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Turners Wall Photos



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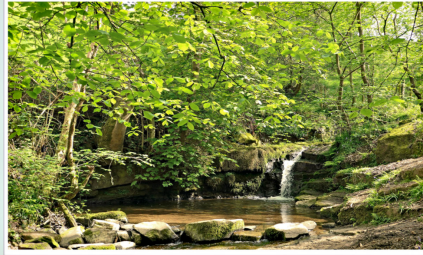
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December 2023 - Overlooked Bollington



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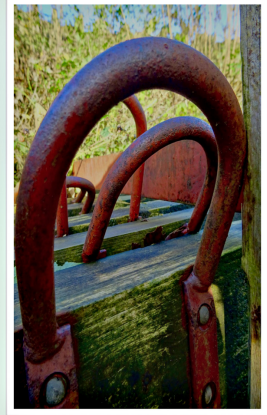
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Autumn colours (16a Cover - 5)

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Let's get a handle on this (16a Cover - 3)...

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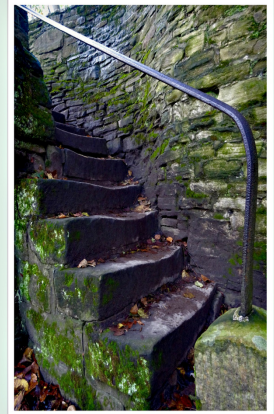
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Fuel for Thought (16a Cover - 4)

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Unspectral Symmetry (16a Cover - 7)

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What's up Pansy?? (16a Cover - 4)

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February - Close Up





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April - Light





Manchester City Rugby - Eastford - 10th August 16

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Northampton - 10th August - 10th August 16

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Beaconsfield - 10th August - 10th August 16

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May - Arts Trail

We showed our latest exhibition of light on the Turners Wall and a rolling slideshow of all the other exhibition images.



Join the Jubilee Art Trail at any point and discover a treasure trove of diverse art produced by local artists. Purchase a map from one of the local sellers to get started!



Art

4 – 5 May 2024
11.00am – 4.00pm

Trail



Map: £2.00

Maps for sale from mid-April.

They can be purchased from the following places: Café Waterside, The Bridgend Centre, Heathcote Butchers, Bollington Leisure Centre and Chadwick's Newsagents. The map is your entry ticket at each stop; one map per person.



**BOLLINGTON
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After the event we received this from the organiser:-

“I hope you have all recovered from the weekend! Thank you so much for all the work putting on a show and ensuring the Art Trail was a success. There was a massive feel good factor in our community and, less importantly, we contributed nearly £300 to the Festival!”

June - Through a window



broken window - mount



out there - mount



para brewing - mount



off wall - mount



view behind



castle window - mount



redish - mount



zsa come in - mount



natural light - mount



tranquility - mount

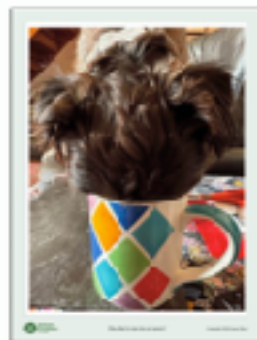
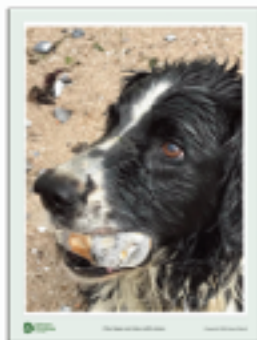


mannequino - mount



still life - mount

September - Dogs



November - Food

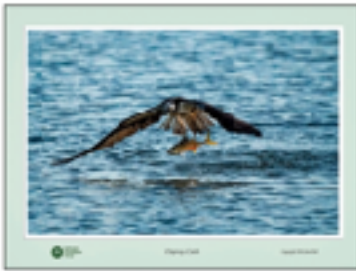
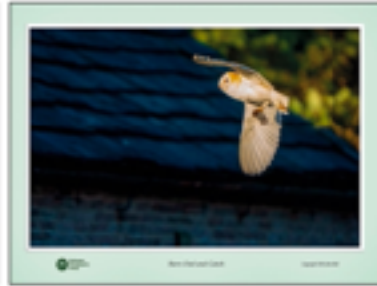


Photo Walks



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Thursday 11th January



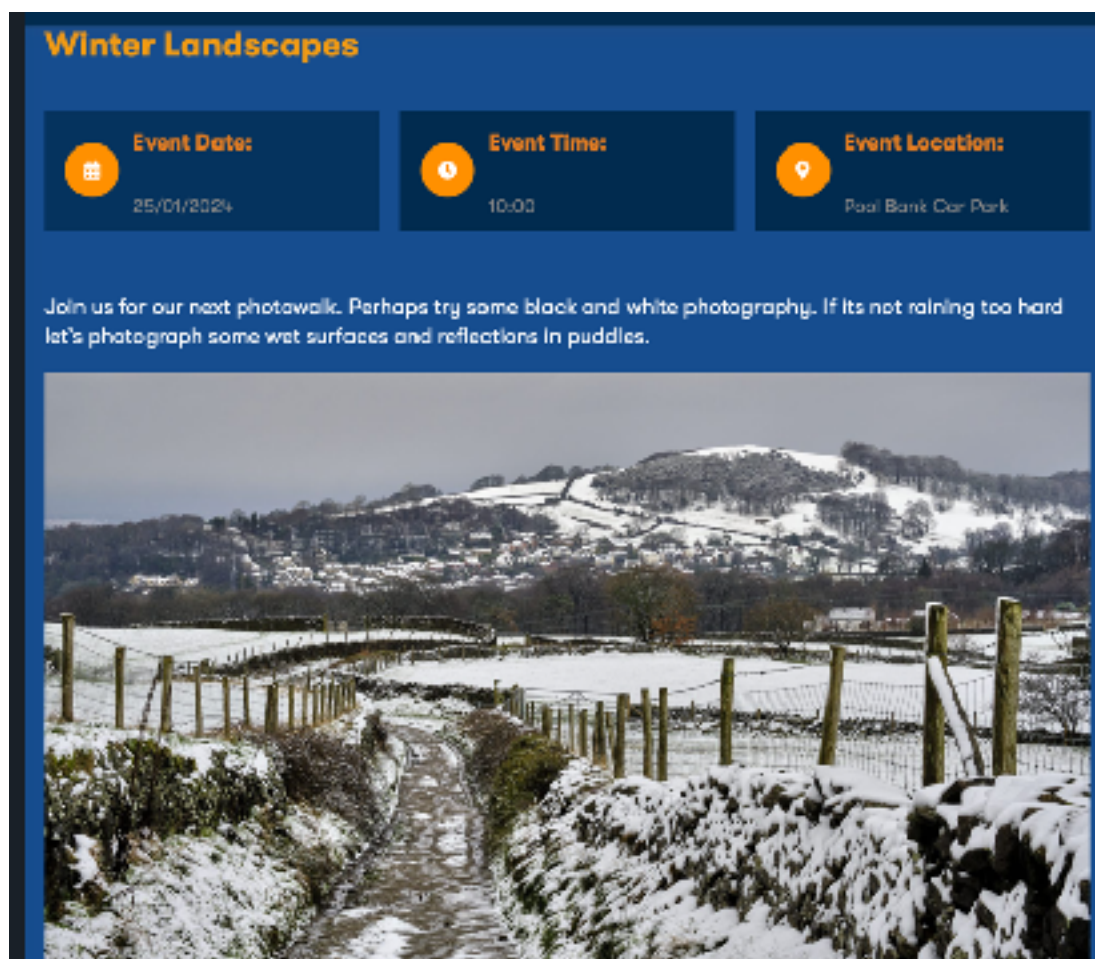
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Jan, 2024

Winter Close-up

Price: Free
🕒 10:00 - 12:00
📍 Poolbank Car Park,
Bollington
📅 11/01/2024 -
11/01/2024

Join us tomorrow morning for a photowalk exploring the theme of 'Winter Close-up'. It doesn't matter if you don't have a macro lens – just get as close as you can. If you have any problems booking through our website (through the link below) please just add your name here and meet us at Pool Bank car park for 10:00 am tomorrow:

Thursday, 25th January.




