

**Apologies:-** Non received.

#### **Finances**

- We have £699 in the bank.
- There is £90 needed for the website to see us to the end of the year.
- After 6 months of trying Simon has now become a signatory on the Nat West account.
- Nothing has been heard yet about our grant application from the Bollington Beer Festival.
- Terry needs to make another application for a grant from the Bollington Town Council. He thinks that we should not apply for money to service the website again this year. He asked for help deciding what our focus for funding should be. Several things were suggested.

Educational events in the library.

An exhibition of photographs.

A stall on a Love Bollington Market to promote our group.

Posters/ leaflet flyers.

Terry asked for this to be decided at our next meeting because the grant application has to be submitted by October.

#### **Turners Photo Wall**

Submission for images for the Reflection exhibition is now happening. The new exhibition will be mounted at the beginning of September.

Terry has identified a problem with one of our members who has had images included but has not paid for the printing. This is extracts from the email exchange:-

*"Hi. Sorry to trouble you but with my Treasurers Hat I've just been checking the Bollington Photographic Group accounts. Could you please let me know whether you have tried to pay the £20 owing for the exhibition photos using the website. If so, and you have experienced problems would you rather pay using BACS? If this method of payment is more convenient for you then I will send you the bank details."*

*"Hi Terry,  
I haven't tried to make any payment re the website for photos from the exhibition.  
I have looked at them, if I have clicked anything it was by error ...  
Kind regards"*

*"Hi Terry,  
Just to confirm I won't be purchasing the photo from the exhibition.  
With kind regards "*

We discussed how to deal with this. Better clarification about entry to the exhibition on the website seems to be the way forward. Simon will make things clearer on the website. And secondly Terry will send an email reinforcing this.

## Website

In response to the problem outlined above about payment for entry to the Turners Wall Exhibition, Simon has adapted the website to read:-

*"The winner(s) will have his/her image(s) professionally printed and displayed in the Turners' photographic exhibition. A small charge of £5 will be levied for chosen images to help cover the printing and materials cost. Images must be submitted through this Is of meetings, events, photo walks etc. website. See terms and conditions."*

Simon spoke about the issue John Howarth had identified when viewing submissions for the Turners Exhibition. For this issue to be resolved we might have to buy a new plug in.

## Calendar of dates for meetings each month

After a **long** discussion about this we decided on a clear schedule of dates for meetings, events, photo walks etc. which we can publicise.

1st Tuesday- Committee Meeting

2nd Thursday - Daytime photo walk

3rd Thursday - Open Meeting

4th Thursday - Evening photo walk

Perhaps we could create some publicity using flyers similar to these from our archives!

**BOLLINGTON Festival Photography**  
Bollington Festival Photography Group  
invite you to join us each week

### Friday Photo Walks

All walks start at the **Ranger Station** Adlington Road at **7 pm**.  
Each walk will concentrate on a different photographic technique.

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| 29th April "Close Up"        | SPECIAL EVENTS                               |
| 27th May "Reflections"       | 25th November "The Night Sky"                |
| 24th June "Black and White"  | led by Professor Ian Morison                 |
| 29th July "Camera on Manual" | This evening is held at Syngress Road Garage |
| 26th August "Panoramas"      | Also 29th October WALKING FESTIVAL           |
| 30th September "Low Level"   | Iceberg Bollington                           |
|                              | This walk starts at 4pm                      |

Bring a camera! Ask questions, share experiences and compare images.

**BOLLINGTON Festival Photography**  
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### Summer Programme 2013

All walks start at the **Ranger Station** Adlington Road at **7.30 pm**.  
Each walk will concentrate on a different photographic technique.

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| 29th April "Close Up"        | SPECIAL EVENTS                               |
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Bring a camera! Ask questions, share experiences and compare images.

With a lot of help from Simon and Andrew after the meeting this diary of events was put together from discussions we had at the meeting.

| <b>Committee meetings<br/>7pm at the Turners</b> | <b>Daytime Photo Walks</b>   | <b>Open Meetings<br/>7pm at the Turners</b>  | <b>Evening Photo Walks</b>   |
|--|--|--|--|
| Thursday, 7 August                               | Thursday, 24 August @ 3pm  |  | Wednesday, 30 August @ 7.30pm (note: sunset is at 8.06pm, 'Blue' Supermoon rises from 8.22pm)<br>(Theme: Sunset & the 'Blue' Supermoon from The Nab) |
| Thursday, 7 September                            | Thursday, 14 September @ 3pm<br>Daytime Photo Walk (open subject)  | Thursday, 21 September<br>Techniques of Composition from Simon Nottage.<br>Viewing photos<br>Questions & Answers   | Thursday, 28 September @ 6pm (note: sunset is at 6.55pm)<br>(Theme: Composition)   |
| Thursday, 5 October                              | Thursday, 12 October @ 3pm<br>Daytime Photo Walk (Theme: '1 minute radius' on the Rec.)  | Thursday, 19 October<br>Techniques of capturing Movement in Still Photography' from Andrew Huggett.<br>Viewing composition photos<br>Questions & Answers | Thursday, 26 October @ 5pm (note: sunset is at 5.51pm)<br>Walk to White Nancy<br><br>(Theme: (Theme: 'Photographing movement')                       |
| Thursday, 2 November                             | Thursday, 9 November @ 3pm<br>Daytime Photo Walk to Waulkmill (Theme: 'Photographing movement')                                      | Thursday, 16 November @ 7pm<br>Techniques of Focussing (depth of field, bokeh) from Andrew Huggett<br>Viewing movement photos<br>Questions and Answers   | Thursday, 23 November @ 3pm (note: sunset is at 4.04pm)<br>Photo Walk to Ingersley Vale flagged path.<br>(Theme: Focussing (depth of field, bokeh)   |
| Thursday, 7 December                             | Thursday, 14 December @ 3pm (note sunset is at 3.51pm)<br>Photo Walk 'Christmas Lights'<br>(Theme: Focussing (depth of field, bokeh) | Thursday, 21 December<br>No Planned Open Meeting   | Thursday, 28 December<br>No Planned Photo Walk   |

Hopefully this can be the basis for the kind of publicity we need.