Winter Landscapes

Event Date:
📅 25/01/2024

Event Time:
🕒 10:00

Event Location:
📍 Pool Bank Car Park

Join us for our next photowalk. Perhaps try some black and white photography. If its not raining too hard let's photograph some wet surfaces and reflections in puddles.



Actually, it poured down and this was abandoned.


Thursday, 8th February

Event Date: 08/02/2024

Event Time: 14:00

Event Location: Adlington Road Car Park

Join us for a photowalk along the canal this afternoon. We'll start from the Ranger's Station – walk through the recreation ground, along the canal towpath to Halsehouse Lane and then circle back via the Middlewood Way.



This walk was cancelled because of bad weather.

Thursday, 22nd February

Street Furniture

Event Date: 22/02/2024

Event Time: 14:00

Event Location: Peal Bank Car Park

Join us for a photowalk around Bollington with an emphasis on recording all sorts of street furniture common in the year 2024. Imagine you are a visitor from the year 2074 – what objects commonly seen on the streets will no longer exist? Telegraph poles, informational signs etc. poles, directional signage (will there be any need for these with self-driving cars?). Bus shelters, post boxes, street lights, railings, street scenes – how will these have changed?



Thursday, 14th March



Tomorrow afternoon's photowalk starts from the Ranger's station at Adlington Road Car Park. Please be aware that access to this car park is blocked from the Bollington side due to roadworks. If arriving by car you will need to park elsewhere and walk over or approach from the Sugar Lane side. We'll meet at the car park for 2pm. See below to book a place.

Thursday, 28th March



A reminder of tomorrow afternoon's photowalk at 2pm. Apologies, but unfortunately we have been unable to access the interior of Clarence Mill (we were hoping to photo the interior areas as well as outside). Instead, we may decide to have a coffee (and a chat about camera techniques) before a short photowalk in the local area. I will be outside Café Waterside for 2pm.

Thursday, 11th April

A walk to the Nab. Leader Terry Heathcote.
This walk had no takers.

Thursday, 25th April



Join us for a photo walk with a difference. We are going to meet at the Scout Hut at the bottom of Albert Road at 2pm on Thursday, 25th April. The fields round there are in full spring display and there are plenty of interesting photos to find BUT if you fancy a challenge we are thinking of finding a good viewing place for the river, parking ourselves there and looking hard at the river, its flow, the flora and fauna in and around it, and the environment we find ourselves in. Consider bringing a chair or stool to sit on. We can use questions on the smartphone app '**BigRiverWatch**' as a basis for things to look out for.

Thursday, 9th May



Come and join us for our next photo walk through Harrop Wood. We'll meet at the layby off Spuley Lane next to Hedgerow for 2pm on Thursday, 9 May. See below to book your place or make a note here if you are coming along. Please note it is likely to be muddy and steep in places – please wear sensible walking boots.

Thursday, 23rd May



Assuming it's not pouring with rain I will lead a photowalk tomorrow evening. Please either book through the link below or leave a comment here if you are interested in case I need to cancel due to the weather.

PHOTOWALK NOW CANCELLED DUE TO POOR LIGHT & WEATHER

Thursday, 13th June

Bird photography at Redesmere Lake



Join us for a photo walk at Redesmere Lake. Bruce Kendrick will be on hand to discuss best camera settings for photographing wildfowl. Bring a long telephoto or zoom lens if you have one – ideally 300–400mm (equivalent in full frame terms). We will initially meet at Pool Bank Car Park for 10:00am and drive to the location together. Please car share where possible. If you wish to travel there direct please aim to be at the location for 10:30am and please ensure you are on the WhatsApp Group so that we can stay in touch. The drive from Bollington should take about 25 minutes.

Thursday 27th June



Our photowalk this Thursday is to Dunham Massey. We will initially meet at Pool Bank car park for 10:00am. Dunham Massey is a National Trust property and the admission charge to the garden for non-members is currently £9.

Thursday, 11th July



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Three-Minute Radius on The Rec

Join us at the recreation ground for an interactive and fun photo session where we will spend one minute to find a subject (applying what we have learnt about 'rule of thirds'...

Thursday, 25th July



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Teggs Nose Country Park

Join us for an evening photowalk at Teggs Nose Country Park. We will initially meet for car sharing at Pool Bank car park for 7pm (or meet us at Teggs Nose Car Park for 7:15pm. Post code SK11 0AP).

Thursday, 22nd August



The photowalk will be a local evening walk to the **River Dean** at Ingersley Vale. We might get to practice some long exposures. I will have 2 tripods with me. We will meet at Pool Bank car park for 18:30.

Saturday, 14th September

Photographic route to the Nab



This week our photo walk will take place on a **Saturday** (rather than our usual Thursday) and will be a joint photowalk with the Bollington Walking Festival. Please park at Pool Bank car park which is a short distance away (allow 5–10 minutes to get parked and walk to the bus terminus). As this is a joint walk with the Bollington Walking Festival could we please be prepared to give support and advice to members of the public who will be joining us on the walk.

Thursday, 26th September

Lyme Park and Gardens

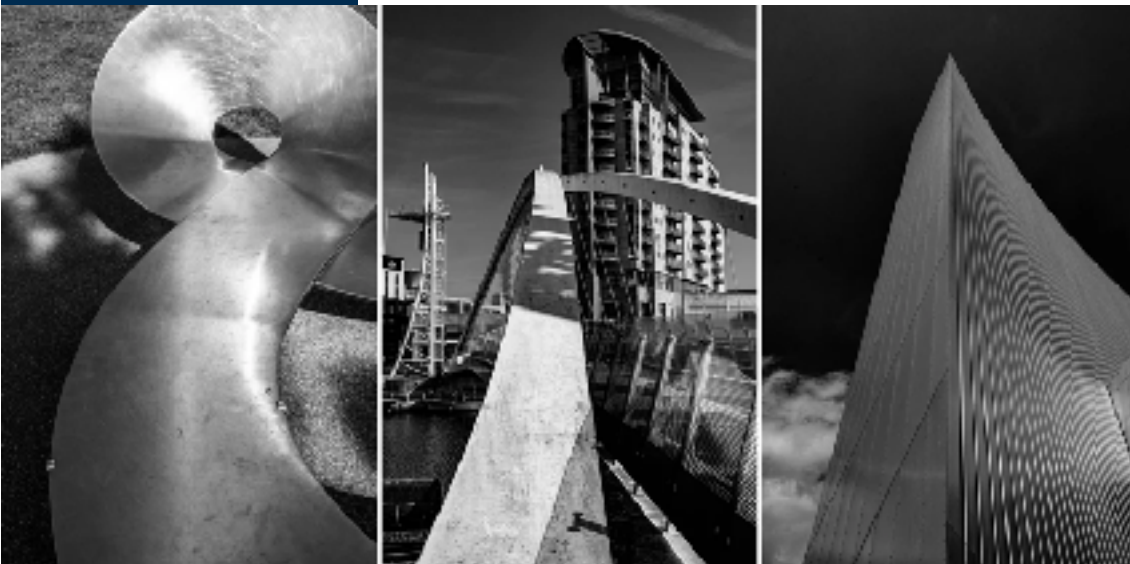


Join us for a photo walk at Lyme Park. Bring a camera phone, DSLR or mirrorless camera with a standard zoom, tele-zoom and/or prime lenses. We will initially meet at Pool Bank Car Park for 2:00pm and drive from there. Please car share where possible. If you wish to travel direct please aim to be at Lyme Park for 2:35pm and please ensure you are on the WhatsApp Group so that we can stay in touch. The drive from Bollington should take about 30–35 minutes. Please see [this link](#) for details and location map. **PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A £7 ADMISSION CHARGE TO LYME PARK & GARDENS (for non-National Trust members).**

Bad weather stopped play!

Thursday, 10th October

Salford Quays



Join us for a photo walk at **Salford Quays** during golden-hour, sunset and blue hour. Sunset is at 6:22pm. Bring a tripod if you have one. We will initially meet at **Pool Bank Car Park** for 4:45pm and drive to the location together. Please car share where possible. If you wish to travel there direct please aim to be at the location for 5:40pm and please ensure you are on the WhatsApp Group so that we can stay in touch. The drive from Bollington should take about 45–50 minutes depending on traffic.

Thursday, 24th October

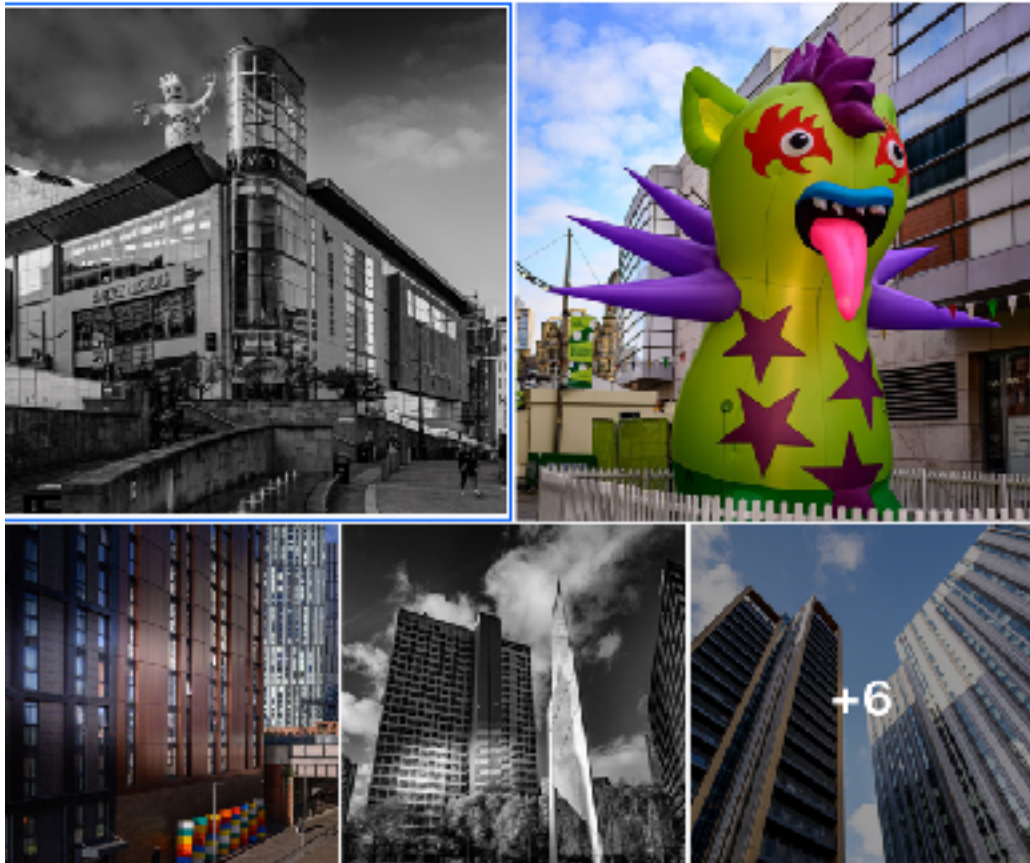
Canal walk to Whiteley Green



A leisurely canal walk to Whiteley Green to photograph sunset across the Cheshire Plain. Sunset is at 5:51pm. Meeting at the Ranger's station on Adlington Road Car Park we will cross the recreation ground and walk along the canal to Holehouse Lane and then continue to The Windmill returning via the Middlewood Way.

Sunday 27th October

Bellington Photographic Group early morning walk around Manchester and the Northern Quarter on Sunday morning – we got some great shots in the early morning light.



Thursday, 14th November

Lowerhouse: Autumn Trees



14 November 2024

Outside The Scout Hall

A wander around the fields at Lowerhouse to photograph some autumn colour. Let's aim to shoot some fallen leaves from a lower angle using pathways as leading lines towards trees in the background. Consider bringing a wide-angle lens if you have one as well as bringing a normal zoom lens – something like a 24-70mm kit zoom (full-frame) or it's cropped-sensor equivalent. Ground is likely to be muddy so you might also like to bring along a garden kneeling mat to take those low angle shots.

Thursday, 28th November

Bird photography at Sutton Reservoir



Join us for a photo walk at Sutton Reservoir. Bring a long telephoto or zoom lens if you have one – ideally 300–400mm (equivalent in full frame terms). We will initially meet at Pool Bank Car Park for 2:00pm and drive to the location together. Please car share where possible. If you wish to travel there direct please aim to be at the location for 2:30pm and please ensure you are on the WhatsApp Group so that we can stay in touch. The drive from Bollington should take about 25 minutes. Please see [this link](#) for details and location map.

Thursday, 12th December



Christmas decorations and light trails

Join us for a photo walk in Bollington to photograph Christmas decorations and light trails. Bring a tripod for some long exposures if you have one. We will meet at Pool Bank car park at 3.30pm. Sunset is at 3:51pm.

Open Meetings



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Thursday 18th January

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. Bring your 6 favourite photos along saved onto a USB memory stick.

Thursday 15th February



We are pleased to announce that Bruce Kendrick, local author and photographer will present our next talk: 'A Journey With Nature' this Thursday, 15 February at The Turners for 7pm. Please see the link below for details. If you have problems booking via the link please just add your name here so that we have an idea of the numbers attending.

Thursday 21st March

Basic Processing. Interpreting one photo. (Andrew Huggett) postponed. Turners was closed for redecorating.

Thursday 18th April



A reminder that tomorrow evening (Thursday, 18 April) one of our members, John Odell – will be giving us a talk on his Travel & Nature Photography. We hope that you can join us. Please use this link to book a place:

Thursday 16th May

Drone Photography

Richard Barrow

This meeting had to be postponed because Richard was ill.

Thursday 20th June

Don Dymer Image Tinkering!

Bring one image and discuss/ explore how it can be changed.

This was actually scheduled to be the Don Dymer presentation but was cancelled due to football being shown at The Turners.

Thursday 18th July

A website meeting.

Thursday 15th August

We did not have a meeting - football again.

Thursday 19th September

Join us tomorrow (**Thursday, 19 September 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. Bring your 6 favourite photos along saved onto a USB memory stick.



Thursday 17th October

Techniques and processing simon

28th October

Thursday 21st November

Japan

Led by Andrew Gregory

'Six in Ten' event

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Minutes of Meetings



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Members Meeting 1 Thursday 4th January 2024 The Turners Arms 7pm



Present:- Andrew Huggett, Simon Nottage, Terry Heathcote, Kev Welton, Geoff White, John Howarth, Steve Poynton, David Hirst, Pat Hirst, Lisa Cox, Jon Odel, Janet Beech.
Representatives from the Discovery Centre:- Graham Barrow, Chris Kettleley, Molly Spink Steve Poynton.

Apologies:- Gill Redin

Finances:-

We have £944 in the bank. Terry estimates that £234 will be needed for the website this year.

Website

Simon said that there are two main reasons for us to have a website.

1. A shop window to showcase what we do.
2. To provide a knowledge hub that is useful to us as a group. It can include details of the talks at the Open Meetings we have been treated to this year.