## **A.O.B.**

Bollington Live

- In the current edition we were asked to help with astronomical images to accompany an article. The editor, Annette Hurst, said she was overwhelmed with wonderful images. Well done us!
- The October edition should carry publicity about our new programme.
- Annette has asked our group to submit images that might be used for the front cover of the October edition of Bollington Live. Portrait, not landscape. And the Bollington Banner Live will be at the top of the page so fewer detail there would help.

## **Dates of next meeting**

7th September.

# **Bollington Photographic Group**

## **Minutes**

### **Meeting 7**

**Thursday 7th September 2023**

**The Dog & Partridge 7pm**



**Present:-** Andrew Huggett, Don Dymer, Simon Nottage, Gill Redin, Janet Beech.

**Apologies:-** Terry Heathcote, John Howarth.

#### **Finances**

We currently have £740.69 in the bank account. We will need approximately £60 for web costs for the remainder of this year.

Our grant application from the Bollington Beer Festival has been successful. We have received a grant of £200. Terry has thanked them.

We discussed the subject for the grant from the Bollington Town Council. We have decided that we need help with the cost of publicity for the posters and flyers of our group. Also, in the future we might be tying this in with exhibiting framed photos in various places around Bollington. We would then need frames and branded mounts for our prints.

#### **Turners Photo Wall**

At the last meeting Terry identified a problem with one of our members who has had images included in the exhibition but has not paid for the printing. She owed £20. After negotiating with Terry she has agreed to pay it all.

John's problem with the display of images on the website has been sorted thanks to some clever negotiation on Simon's part.

The Reflections theme has produced some wonderful images.

Our next theme will be "Hidden Corners of Bollington."

#### **Website**

We decided that we need photos of:-

Photo Walks

Events we attend.

It was decided that these images need to be front end (i.e. for non members to see.)

Simon has produced a QR code that will be attached to all publicity handouts. This goes directly to the web site for more information.

#### **Publicity - posters and Flyers**

At our last meeting we put together diary of events for the rest of the year.

I needed to shape our decisions and, after calling out to Andrew and Simon together for help, the following was produced.

And from that Simon designed a poster which mainly focussed on the Open Meetings.

It was suggested that we also produce small A6 flyers to be distributed that will focus on the photo walks.

Simon had examples of these that we commented on and chose what we thought to be most appropriate.

More about these at the next meeting.

Gill took a lot of the posters to distribute around and about.

| Daytime Photo Walks  | Evening Photo Walks  |
|--|--|
| Thursday, 24 August @ 3pm  | Wednesday, 30 August @ 7.30pm (note: sunset is at 8.06pm, 'Blue' Supermoon rises from 8.22pm)<br>(Theme: Sunset & the 'Blue' Supermoon from The Nab) |
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**Bollington Photographic Group**

**Autumn/Winter  
MEETINGS & EVENTS  
2023**



**OPEN MEETINGS AND WALKS**

**August meeting: Evening and low light photography :- hints and tips**  
Find out how to take better photographs at twilight and embrace the 'Blue Hour'.

**September meeting: Techniques of Composition :- hints and tips**  
Are your horizons wobbly? Do your photos look boring or cluttered? Use this talk to fix you!

**October meeting: Photographing Movement :- hints and tips**  
Find out how to capture that feeling of speed or slow movement down in your photographs

**November meeting: Focusing Techniques :- hints and tips**  
Blurred Photographs? Learn about selective focusing and depth of field to improve your images.

- No matter what your ability and photographic experience, everyone is welcome to attend our regular Open Meetings and walks.
- The Meetings are informative and fun, with interesting and thought-provoking photographic talks and demonstrations, designed to help you improve your photography.
- Mingle with other like-minded photographers and learn about photographic technique in a friendly environment.
- Get answers to your photographic questions.
- View and comment on photographs and then practice what you have learnt by attending one of our themed 'Photo-walks'.

**Informal, Friendly & Fun!**  
**Join us today!**



**Visit: [www.bpg22.org](http://www.bpg22.org)**  
for full details and book your place

**Daytime Photo Walks:** Everyone Welcome!  
Various locations, 2nd Thursday of each month at 3pm

**Open Meetings:** Everyone Welcome!  
Meet at the Turners, 3rd Thursday of each month at 7pm

**Evening Photo Walks:** Everyone Welcome!  
Various locations/times, Last Thursday of the month

## **A.O.B.**

The theme of publicity was continued with lots of ideas being suggested:-

Each of the 12 images in the Turners Exhibition to be put on Facebook, one at a time, to demonstrate our work.

A list of places to distribute our posters and flyers has been borrowed from the Well Dressing Trail Leaflet circulation list below. This list will need to be amended for our use. Gill has volunteered to do some of this.

We should be exhibiting our images in places around Bollington that are visited by a lot of people. This can be discussed at our next committee meeting. This would mean buying frames and standardising the images produced.

After the success of the Quiz night held at the Poachers to raise money for the Bollington Blooms it was suggested that we do something similar for our group publicity and funds.

Get information about our events in Bollington Live What's On and the Bridgend Newsletter.

We need to photograph the people who go on our photo walks. It will help with publicity.

Ideas for Photo Walks - to gather images that might be used for a future quiz - are "Hidden Corners of Bollington" and "Doors."

## **Dates of next meetings**

Thursday, 21 September @ 7pm

Open Meeting

Techniques of Composition from Simon Nottage.

Thursday, 28 September Photo Walk

(Theme: Composition)

Committee Meeting 5th October, 7pm. Venue to be confirmed.