Simon explained that we do not have a link to our website from google yet because he wants to protect us from fraudulent activity.

Turners Photo Wall

Theme - Close Up.

Timings for this exhibition will be :-

Submission of entries - 5th to 20th January.

Voting - 21st to 28th January.

Photos up - 1st February.

If you want to enter an image, look on the members part of the website. There will be instructions there.

Idea for the next theme - Light.

“Whatever is happening in the world, whatever is happening in our personal lives, we can find light.”

Posters and Flyers

The Printshop has been closed over the Festive period so these have not been printed yet. Simon will look after this. Terry posed the thought that Facebook might be better than posters and flyers and Lisa recommended Instagram too.

We decided to give the posters and flyers another try.

Diary of Open Meetings

January 18th - 6 in 10

February 15th - “Bird Photography” (Bruce Kendrick)

March 21st - Basic Processing. Interpreting one photo. (Andrew Huggett)

April 18th - “A photographic Safari in Southern Africa” (John Odell)

Plans for Future Meetings 2024

- Drone photography from Richard Barrow.
- Don Dymer said he would be honoured to talk about his kind of photography.
- Repeat of 6 in 10
- Website introduction.
- “Tinkering with an image.” I think it is officially called processing!

Photo Walks

- The diary for these will be on he flyers.
- We discussed the problem of walks being cancelled because of bad weather. Perhaps we could still meet but in the dry somewhere. This might be easier in the summertime when walks could be later in the day and there will be pubs open to disappear into.
- Should we vary the days of the walks, with some a weekends perhaps instead of a Thursday?
- Perhaps this would lead to confusion.

Requests made to the group

Bolly Live Front cover - portrait, not landscape.

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 4th -5th May (an event happening in Bollington)
- Water Street School – rent a space
- Gardening Club – March Show

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

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

Harriet Worrell

Town Manager

Ideas for our group for the year

- A trip to Three Shires Head.
- Bird watching - somewhere maybe suggested by Bruce.
- Bluebells
- Lyme Park
- Website Introductory Meeting. Waterfalls.
- Longshaw Estate (probably in the Autumn.)
- Snowdrops.
- Teggs Nose.
- A meal at the Viceroy. (details below.)

Bollington Discovery Centre

A suggestion has been made that there might be some sort of liaison between us and the Discovery Centre. The idea seems to have come from a meeting between Chris and Janet (actually about some documents that Janet could not find.)

Graham, Chris, Steve and Molly told us

- Their website was old.
- Their footfall has fallen from 3,000 to 1,000 per year.
- They are open on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.
- They were started by a Lottery Grant.

Simon asked what their ethos is. They said

- To educate Bollington about its history.
- To liaise with the Civic Society.
- To provide a venue where visitors can find out about Bollington.

Next Members Meeting

29th January 7.30pm - Discovery Centre Committee Meeting

1st February - 7pm at the Turners.

February 5th - A meal at the Viceroy

Next Photo Walk

Thursday 11th January - 10am Winter Close Ups

Next Open Meeting

18th January - 6 in 10

Bollington Photographic Group

Members Meeting 2

Thursday 1st February 2024

The Turners Arms 7pm



Present:- Andrew Huggett, Janet Beech, Simon Nottage, Terry Heathcote, Pat Hirst, David Hirst, Geoff White, John Howarth.

Apologies:- Kevin Welton, Lisa Cox.

Finances:-

- We have £863.27p in the bank.
- We are up to date with web and photo wall costs.
- Membership renewal is automatic on our website but because dates for many of us will be coming up soon we decided that we should let people know a month before.

Turners Photo Wall

Feedback on our Close Up Exhibition

- 44 entries this time,
- 11 of our 24 paid up members entered.
- 8 BPG members and 6 members of the Facebook group voted. Simon showed concern about this. Why was this so low?

New theme -Light

“Whatever is happening in the world, whatever is happening in our personal lives, we can find light.”

Timings for this exhibition have been modified to give more time for voting and - especially - for advertising the voting.

New timings will be :-

Submission of entries - 1st to 14th March.

Voting - 15th to 28th March

Confirmation and printing of chosen images - 29th to 31st March

Photos up - 1st April.

Website

Simon has all the information around the Close Up exhibition. He is anxious to improve the involvement.

It was suggested that the website is throwing up difficulties, namely

→it is slow to open. (This will not be an issue when we are no longer working on the test site that is operational now.)

→ Some people are finding it hard to navigate to the voting page.

Simon mentioned the BPG newsletter. Did we all receive it? It seems we did.

Posters and Flyers

Thanks to Gill we have a comprehensive list of venues to deliver to.
Most of these have been covered now.

Diary for future meeting

Diary 2024	Members Meetings	Photo Walk	Open Meeting	Photo Walk
May	2nd	9th Bluebells	16th Drone Photography Richard Barrow	23rd Tullis Russell
June	6th	13th Bird Walk Ask Bruce!	20th Image Tinkering! Bring one image and discuss/ explore how it can be changed.	27th Lyme Park
July	4th	11th 5 minute radius Start on the Middlewood Way	18th Don Dyer	25th Teggs Nose
August	No formal meeting but trips out. See suggestions below			
September	No formal meeting but trips out. See suggestions below			

Trips out. (These will be arranged whenever members wish. And details posted on the website, What's App and Facebook.)

- A trip to Three Shires Head.
- Bird watching - somewhere maybe suggested by Bruce.
- Website Introductory Meeting. Waterfalls.
- Longshaw Estate (probably in the Autumn.)
- Snowdrops.
- Adelphi Mill
- Clarence Mill

A.O.B

Community and Environment events from the Town Council minutes

- Light Up White Nancy event in April 2024.
- D-Day 80th year anniversary on 6th June 2024, with a beacon on White Nancy and Market Place road closure, and local primary schools invited to read the Chelsea Pensioner Poem at 11am.
- A Green Week 8th-16th June 2024.
- An eco/green market could be combined with a Love Bollington Market maybe.
- Events, in support of Mental Health Week 13th-19 May 2024.

We have 8 small t shirts and 1 large. £10
 1 small, 2 medium and 5 large sweatshirts. £15
 2 large hoodies and 1 medium £20
 Simon will be putting them onto the website shop.

Next Meetings

February 5th - A meal at the Viceroy
 February 15th - Open Meeting Bruce Kendrick - Bird Photography hints and tips.

Members Meeting- March 7th
 Open Meeting March 21st Basic Processing
 Members Meeting - April 4th
 Open Meeting April 18th African Safari

Bollington Photographic Group



Members Meeting 3 Thursday 7th March 2024 The Turners Arms 7pm



Present:-

Kevin Welton, Alan Hodgson, Andrew Huggett, Bruce Kendrick, Janet Beech, John Howarth, Gillian Redin, Terry Heathcote, Simon Nottage.

Apologies:-

David Hirst, Pat Hirst.

Finances:-

➡ We have £953 in the bank. We will need £244 for web costs for the year.

➡ Bollington Beer Festival Grant 2024. Terry is going to try for a grant of £300 this year. This is the submission in support of our application (supplied by Simon.)

“As a direct result of the much appreciated grant funding last year, we have finally had the resources to roll out phase 1 of our new website as intended. The new site has enabled our better integration with social media and the Bollington Photographic Facebook group.

Our increased public visibility has resulted in membership nearly doubling, and the new website gives us the ability to interact with, and invite the involvement of, non-members from the wider community to join in our photographic contests, further promoting Bollington Photographic group.

The website has meant that we have been able to easily advertise our educational talks and photographic walks. These are suitable for all abilities and ages, are held throughout the year, and are also bookable on-line, something which would have been almost impossible without funding the current website.

As we are a small group, the grant has assisted us in being able to keep our subscriptions to a moderate level, benefitting all concerned in these difficult times. More importantly, with our new members bringing their undoubted enthusiasm and skills to our group, we have already been able to start giving back to our community by providing new publicity images to the Town Council and Bollington Live Magazine.”

We hope to be able to continue this journey into the next year and beyond.

Our future aim is to provide a digital platform for Bollington residents to lodge their photographic memories of the next festival as an archival community resource. This will take a considerable amount of time and inevitably, money.

A professionally built web portal with cloud hosting is well beyond our reach, costing many thousands of pounds, but we can, with assistance, start small and give something back as we go. By incrementally building on our site in a controlled way, we can minimise the expenditure but gain the knowledge and expertise to enable us to have this resource in place prior to the next festival.

An additional grant this year will assist us in our goal to develop this resource for the community.”

Finances continued:-

➡ Should we offer to pay towards the lighting that will be needed when the photos are relocated? The Turners committee say they will pay but it might be worth asking them.

➡ Janet asked "if we had plenty of money in group funds what we would do with?" It was discussed. It could be used to fund transport to venues we would like to visit. However, Terry with his treasurers hat on said that minibus hire can be very expensive."

Turners Photo Wall

➡ Submission of entries is underway now. Simon expressed concerns that there are not many entries yet. Gill asked how many entries were submitted to previous exhibitions. I am trying to remember how many there were for the theme of "Close Up". Janet thinks it was 47 and that was a record. When Simon looked back at the numbers it might not be as bad as feared.

➡ On our What's App group Gill posted that there was to be an Artists Trail planned in Bollington for Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th May this year. The publicity states that "Artists and Photographers ... showcase your work in your own home or studio space! Tickets (with map showing all your locations) will be printed and on sale at many central places in Bollington from mid-April onwards. Please contact Claire Moreland.

Janet contacted Claire and managed to get our exhibition onto the Trail at the very last minute. The Turners now know about this.

Website

The barrage of daily adjustments the Simon has to deal with is beginning to settle down now.

The fact that we cannot Google our bpg22.org site yet was explained by Simon. It is a way to protect us from unwanted attacks. We decided that we should open ourselves up to google briefly to assess what might happen.

Simon also mentioned that cloud based storage is not an option yet because of the cost.

Posters and Flyers

We still have some left and still have all April events to publicise. Janet asked that people take some to refresh our drop off places.

Since the new diary dates have been sorted, Janet will ask Simon if the new posters and flyers could be designed.

Photo Walks

At the last meeting we publicised the dates and the details of our main Thursday evening meetings but left the decisions on the photo walks until Andrew and Janet could sort them out. This has now been done with attention to the suggestions put forward - see the new diary.

Since we wanted to ask Bruce for suggestions for the Bird Walk on the 13th we took advantage of his attendance at the meeting. This is his suggestion. St Aidan's, Castleford RSPB with a start of 6am!

This is from Google

"Just a stone's throw from the centre of Leeds, St Aidan's is a stunning place to explore. Whether you're on foot, on your bike, riding a horse or have your camera at the ready, take advantage of the amazing views and wonderful wildlife including Bitterns, Black-necked Grebes, Little Owls, Kestrels, Black-headed Gulls and Lapwings.

St Aidan's has been transformed from an old, open cast mine to a reserve that's alive with wildlife. Its relatively small size means you can easily explore a rich variety of habitats including reedbeds, wetlands, meadows and woodland."

Diary Dates

Suggestions for August and September

- A trip to Three Shires Head.
- Waterfalls.
- Longshaw Estate (probably in the Autumn.)
- Snowdrops.
- Lee Wainwright's new brewery.
- Chester Zoo (suggested by Jon Odell)

(These will be arranged whenever members wish. And details posted on the website, What's App, Facebook and email via Janet who has the email list.)

A.O.B.

Terry has been contacted by Cate Wallace to ask if we want to be part of the Walking Festival in September. We decided - yes. And these are the details that have been passed onto Cate:-

Date: September 14th

Time: 6.00-8.00pm

Meeting point: Turners Arms

Destination: The Nab

• Website Introductory Meeting

Description: A short 1.5 mile walk with members of BPG. Ample opportunity to take photographs and to ask for any advice relating to photography.

- ➡ John mentioned that there was no mention of our group on the Whats On page of the latest Bollington Live. Simon and I will try to make sure that doesn't happen again.
- ➡ Terry and Simon have devised some email reminders about membership renewals that will be sent out to the appropriate people just before time.
- ➡ Andrew has been working with Graham Barrow from the Discovery Centre committee. They are trying to acquire funding. They need to address the problem of their creaky computer set up. He has been acting as an advisor for them.

Next Meetings

There will be no meeting on 4th April. The Turners will be closed for repairs.

The next members meetings will be on 21st March, 18th April. See Facebook and the website for details.

Bollington Photographic Group



Members Meeting 4 Thursday 2nd May 2024 The Turners Arms 7pm



Present:- John Howarth, Terry Heathcote, Alan Hodgson, Simon Nottage, Don Dymmer, Janet Beech, Andrew Huggett, Gill Redin.

Finances:-

- We have £1180 in the bank. There is £108 outstanding to pay so that will leave us with £ £1072.
- Bollington Beer Festival Grant 2024. Nothing has been heard about our application as yet.

Turners Photo Wall

- Should we offer to pay towards the lighting that will be needed when the photos are relocated at the Turners. Our decision was that we should. We need to find out what the cost would be.
- The photos have been reprinted because of a problem with the colours being washed out.
- This time there are nine images on one wall and three images on another. However the Turners are worried that these three images might be in danger of being knocked. They would prefer that we didn't use that second wall.
- The next time the photos will be framed. There will probably be nine.
- We talked about a new theme. Some ideas were suggested. After another meeting we decided that the new theme would be "Through a Window."

Website

- Simon has been working on a lot of re-arranging.
- Terry has asked Simon and Andrew what website payments are due.

Posters and Flyers

Since the new diary dates have been sorted, Janet will ask Simon if the new posters and flyers could be designed.

Photo Walks

- We should start to arrange more evening walks now that the days are getting longer. That way the members who work in the daytime might be able to join in.
- Simon has got permission from Lee Wainwright to photograph his new premises in Macclesfield..
- Janet has tried several times to contact Tullis Russell to arrange the promised visit to their factory. So far there has been no luck. She will keep trying though.

Diary Dates

Suggestions for August and September

- A trip to Three Shires Head.
 - Waterfalls.
 - Longshaw Estate (probably in the Autumn.)
 - Snowdrops.
 - Chester Zoo (suggested by Jon Odell)
- (These will be arranged whenever members wish. And details posted on the website, What's App, Facebook and email via Janet who has the email list.)**



One of these informal meetings should be a social get together. The pub does not do food but they do not mind if we bring take away in.

A.O.B.

. > John mentioned that our group was not mentioned on the Whats On page of the latest Bollington Live. Simon and Janet will try to make sure that doesn't happen again.

> Andrew has been working with Graham Barrow from the Discovery Centre committee. They are trying to acquire funding. They need to address the problem of their creaky computer set up. He has been acting as an advisor for them.

Next Meetings

Members meeting Thursday, 6th June.

Bollington Photographic Group



Members Meeting 5 Thursday 6th June 2024 The Turners Arms 7pm



Present:- Don Dwyer, David Hirst, Terry Heathcote, Pat Hirst, Simon Nottage, Andrew Huggett, John Howarth, Janet Beech.

Apologies:- Tony Hopwood, Gill Redin, Kev Welton.

Finances:-

We have 23 paid up members.

• After the meeting I got an email from Terry with an update:-

“I have just paid Simon for the flyers so we have £1432.88 in the account of which I have ring fenced £185 for website costs this year. In addition I have also ring fenced your kind donation of £250 for events including any associated travel.”