# Bollington Photographic Group



## Minutes

### Meeting 8

Thursday 5th October 2023

The Turners Arms 7pm



**Present:-** John Howarth, Simon Nottage, Janet Beech, Andrew Huggett, Terry Heathcote.

**Apologies:-** Pat Scanlon, John Odell, Gill Redin, Lisa Cox.

#### **Finances**

- We have £835 in the bank.
  - In an alteration to last month's minutes, Jackie Timms has now paid the full amount for the photos printed for the last exhibition.
  - The grant of £200 from the Beer Festival has not been paid to us yet. This was granted to us to help with costs of the website.
  - Terry has applied for a grant of £100 from the Bollington Town Council. This is his application.
- "To publicise Bollington Photographic Group further around Bollington and to encourage new members the Group have decided to have posters and flyers printed advertising the Group's activities, for distribution around the Town. In addition, the Group's aim is to exhibit members framed photographs in various locations around Bollington. Monies will be required not only for the printing of the posters and flyers but also for frames and branded mounts for our exhibited photographs'."***
- So far the cost of the posters is £10 and flyers is £30

#### **Turners Photo Wall**

- Our new theme will be "Where's this?" This should be advertised as being confined to our locality. When they are displayed they will be tagged with the appropriate What3Words.
- Timings for this exhibition will be :-
  - Submission of entries - 1st to 19th November.
  - Voting - 20th to 27th November.
  - Photos up - 1st December.
- The Turners have offered to let us relocate our images onto a wall where there will be better viewed and valued. We would include a logo publishing the group too. They have offered to pay for the frames and the necessary improvement to the lighting. John and Simon will liaise with the necessary details. The contact details for Ben and Aimee is [turnersarmsbollington@gmail.com](mailto:turnersarmsbollington@gmail.com)

#### **Website**

- Photos of the exhibitions are now being displayed in the correct format. This has been confirmed by John.
- Photo Walks and Events we attend are now displayed on the front end (i.e. for non members to see.)
- Simon has produced a QR code which is displayed on our posters and flyers giving extra information about our meetings. for information.

I asked members to add items to discuss at this meeting.

Lisa Cox replied:-

*"I am enjoying being a member, and have enjoyed both photo walks I went on, and also the competition!  
My only suggestion for improvement would be the website- it's not very easy to navigate, and also I couldn't find it all using search engines like google ie I think you can only access it if you have been sent a link."*

Simon agreed that this is correct. We have not allowed any search engines to index our site yet due to security concerns. When the transfer to our new host is complete, we will enable search engine access.

Maybe to access the website you could bookmark the link [www.bpg22.org](http://www.bpg22.org), Or a quicker way is to bookmark the link [www.bpg22.org/login](http://www.bpg22.org/login).

Andrew Huggett asked for Website hosting to be discussed.

He and Simon explained that, at the moment, we have a contract for hosting with IONOS. This costs £9.60 per month. And we pay £19.20 per year for the domain name. This contract ends in November and is automatically renewed – although we can choose to terminate the contact at anytime after this with no financial penalty. Transferring the existing domain name to the new provider will incur a one-off cost of £12.49. Then moving forward would cost a similar amount of £19.20 per year.

After much research it is proposed that we change to an alternative host called 20i. They are British, based in the Midlands and for £11.99 per month (plus VAT) instead of £9.60 they would give us the staging and duplication options we need. This would greatly simplify the work on the website. They would also let us deal directly with money transactions. instead of getting Andrew to pay and then having him reimbursed by us.

We voted on this proposal and it was confirmed unanimously that we don't renew our contract with IONOS and go with the new provider 20i.

A website job for us:-

Simon asked for us to identify what needs adding or deleting from the front end of the website and let him know.

He also wants to develop the knowledge hub and make it pertinent to our group. We would need the members to help with this by contributing appropriate local photos for illustration.

## **Publicity - Posters and Flyers**

Poster and/or flyers have been left with

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| 5 X Bollington Town Council noticeboards<br>Macclesfield Information Centre<br>Macclesfield Big Tesco<br>Macclesfield Big Sainsbury<br>Macclesfield Max Spearings (near St Michael's Church)<br>Chadwick's Newsagents<br>Leisure Centre<br>Heathcote Butchers<br>Bollington Dentist<br>Bridgend Centre<br>Belfield's Bakery<br>Barrows<br>Smiths Bakers | Mulberry Leaf<br>Bollington Vets<br>Tytherington Vets<br>Post Office<br>Library<br>Civic Hall<br>Community Centre<br>St Oswald's Church<br>Cafe Waterside<br>Canalside Radio<br>Bollington Live "What's On"<br>Poachers<br>Pappas<br>Holmes Naden |
|---|---|

.Huge thanks go to Gill who worked so hard to deliver most of these.

## **Photo Walks**

Janet has seen this on Facebook and suggests this as one of our walks:-



“The Prestbury Christmas Street Party will be on **Sunday 9th December**. We have enlisted the help of The Market Co who provide a number of the local artisan markets that you will undoubtedly be familiar with. In addition to the increased stall selection there will be fair ground rides, live music, children's entertainment and of course all our amazing businesses will be coming out onto the street alongside a number of local societies, clubs and charities.”

Janet has been to one of these and really recommends the food stalls!

Some things to bear in mind on these walks are

- the need to photograph the people who go on our photo walks. It will help with publicity.
- We should gather images that might be used for a future quiz -e.g. doors, and “Where’s this?”

## **Open Meetings**

Dates for 2024

- January 18th
- February 15th
- March 21st
- April 18th

Ideas for these meetings are:-

Bruce Kendrick on bird photography? (Andrew will ask him.)

John Odell - African wildlife photography? (Janet will ask him.)

Drone photography from Richard Barrow? (Terry will ask him.)

Live cropping?

Basic processing? Richard Buck on portrait photography? (Janet will ask him.)

Don Dwyer on his kind of photography? (Janet will ask him.) Could this be done by zoom?

6 in 10 photo viewing?

Something with cameras?

Cropping?

A.I?

Should some of these camera related subjects be done at a Library session?

## **A.O.B.**

At the last meeting it was suggested that each of the 12 images in the Turners Exhibition to be put on Facebook, one at a time, to demonstrate our work. And also to have advanced “warning” of our next theme. Simon and Andrew will sort this.