- The grant window for the Bollington Town Council is now open and we have until October to submit it. Terry suggested that we didn't repeat our bid for website funding. Instead he suggested identified money towards installing the lighting for the Photo Wall at the Turners. To do that we need to know how much would be needed to buy what is necessary and to install it. We need this information before our next members meeting.
- We discussed whether we need to apply for another grant since our bank balance is healthy at the moment. We agreed that since we are a Bollington Group working for Bollington we need to have a grant presence with the BTC.

Turners Photo Wall

Dates for the next wall

1 June to 14 June inclusive... Submit images.

15 June to 27 June inclusive... Voting.

28 June to 30 June inclusive... Confirmation and printing of 12 winning entries.

1 July... Images put up on our Photo Wall.Dates

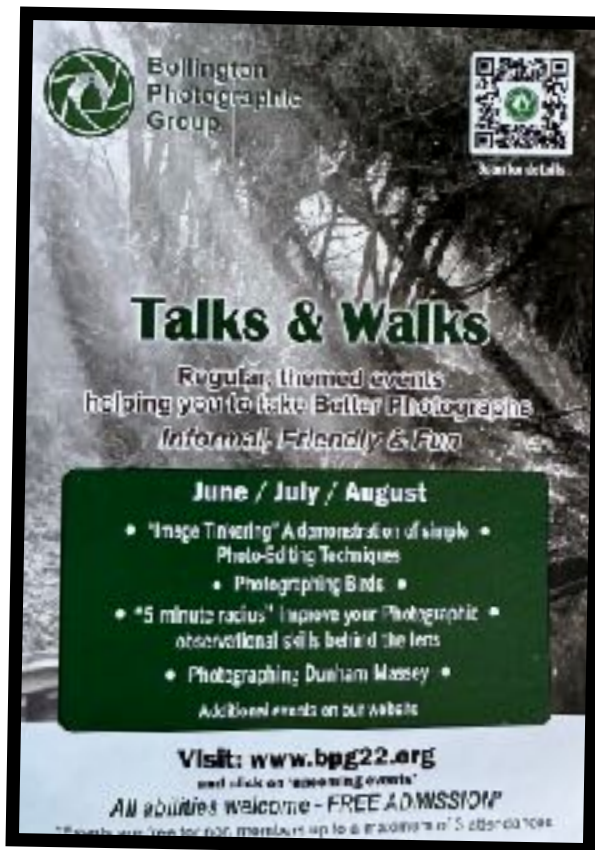
Kevin Welton asked on the What's App group what happens to the images when they come off the wall. John confirmed that he gives them back to any of the members who want them and that he saves them the others.

Website

- Simon is working to make our new site better to navigate, with a drop down menu providing instructions.
- The appeal for non members to post Festival Photos from the event on the Rec at the end of May has resulted in several images being submitted.
- Simon has asked that all members who went to the Festival should post their images too on the Members area.
- Simon has been working on a crossword that is photography themed. He hopes that he can tempt people to attempt it. There are prizes on offer i.e. coffee mugs and vouchers for the club. This will be advertised on Face etc. and direct people to the website.

Posters and Flyers

Simon has had 100 flyers printed. They cost £27.50



John highlighted some concerns about the details on these flyers.

- There are no firm dates advertised here.
 - Talks and Walks was something else he was concerned about.
- Perhaps we should discuss these issues at another meeting.

Photo Walks

An event card for a photo walk at Dunham Massey. The card has a red and blue background. On the left, a red box contains the date '27 Jun, 2024'. In the center is a circular image of a stag in a field. On the right, the text reads: 'Dunham Massey', 'Price: Free', '🕒 10:00 - 13:30', '📍 Pool Bank Car Park, Bollington', and '📅 27/06/2024 - 27/06/2024'.

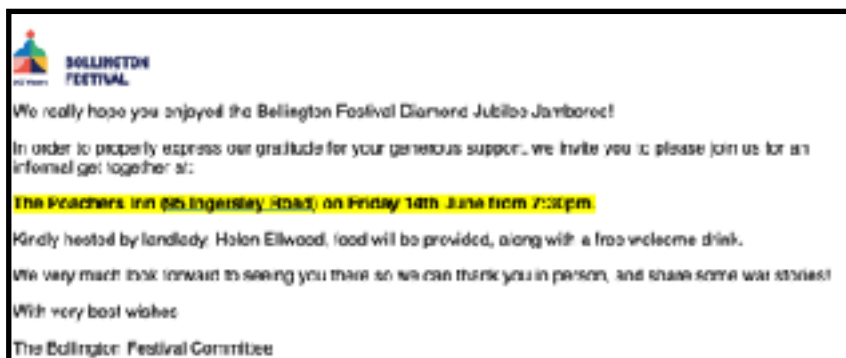
.We should make the most of the light evenings and change the starting times of our walks for a while. We will make sure this happens soon.

Diary Dates

Diary 2024	Members Meetings	Photo Walk	Open Meeting	Photo Walk
May	2nd	9th Bluebells	16th Drone Photography Richard Barrow	23rd Tullis Russell
June	6th	13th Bird Walk Bruce Kendrick	20th Image Tinkering! Bring one image and discuss/ explore how it can be changed.	27th Dunham Massey
July	4th	11th 5 minute radius Start on the Middlewood Way	18th Don Dyer	25th Teggs Nose
August	No formal meeting but trips out. See suggestions below			
September	No formal meeting but trips out. See suggestions below			

A.O.B.

- We are in the process of gathering together Festival photos from the weekend at the end of May. At the next meeting we must curate the images so that we can gather a representative selection to show the Festival Committee. And we need to establish the expectations of the committee regarding them.
- Graham Barrow from the Discovery Centre has written in an article for Bollington Live identifying a collaboration between our two groups. I have made it very clear that we have not agreed to anything. He has deleted the reference.
- Simon has been working on an appropriate entry for the What's On in the next edition Bollington Live.
- Pat Scanlon has decided not to continue as a member of our group. We need to find out if he wants to continue to oversee the What's App group. Janet will contact him.
- We have had the following invitation.



Janet will reply to say 4 of us would love to attend.

Next Meetings

4th July

Bollington Photographic Group



Members Meeting 6 Thursday 4th July 2024 The Turners Arms 7pm



Present:- John Howarth, Simon Nottage, Alan Hodgson, Kevin Welton, Terry Heathcote, Janet Beech.

Apologies:- Andrew Huggett, Gill Redin.

Finances:-

- We have £1,424 in the bank. £205 is needed for the rest of the year to cover website costs. This leaves £1219 for us to use to the benefit of our members.
- So far all membership renewals are proceeding well with just a couple of changes.
- As yet we do not know how much the installation of lighting for our photo wall will be, and what is needed to do but this is work in progress.

Current Membership

July 1st 2024
Level - Full membership
Terry Heathcote
Simon Nottage
Gillian Redin
Janet Beech
Andrew Huggett
John Howarth
Robert Warhurst
Ian Walker
Don Dwyer
Pat Hirst
Kevin Walton
Steven Gilligan
David Hirst
Caroline Marshall
John O'Dell
Alan Hodgson
Bruce Kendrick
Level - Subscription Membership
Jackie Timms
Richard Barrow
Lisa Cox
Tony Hopwood
Geoff White
Nel O'Hara
Free Browsing
Sharon Heggs (expiry July 9)
David Baume (expiry 30 July)
Don Elter (expiry 21 July)

Turners Photo Wall

- All the photos for the July Wall are now in place and looking good.