We should be exhibiting our images in places around Bollington that are visited by a lot of people. This can be discussed at our next committee meeting. This would mean buying frames and standardising the images produced.

After the success of the Quiz night held at the Poachers to raise money for the Bollington Blooms it was suggested that we do something similar for our group publicity and funds.

Get information about our events in Bollington Live What’s On and the Bridgend Newsletter. This has been done, together with information given to Canalised Radio.

## **Dates of next meetings**

### **Next Open Meeting**

Thursday, 19 October

Techniques of capturing Movement in Still Photography’ from Andrew Huggett. We would like to suggest people bring appropriate photos they have so we can discuss these.

- Thursday, 12 October Photo Walk - Theme: ‘1 minute radius’ on the Rec.
- Thursday, 26 October Photo Walk to Walkmill - Theme: ‘Photographing movement’?

### **Committee Meeting**

Thursday 2nd November

# Bollington Photographic Group



## Minutes

### Meeting 9

Thursday 2nd November 2023

The Turners Arms 7pm



**Present:-** Simon Nottage, Andrew Huggett, Terry Heathcote, Janet Beech.

**Apologies:-** Gill Redin, Kevin Welton.

#### **Finances**

- We have £1032 in the bank.
- The grant of £200 from the Beer Festival has now been paid to us.
- Terry has applied for a grant of £100 from the Bollington Town Council.
- We now have 16 Paid Up Members

#### **Turners Photo Wall**

- Simon and John, are working on this part of the website together. They have decided that the name should be changed to "Overlooked Bollington."
- The Turners have offered to let us relocate our images onto a wall where there will be better viewed and valued. We would include a logo or wallpaper publishing the group too. They have offered to pay for the frames and the necessary improvement to the lighting. John and Simon will liaise with the necessary details. The contact details for Ben and Aimee is [turnersarmsbollington@gmail.com](mailto:turnersarmsbollington@gmail.com)

#### **Open Meetings 2024**

- January 18th - "6 in 10."
- February 15th - Bruce Kendrick "Bird Photography." To be confirmed.
- March 21st - Basic Processing. (Andrew Huggett)
- April 18th - Slide Shows. (Simon Nottage)

Ideas for future meetings are:-

- John Odell - African wildlife photography? When Janet asked him this was his reply:- "It would be a pleasure to give the talk. Unfortunately it will likely have to be next year. I return to the USA in 9 days and will likely only return in Dec for a few weeks, then back again in May. The talk will be entitled "Photographic safari trips in Southern Africa." I will basically talk about when and where to go, what to take, etc. of course it will be interspersed with animal photos. John"
- Drone photography from Richard Barrow? Terry has tried to ask him but so far hasn't had a reply. (Since the meeting, Richard has agreed to this. I said I will contact him with more details.)
- Live cropping?
- Don Dwyer on his kind of photography? Don's reply was:-  
"I'm flattered and Of course I'd love to  
*Can you give me some date options?*"
- Something with cameras? Cropping? A.I.? The exposure triangle?
- Should some of these camera related subjects be done at a Library session?

## Website

Simon asked for us to identify what needs adding or deleting from the front end of the website and let him know. He demonstrated what he has been working on currently.

Unfortunately at this point in the meeting I was called away with a dog/firework related issue?

The rest of these minutes were not discussed but were in the notes I made to bring to the meeting.

## Requests made to the group

We responded to an appeal for photos to use as possible front covers for Bollington Live. The editor was very impressed and has asked for the same for the next issue due to be out in February.

Dear Janet,

I hope you don't mind me asking again, but the current Town Mayor, Cllr Ellwood, is hoping to feature a local wintery/festive scene of Bollington for a Christmas e-card.

Are you OK to pass a request to the photographic society for photos of this theme?

Deadline for entries is 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Many thanks

Harriet Worrell (Town Manager for BTC)

Another request from the Bollington Town Council

Hi Janet

We have started releasing a monthly 'eco tip' on Facebook providing practical and achievable tips for people to help wildlife, reduce their carbon footprint etc.

Cllr Maitland said the Photography Group has a catalogue of photos we (the Council) could potentially use.

Did I understand right? How might I access the photos, and what rules do you want to bind us by e.g. credit the group?

So far we have planned up to June 2024 as per the below. Attached file if that helps.

It might seem basic info to some people but we want to make the tips achievable for everyone.

I appreciate these themes might not naturally fit with your photography library.

*"Tree planting*

*Green Christmas (ie eco Christmas)*

*Change what you eat (e.g. sustainable shopping and food choices)*

*Change how you travel (eg walk, cycle etc)*

*Reduce your flood risk*

*Change your energy use (turn off lights, etc)*

*Recycle and reuse*

*Reduce your heat risk (e.g. plant more greenery, shading around your home)"*

Thank you again

Harriet Worrell

Town Manager

## Future Events

Bollington Christmas Lights and Love Bollington Market December 3rd. Recreation Ground. More details on the Town Council website.

"The Prestbury Christmas Street Party will be on **Sunday 9th December**.

In addition to the increased stall selection there will be fair ground rides, live music, children's entertainment and of course all our amazing businesses will be coming out onto the street alongside a number of local societies, clubs and charities."

Janet has been to one of these and really recommends the food stalls!

Christmas Carols round the tree Christmas Eve.

Bollington Brass Band 12 noon Christmas Day at White Nancy.

## **Photo Walks**

## **Posters and Flyers**

Need to be discussed at the next meeting. They need to be finalised then.

## **A.O.B.**

- 12 images in the Turners Exhibition have been put on Facebook, one at a time, to demonstrate our work.

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- The Bollington Discovery Centre have suggested that the BPG and the "BDC" join forces. This is the email stream:-

Hello all,

*Please see the email below from Janet Beech of the Bollington Photographic Group. I had a very good meeting with her and her fellow committee member Andrew Huggett about possible future cooperation over a photograph archive for Bollington and about the potential to display photographs at the Discovery Centre in the future. We also touched on the computer software and hardware issues, but I am no expert on this so will not attempt to describe the options. We agreed that it would be good if some of us attended their next committee meeting and vice-versa. As you can see their next committee meeting is at 7pm in the Turner's Arms on Thursday 4th January 2024. Our next committee meeting at the Discovery Centre will be on Monday 5th February 2024. Please note both of these dates.*

*It may be useful if Steve Poynton met with Andrew Huggett and Simon Nottage at some point to talk about the computer issues.*

*On a personal note I am thinking of joining the photographic group myself and have applied to be a temporary member initially.*

*Best wishes*

*Graham*

*For Bollington Discovery Centre*

- We should be exhibiting our images in places around Bollington that are visited by a lot of people. This can be discussed at our next committee meeting. This would mean buying frames and standardising the images produced.
- After the success of the Quiz night held at the Poachers to raise money for the Bollington Blooms it was suggested that we do something similar for our group publicity and funds.

## **Dates of next meetings**

### **Next Open Meeting**

16th November

### **Next Committee Meeting**

7th December

# **Bollington Photographic Group**

## **Members Meeting 10**

**Thursday 7th December 2023**

**The Turners Arms 7pm**



### **Present:-**

Andrew Huggett, Janet Beech, Pat Hirst, David Hirst, Caroline Marshall, Simon Nottage, Kevin Welton, John Howarth, Gillian Redin, Tony Hopwood, Ian Walker.

### **Apologies:-**

Terry Heathcote.

### **Finances**

Hi. Our current bank balance is £790.90.

During November we spent monies on the following:

#### **Website Support**

£9.60 Current Website Hosting

£10.80 Current Website Hosting

£119.08 Web Domain + 2 Year Hosting Subscription

#### **Turners Arms Exhibition**

£17 IKEA Picture Frame

£100.71 10 Frames

£23.91 Ink Cartridges

£31.99 Photo paper

### **Website**

Previously we had a contract for hosting with IONOS. This costs £9.60 per month with £19.20 per year for the domain name. Ending in November the contract was automatically renewed – although we could choose to terminate at anytime after this with no financial penalty. Transferring the existing domain name to the new provider would incur a one-off cost.

However Simon has found problems with IONOS and has been working hard to find better hosting for the website. He has now found Hosting. It will give us faster speeds and allow backing up. And the price is better too.

At the moment Simon is also working to rebuild the two sites (real and trial) side by side.

### **Turners Photo Wall**

John Howarth explained that he deals with the printing of the images. All the costs of this are reimbursed by the group.

We are in the process of relocating the display to a better place in the Turners. The “Overlooked Bollington” exhibition will be the last in the old location. It is probably that there will not be room for 12 images in the future. We might only be able to display 9 but these will be in frames, examples of which John brought to the meeting. There will also be a permanent BPG banner to advertise who is responsible for the images.

The exhibitions this year have been:-

February - Winter

April - Signs of Spring

June - Trees

August - Reflections

December - Overlooked Bollington.”

### **Next Theme - Close Up.**

This means that our members who live outside Bollington will not feel guilty submitting images. They will not be obvious to any location - (unless they are photos of lighthouses!!!)

### **Open Meetings 2024**

- January 18th - "6 in 10."
- February 15th - Bruce Kendrick "Bird Photography."
- March 21st - Basic Processing. Interpreting one photo. (Andrew Huggett) This will provide the theme for one of our future meetings.
- April 18th - Drone photography from Richard Barrow. (To be confirmed.)

#### Plans for future meetings are:-

- John Odell - African wildlife photography? When Janet asked him this was his reply:-"It would be a pleasure to give the talk. Unfortunately it will likely have to be next year. I return to the USA in 9 days and will likely only return in Dec for a few weeks, then back again in May. The talk will be entitled "Photographic safari trips in Southern Africa."
- Don Dymer said he would be honoured to talk about his kind of photography.

#### Photo Walks

January 11th and January 25th

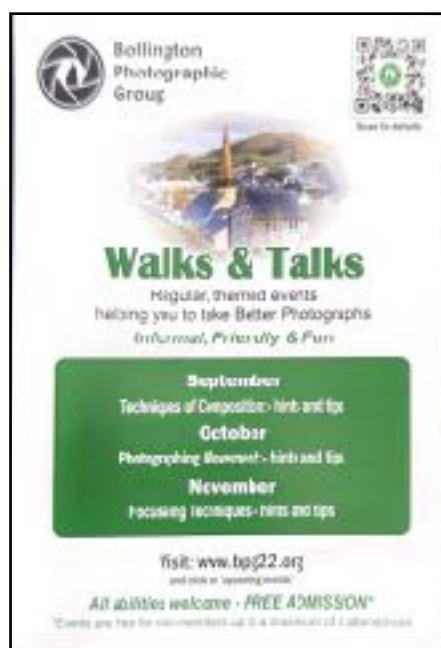
February 8th and February 22nd

March 14th and March 28th

April 11th and April 25th

Andrew Huggett and Janet Beech will plan these.

#### Posters and Flyers



- Gill Redin suggested that we use a different photo and that we make sure that any of the previous posters are replaced by new ones.
- Simon Nottage will arrange to get these printed in time for our next members meeting in January.

#### Requests made to the group



### From the Bollington Town Council

An appeal for an image for the Bollington Mayor's Christmas Card was successful with this. Is this your image Terry?



The Town Mayor of Bollington,  
Cllr Helen Ellwood,  
wishes you and your family  
a  
Merry Christmas  
&  
Happy New Year  
*Helen*

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### Again from the Bollington Town Council

A monthly 'eco tip' on Facebook providing practical and achievable tips for people to help wildlife, reduce their carbon footprint etc.

I appreciate these themes might not naturally fit with your photography library.