Diary 2024	Members Meetings	Photo Walk	Open Meeting	Photo Walk
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September	No formal meeting but trips out. See suggestions below			

- John holds the archive of previous winners which he brought along to the meeting as usual.. Members can reclaim any of their photos.
- Kev mentioned that the Macclesfield Camera Club have an exhibition of their photos at the Macclesfield Library and wondered whether could do something similar. We have some really good photos in our archive and it might be something to consider for the future.
- The Discovery Centre has an exhibition gallery but might not be a space that has enough footfall to make it worthwhile.
- We decided that the themes for the next year should be chosen up front. Simon had found list of over 200 photo themes. They were all numbered and since there were 6 of us to choose 6 themes, we each chose a number from the list, It worked surprisingly well. The list, in order, is:-

Dogs - September

Food - November

Flowers - January

Wide angle everything - March

Back alleys and ginnels - May

Sky - July

This means that we can take suitable photos in advance if we see them at any time.

Timescale for the next exhibition is:-

- 1, 1st to 14th August. Submission of images via the BPG website.
2. 15th to 28th August. Voting.
3. 29th to 31st August. Confirmation of 12 images with most votes. Printing of images for display.
- 4, 1st September. Put the "Winning" images up on the Photo Wall in the Turners.

Website

- The new site is nearly ready to go. Simon has asked for us to have a meeting to test it on as many different devices as possible. This will be at the Turners, 7pm Thursday 18th July. (Janet will confirm this with them soon.) We could order food from the Viceroy to smooth the meeting along!
- Simon asked for confirmation of prizes offered for the winner of the crossword competition. We decided on a membership voucher for the winner, and a coffee mug for the second prize.

Posters and Flyers

Janet has suggested that the best places for flyers is to put them where you can leave a pile for people to help themselves. Places where there is a constant passing trade. Butchers, Bridgend Centre, Post Office,

Library, Cafes Vets, etc. These need to be monitored for refilling. And posters might not be needed as places don't have room for them.

Terry wondered if there is any way to monitor whether these work. And Kevin told us that he found out about us though a flyer he found at the vets in Macclesfield.

Photo Walks

- The new themes for the Photo Wall will give us plenty of ideas.
- And there has been high praise for the Dunham Massey walk, led by John. Excellent technical advice and he even charmed the deer out of hiding.
- Also the Redesmere walk was very educational too. Thank you Bruce.

A.O.B.

- We have been asked if anyone could be available to support the "Save our Library" campaign by taking photos at the Library on Saturday, 6th July, Starting at 10am. Janet will be there.
- Terry asked if it would be possible to put details of our members on the website. We say we are a friendly group and it might help with this.

Next Meetings

- Website meeting Thursday 18th July, 7pm. Turners Arms.
- Next members meeting should be on Thursday, 1st August but I will be in the caravan then. Could we shift it to the 8th instead please?

Bollington Photographic Group

Members Meeting 7

Thursday 3rd September 2024

The Turners Arms 7pm



Present:- John Howarth, Andrew Huggett, John Odell, Kevin Walton, Simon Nottage, Janet Beech, Andrew Gregory.

Apologies:- Terry Heathcote

Matters arising:-

Posters and Flyers.

- We probably don't need posters. We might try this for now. But some flyers will be needed in places where they are easy to pick up. (Places like Heathcote and Barrows Butchers, the Leisure Centre, the Post Office, the Library, Macclesfield Tourist Information Centre, the Vets etc.)
- All the information about walks and talks coming up for the rest of the year are sorted now. Details are in the minutes and will be on the new website as well. So that means that the flyers will be more generic and have QR codes on that link to the website for specifics of dates, times, meeting points etc. This way if there need to be specific changes it will be easy to correct information.

Finances

The accounts are up to date and are as follows:

- Current bank balance is £1548.88 of which £150 is retained, from the Beer Festival Grant, for development of the new website.
- This leaves a net total of £1398.88 of which some of these monies will be required to pay for a qualified person to undertake the final fix of the spotlights to the existing power supply. Simon has already secured the spotlights and the invoices have been paid for materials associated with the project.
- I've submitted our grant application to Bollington Town Council for £130 stating that the monies will be used for the cost and installation of the spot lights for the Turners Wall exhibitions.

Membership

Simon explained that we now have 4 membership levels, not 3.

They are as follows:-

Full membership is 'access all areas' - continuous until you cancel. One payment per year.

Subscription membership is continuous (as full membership above) but in 3month payments.

Annual membership is as full membership above, but only for a single 12 months period.

Free Browsing is a 30 day trial only.

All types of membership are accessible (and can be adjusted or cancelled) from the membership pages.

The system should give all members notice of renewal before the end of the term.

Members as of July 2024

Full membership	Subscription Membership	Free Browsing	Annual Membership
Terry Heathcote Simon Nottage Gillian Redin Janet Beech Andrew Huggett John Howarth Robert Warhurst Ian Walker Don Dyer Pat Hirst Kevin Walton Steven Gilligan David Hirst Caroline Marshall John O'Dell Alan Hodgson Bruce Kendrick	Jackie Timms Richard Barrow Lisa Cox Tony Hopwood Geoff White Neil O'Hara	Sharon Heggs (expiry July 9) Andrew Gregory (expiry August 8) David Baume (expiry June 30th)	

Turners Photo Wall

Here are the 12 Winners for the September 2024 (Dogs) Photo Wall.



- The images have now been displayed, in the new frames, These have made a huge difference to the professionalism of the display. It will also make future displays easier to manage as the hooks to hang the frames will be permanently fixed, making it easy on and easy off.

- The management of the Turners are worried that there might be damage done if photos are dislodged from the wall by people passing by. John H. has reassured them that we will take that risk and will not hold them responsible for any accidental damage

Our next theme is Food. The timings are as follows

1. 1 to 14 October - Submission of images.
2. 15 to 28 October - Voting.
3. 29 to 31 October - Confirmation of 12 images with most votes.
4. 1 November - 'Winning' images up on the Photo Wall in The Turner's.

Photo Walks

Date	Place	Time	Ideas to explore
August 22nd	- River Walk	Evening 6.30pm.	Slow shutter speeds.
September 14th	A walk to the Nab	6:00 pm. Meet outside the Cotton Tree.	Bollington Walking Festival Walk
September 26th	Lyme Park	2pm. Car sharing needs to be organised.	Landscapes and architecture.
October 10th	Salford Quays.	6pm. Car sharing needs to be organised.	Reflections. Light Colours. Architecture?
October 24th	Canal walk to Whitley Green.	4.30pm	Sunset and/or pub.
November 14th	Lowerhouse fields	2pm.. Meet at the Scout hut.	Autumn colours Low level images.
November 28th	Redesmere	2pm. Car sharing needs to be organised.	Birds? Long lenses?
December 12th	A walk around Bollington.	3.30pm "The blue hour."	Night time photography.
December 26th	No walk planned.		

Talks

19th September 6 in 10.	17th October Techniques and processing Simon Nottage will supply details nearer the time.	21st November Japan Led by Andrew Gregory	19th December 6 in 10.
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Other Ideas

- The Treacle Market was mentioned as something we could meet for photos.
Dates for the next ones are:- Sun 29th Sept, Sun 27th Oct, Sun 24th Nov, Sun 22nd Dec.
- We should be using the What's App Group to suggest "last minute ideas" such as Kev mentioning that the National Trust posts tours and imminent happenings - like wall rebuilding for example. If you plan to go somewhere and want company, use the What's App!

Members Meetings

3rd October, 7th November, 5th December

Website

- The Website meeting Thursday 18th has resulted in Simon being able to adapt the website and we now have a date of 1st October for “go” on the new site. Hopefully!
- The new hosts are working well.
- The new website is now working but -
- The migration to the new plug in is still not done despite efforts from Simon and Andrew.
- Simon has identified difficulty with the handling of the images. At the moment our free plug in “runs out of steam” making huge problems for him. He has identified a new plug in which would cost but would make things much easier. Terry needs to be informed.
- There is an issue with resizing of images for the website.

The name of our new website is **Bollington Photographic Group**.

A.O.B.