*"Tree planting*

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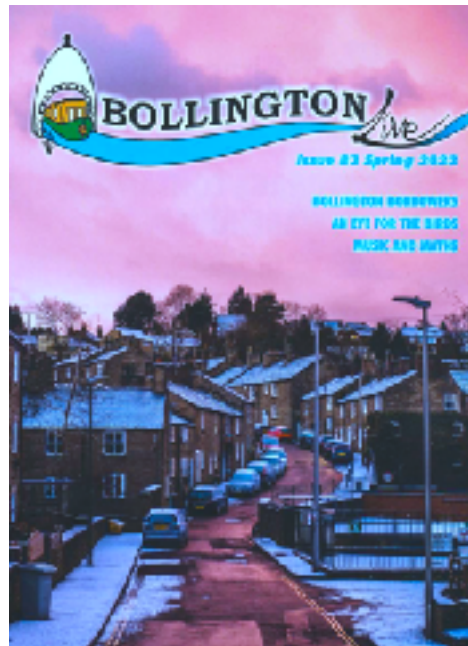
Thank you

Harriet Worrell

Town Manager

## Bollington Live

- We have been asked to submit possible images suitable for the front cover of the magazine.
- The images should be portrait, not landscape.
- Simon will be arranging a gallery on the website where we can upload any images we think might be used.
- There should be fewer details at the top where the title will be displayed. See below.



The possible articles for the issue coming out in February.

- Guides – international camp
- Airbnb – Helen Sheldon
- Public housed revival i.e., Turners (Ben) /Church House/Dog and Partridge
- Girls football team
- Food review – The Viceroy – Emerson & friend
- Shrigley Road pond
- Misshandled artist , Clarence Mill
- Bollington Singers
- Arts trail 4<sup>th</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> May (an event happening in Bollington)
- Water Street School – rent a space
- Gardening Club – March Show

## Ideas for our group for the next year

- A trip to Three Shires Head.
  - A meal at the Viceroy.
  - Bird watching - somewhere maybe suggested by Bruce.
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- After the meeting finished Tony mentioned so many interesting ideas. I suggested he emailed these to me. And this is what he sent.

On 7 Dec 2023, at 21:50, Tony Hopwood wrote:

**Ideas:**

- Exchange events with local photo groups: each others events, lunches, dinners, pub crawl etc
- Ask for a tour of ILFORD and / presentations from their staff: printing, science, their photo club, tour, archives ... etc
- Hire / beg someone from Adobe to demonstrate Lightroom, stacking, etc. maybe a series of sessions leading to a competition - with the teacher to judge. I really liked the idea of everyone having a go at processing the same image. Perhaps 2 or 3 versions per image 'natural, bold, avant guard'me'
- Themes for photoshoots: dawn, sunset, mid-day, storm, spring flowers, summer heat, water, reflections, smoke and mist, a view in four seasons.
- Engagement with local community: a day in the life of (eg: follow the milk, bread, local business, garage etc)
- Pick the town hall's list and go round in a group... maybe add one to each of your outings
- Change up the timings of events: morning, afternoon, evening, weekends, bank holidays
- Hire a coach and go to an organised photo shoot - eg Welshot
- Ask a local photographer or photographic business to host a visit. Maybe a photoshoot of their model / favourite venue
- Talk from local photo teacher (school or uni). Favourite lesson, changes over the years, most unusual subject, top ten skills etc
- Visit to Tullis Russel
- Meet the artists from Clarence mill gallery. Composition, light, colour, art vs. Photography discussion
- Trip to photo gallery
- Canals
- Life in a barge, Bollington from a barge
- Fishing
- White Nancy in all weathers / seasons
- Remembrance Day
- Carols round the tree
- Sports day
- Women's/ girl's football (try to get a famous player to turn up to add spice)
- Old photos of a street vs. Meet the street today
- Famous Bollingtonians portraits today vs their younger selves
- Photoshoot at the brewery, restaurant kitchens, gardeners
- East Lancs Railway
- Halloween

Tony

That will make for an interesting and fresh vision for our group in the New Year. To get this working we will need to pull together. What do you think?

I have to admit that I couldn't sleep last night because they excited me so much.

**Next Members Meeting**

4th January. And we have invited the members of the committee for the Discovery Centre to this meeting to discuss a possible collaboration.

**Next Photo Walk**

Thursday 14th December.

"Christmas Lights Walk"

**Next Open Meeting**

18th January - 6 in 10

# Turners Photo Wall

## February 2023 - Winter Wonderland



Dronergram, Vote Count = 13.



Dronergram, Vote Count = 3.



Jackie Timms, Vote Count = 5.



Jackie Timms, vote Count = 0.



Terry Heathcole, Vote Count = 5.



John R Howarth, Vote Count = 4.



Andrew Huggett, Vote Count = 5.



Jackie Timms, Vote Count = 7.



Andrew Huggett, Vote Count = 4.



Terry Heathcole, Vote Count = 6.



Terry Heathcole, Vote Count = 5.



Simon Notage, Vote Count = 4.



## April 2023 - Signs of Spring



John R Howarth, Votes = 11.



Andrew Huggell, Votes = 11.



Malcolm Brunt, Votes = 11.



John R Howarth, Votes = 7.



John R Howarth, Votes = 7.



Malcolm Brunt, Votes = 7.



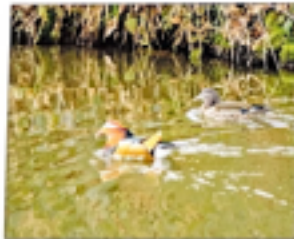
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Malcolm Brunt, Votes = 4.



Terry Heathcote, Votes = 4.



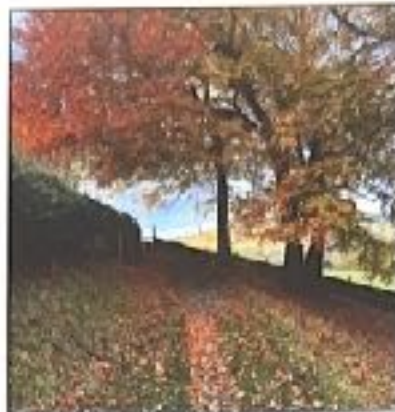
Terry Heathcote, Votes = 3.



## June 2023 -Trees



Terry Heathcote ... 13



Jacky Timms ... 8



Simon Nottage ... 7



John R Howarth ... 6



Terry Heathcote ... 6



Terry Heathcote ... 6



Jacky Timms ... 5



Gillian Redn ... 5



Gillian Redn ... 5



Jacky Timms ... 5



Simon Nottage ... 5



Jacky Timms ... 4



## September 2023 - Reflections



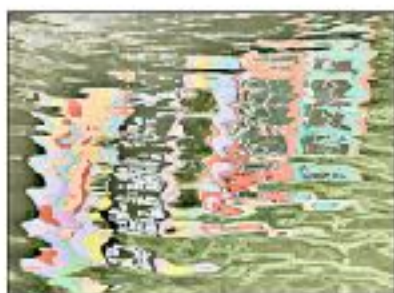
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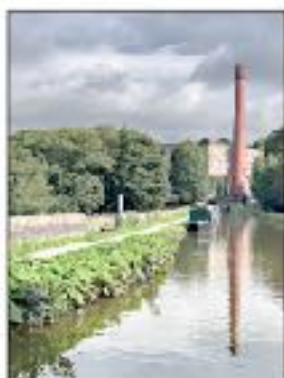
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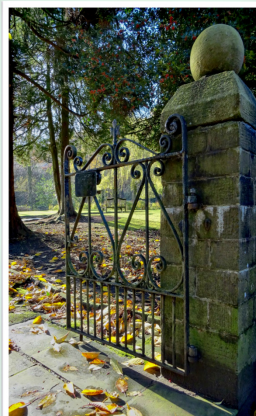


## December 2023 - Overlooked Bollington



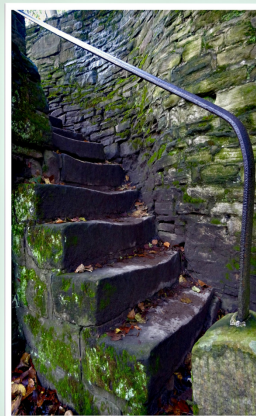
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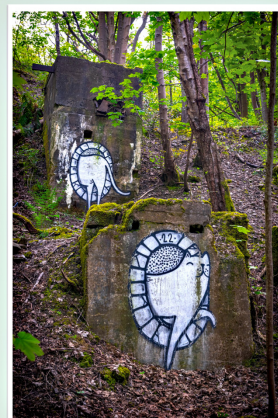
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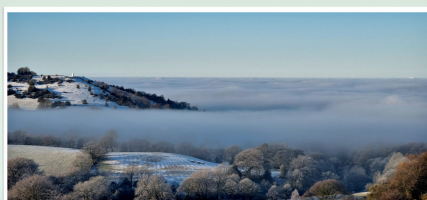
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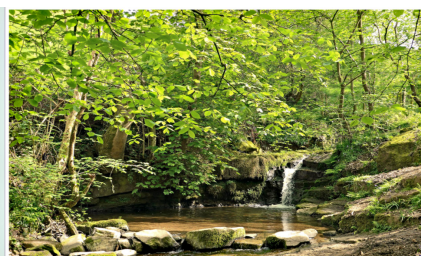
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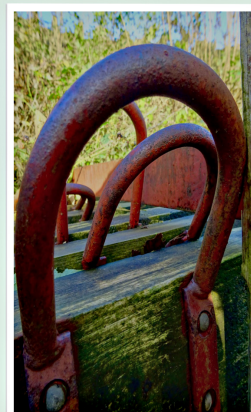
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# **Website**

**It has been a hard journey but there has been steady progress  
towards a successful outcome.**

**See the evolving details in the Minutes for this year.**

# Membership

Correct to the end of 2023

| Full membership         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
|                         | Malcolm Brunt     |
|                         | Terry Heathcote   |
|                         | Simon Nottage     |
|                         | Gillian Redin     |
|                         | Janet Beech       |
|                         | Andrew Huggett    |
|                         | Pat Scanlon       |
|                         | John Howarth      |
|                         | Robert Warhurst   |
|                         | Ian Walker        |
|                         | Don Dymer         |
|                         | Pat Hirst         |
|                         | Kevin Walton      |
| Subscription Membership |                   |
|                         | Steven Gilligan   |
|                         | Jackie Timms      |
|                         | David Hirst       |
|                         | Richard Barrow    |
|                         | Caroline Marshall |
|                         | Lisa Cox          |
|                         | Tony Hopwood      |
|                         | Geoff White       |

| Free Membership (Temporary) |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
|                             | Graham Barrow |
|                             | Craig Heslop  |
|                             | John Odell    |

# Photo Walks



## **“Bollington by Night - Light Trails”**

January 13th, 20th, 27th, February 3rd



## **‘Street Photography’**

Come and join us for a walk this Saturday, 11th February.





## **“Spring Watch”**

1. Our next photo walk will be this coming Sunday, 19th February.
2. Sunday, 26th February.
- 3 Sunday 5th March
- 4 Sunday 19th March
- 5 Monday 27th March
- 6 Thursday 6th April



## **“Bluebells in Harrop Wood”**



Our next photowalk will be on Tuesday 9th May. A circular walk through the wood to photograph the bluebells.

## **“The Random Apple Company”**

Our next photowalk will be Thursday 18th May



## **“Lowerhouse Walk”**

Thursday 25th May A short circular walk around Lowerhouse fields.





**‘Bloomin’ Bollington 2023’** 6th June. Join us this coming Saturday morning at 10:00 to photograph blooms.



**“Reflections Photowalks” 1**



## **“Reflections Photowalks” 2**



## **Ingersley Vale Photowalk”** August 24th





## **“Sunset and the Super Moon from the Nab”**

Our next photowalk is this Wednesday 30th August. at 7.15pm. If it is too cloudy we might stay in the immediate Bollington area and photograph some street scenes instead. See the link below to book a place.



## **“Around Savio House”**

September 14th Our next photowalk is this coming Thursday.



## **“Early Evening Photo Walk to White Nancy”**

Join us this Thursday 28th September evening to try out some of the composition ideas we learnt from Simon at last week’s talk. Please book through the website link (below) so that we have your contact details in case we need to postpone at short notice. All welcome. You don’t need to have attended the talk to come on the walk.



## **One Minute Radius**

On the Recreation Ground. Friday, 12th October. Try different compositions. Rule of thirds, leading lines, breaking the rules. Find a location, stay there for 3 minutes to take your photos, then move on.





## **“Early Evening Photo Walk - Autumn Landscape with sunset.”**

Come and join us for a photo walk this Thursday, 26th October. We might be able to try out some ICM (intentional Camera Movement) techniques.



## **“Photo Walk towards Walkmill Waterfall”** (cancelled because of bad wether.)

Join us this Thursday 9th November for our next daytime photowalk. This afternoon we will practice photographing movement using slower shutter speeds. Please bring a tripod if you have one. We can also try some ICM (Interntional Camera Movement) photography as highlighted in my last talk at the Turners.





## **“Photo Walk to Ingersley Vale”** (cancelled because of bad wether.)

Why not join us this Thursday afternoon 23rd November for a short photowalk to Ingersley Vale flagged path where we can practice our focussing.



## **“Christmas Lights photowalk”**

Our Christmas lights photowalk is this Thursday, 14th December at 3pm





# **Open Meetings**

# January

Join us this Thursday at 7pm in 'The Turners' for an informal chat and overview of Adobe Lightroom. Adobe Lightroom is a software application that allows sorting, organising and managing your photographs on the computer. It also allows sophisticated control over editing, enhancing and preparing digital RAW format images for print or screen display. The main area we will be focussing on will be filing your digital photos – culling, cataloging, storing and backing them up safely.



**Adobe Photoshop  
Lightroom Classic**

# February

Join us on **Thursday 23 February at 7:00pm** for our **‘Six in Ten’** event. The idea is that everyone attending brings 6 of their favourite recent photographs and has 10 minutes to talk about them. What they like about them, why they feel the composition works and where they felt improvements could be made. We then have a positive group discussion around this and offer any help and advice we can. This is not intended to be a competitive or in anyway overly critical analysis – but a friendly, sociable discussion. Please bring your 6 favourite photos along saved onto a USB memory stick. Our next event is this coming Thursday. Please click the link below for details and bookings.



# March

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## **Lauren Stout – ‘People of Bollington, Chronicles of A Community’**

Come and join us with our special guest Lauren Stout who will give us a talk on her photography and her project to portray the people of Bollington in her 2021 book: ‘People of Bollington, Chronicles of A Community’.



Last shout-out for this evening's talk by Lauren. There are still some places available – please click the image or link below for more information and to book your place.

# April

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## Open Meeting: Theme – ‘Tips to improve your photographs’

Follow this link to book your place for our April Meeting. All paid-up members are welcome

### Tips to Improve your Photographs



**Which photo conforms to the rules of composition? A or B  
And why?**

All website members are welcome to join us at the Turners' Arms  
We'll meet by the bar – come early for a social drink beforehand!  
Are your photos too light or too dark?

Do you know what simple things to look for when composing a photograph?

Do you know how to handle available light?

It doesn't matter if you use a Mobile phone or a Compact camera, SLR, DSLR, our tips will help you to take better photos.

Find out how to take a picture of a white polar bear in the snow!

Malcolm Brunt

Join us this evening to learn some useful tips on improving your photos!  
The event is free for FaceBook photo group members – please just book through our website (click the image below).

# May

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## **Instagram workshop**

Follow this link to book your place for our May Meeting. All paid-up members are welcome to join us at the Turners' Arms. Come early and meet us by the bar for refreshments.

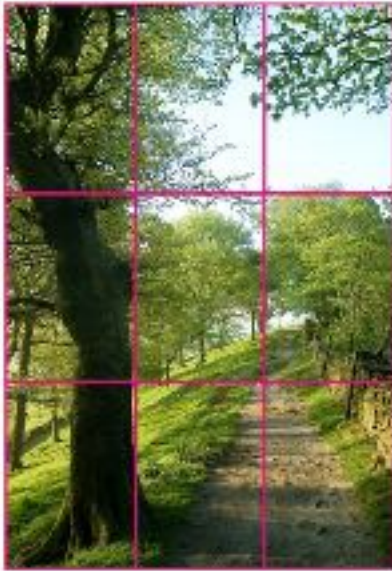


Join us this Thursday evening for an informal workshop/talk on Instagram.



# September

Join us for a talk on the 'Techniques of composition' by Simon Nottage. We will meet at 'The Turners' for 7pm (Note: this venue is subject to change).



# October

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## **‘Techniques of capturing movement in still photography’**

A talk on ‘Techniques of capturing movement in still photography’ by Andrew Huggett – followed by presentation of composition photographs from the previous two photowalks. Bring your composition photos to the meeting on a USB drive. Venue is provisional and subject to change.



Improve your creative photography. Our free talk is Learn all about taking still photos to capture movement in your photography.

Thank you to those who came on my talk earlier this evening on the ‘Techniques of capturing movement in still photography’ – The photographer whose work I highlighted on ICM (Intentional Camera Movement) photography was Charlotte Bellamy, a photographer based in the Netherlands. Her website is here: <https://charlottebellamy.com> Find her video channel by searching on YouTube for: Charlotte Bellamy creative photography.



# November

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## **Talk: Focusing (Aperture, depth of field and bokeh)**

Join us for a talk on 'Focusing' by Andrew Huggett. We will look at the camera aperture and the creative effect it can have on the final image, we will explore f-numbers, differential focus, depth of field and bokeh. We will also learn about 'The Brenizer Method'. We will meet at 'The Turners'



This evening's focusing / depth of field exercise. Thank you to everyone who came along to my talk and to our new members!



**And hoping that  
2024 is just as  
successful and  
happy.**