- We talked about opening up the Turners Wall Photo Wall exhibition to Facebook members once year. If we still want to do this details need to be sorted at the next meeting.
- Rebecca Roth-Biester, from the Bollington Festival Committee has arranged for a short article in the next issue of Bollington Live magazine. She said “the text will be minimal. We wanted to let the images 'do the talking' as it were.” I hope Simon will be able to sort this out.
- Also, Simon will prepared something about BPG for Bollington Live that includes a QR code.
- Simon says that he has sorted the lights for the Turners exhibition. They are now up and looking good.

Bollington Photographic Group



Members Meeting 8 Thursday 3rd October 2024 The Turners Arms 7pm



Present:- Andrew Huggett, Kevin Walton, Terry Heathcote, Simon Nottage, Janet Beech, Pat Hirst, David Hirst.

Apologies:- David Baume, Alan Hodgson, Andrew Gregory, John Howarth.

Matters arising:-

- We talked about opening up the Turners Wall Photo Wall exhibition to Facebook members once year. If we still want to do this details need to be sorted at another meeting.
- Apparently Pat and David have not been receiving emails. Janet will try to sort this out. (Also see the website information.)

Finances

- The total monies we have in the BPG account are £1622.45 of which £187.60 are to be used for the website. This leaves a balance of £1434.85.
- The lighting for the Turners Wall has now been paid for.
- Terry has asked for an approximate estimate of costs for the website through to 2025. He needs to put this to one side.

Membership September 2024

Full membership	Subscription Membership	Free Browsing	Annual Membership
Terry Heathcote Simon Nottage Gillian Redin Janet Beech Andrew Huggett John Howarth Robert Warhurst Ian Walker Don Dyer Pat Hirst Kevin Walton Steven Gilligan David Hirst Caroline Marshall John O'Dell Alan Hodgson Bruce Kendrick David Baume Andrew Gregory	Jackie Timms Richard Barrow Lisa Cox Tony Hopwood Geoff White Neil O'Hara		

Members with Free Browsing in July were Sharon Heggs (expiry July 9), Andrew Gregory (expiry August 8) and David Baume (expiry June 30th). As you see two of these have become full members and only one has not continued.

Turners Photo Wall

John Howarth has been the initiator and driving force of this venture. Unfortunately he has suffered an accident which has seen hospital care necessary. We wish him the best recovery possible and are missing him hugely.

This situation has initiated a debate which will be explained in A.O.B. below.

We wondered whether to delay the next wall of images but decided to go ahead in respect for John.

Our next theme is Food. The timings are as follows

1. 1 to 14 October - Submission of images.
2. 15 to 28 October - Voting.
3. 29 to 31 October - Confirmation of 12 images with most votes.
4. 1 November - 'Winning' images up on the Photo Wall in The Turner's.

This means that we need to start submitting images now.

Photo Walks

Date	Place	Time	Ideas to explore
October 10th	Salford Quays.	4.45pm. Car sharing needs to be organised. Meet at Pool Bank.	Reflections. Light Colours. Architecture?
October 24th	Canal walk to Whitley Green.	4.30pm	Sunset and/or pub.
November 14th	Lowerhouse fields	2pm.. Meet at the Scout hut.	Autumn colours Low level images.
November 28th	Redesmere	2pm. Car sharing needs to be organised.	Birds? Long lenses?
December 12th	A walk around Bollington.	3.30pm "The blue hour."	Night time photography followed by a meal at the Viceroy. Merry Christmas.
December 26th	No walk planned.		

The walk in red needs to be sorted now. Kev has volunteered to drive. He has 3 spare places in his car. If you are interested, please contact him - through What's App or email.

Other Ideas

- The Treacle Market was mentioned as something we could meet for photos.
Dates for the next ones are:- Sun 27th Oct, Sun 24th Nov, Sun 22nd Dec.

Talks

17th October Techniques and processing Simon Nottage will supply details nearer the time.	21st November Japan Led by Andrew Gregory	19th December 6 in 10.
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Website

The name of our new website is;-

bollingtonphotogroup.org

- The old site has been folded now.
- The new website is now in operation . It looks better and it is quicker.
- Kev asked about the plug in that was discussed to help with the management of photos. This is ongoing but led to a discussion about this being the focus of the technical talk planned on 17th October given by Simon.
- Simon will include details of that talk and also the minutes of this meeting on the forthcoming monthly round robin newsletter.

A.O.B.

- Flyers? Simon will sort something out when a few details have been cleared up.
- Janet wondered if the Knowledge Hub could now be updated. Simon says the new website will make this much easier.
- David and Simon worked hard on the wording for an add about our group to be included in the next issue of Bollington Live.



- Please note the inclusion of a Viceroy meal on the Walks timetable.
- The unintentional absence of John has highlighted the need for stand-ins/deputies for each of the areas we work on. These are Website, Turners Wall, Finances, Facebook updates, Secretarial work, Chairman duties etc. etc. It was suggested that we make the awareness of this to the members. They might have some good suggestions. If there are any we could discuss these at the next meeting.

Next Members Meetings

7th November

5th December

Bollington Photographic Group

Members Meeting 9

Thursday 7th November 2024

The Turners Arms 7pm



Present:- David Hirst, Pat Hirst, Janet Beech, Kevin Walton, Terry Heathcote, Andrew Huggett.

Apologies:- John Howarth, Simon Nottage, Andrew Gregory.

Future Promotion of the Group

Kev Welton challenged us to define what we want from the group. He has designed a series of questions to guide our thinking. I have put them under the appropriate headings and highlighted them for identification.

Finances:-

- We have £1,696.16p in the bank.
- £170.60p is reserved for the website.
- So we have £1525.56p left.
- Terry has applied for a grant from Bollington Town Council of £100 to help with the cost of the lighting for the Turners Photo Wall.

A Kev Welton question.

Can we use some of the money from the subscriptions to subsidise travelling costs or entry fees to events for example birds of prey and bird reserve etc?

- That is what it is there for and should/must be claimed. (Just a thought from Janet - maybe this NEEDS to be done so that we can see how much to put on a future grant application from the council.)

Free to members, none members pay.

This should be our motto for 2025.

Membership 2024 - 25 altogether.

All in black are What's App members (12). All in red (13) are not. Malcolm Brunt is not a member but is on the Whats App Group.

Full membership	Full membership	Subscription Membership	Free Browsing
Terry Heathcote	Caroline Marshall	Jackie Timms	
Simon Nottage	John O'Dell	Richard Barrow	
Gillian Redin	Alan Hodgson	Lisa Cox	
Janet Beech	Bruce Kendrick	Tony Hopwood	
Andrew Huggett	David Baume	Geoff White	
Robert Warhurst	Steven Gilligan	Neil O'Hara	
Don Dwyer	John Howarth		
Pat Hirst	Ian Walker		
Kevin Walton			
David Hirst			
Andrew Gregory			

A Kev Welton question.

What benefits do members get for paying to be a member?

- Photo Walks and Talks are top of the list.
- Should we be asking non members to pay for these? Yes especially if there are external speakers. And if that is the case we should relocate these talks to somewhere other than the pub.
- We need to ask all the members. Kev is composing a questionnaire.

Turners Photo Wall

Our next theme is Flowers. The timings are as follows:-

- 1 to 14 December - Submission of images.
- 15 to 28 December - Voting.
- 29 to 31 December Confirmation of 12 images with most votes. Printing of images to A3 for display.
- 1 January Put up the 'Winning' images.

The picture frames have really improved the look of the display. What can we do to improve the professionalism of the production of the images themselves?

- Take time to research the image you want to capture.
- Look for interesting light.
- Use colour effectively.
- Organise a talk about this. (See below.)

Photo Walks

Date	Place	Time	Ideas to explore
November 14th	Lowerhouse fields	2pm.. Meet at the Scout hut.	Autumn colours Low level images.
November 28th	Sutton Reservoir Followed by a visit to the Sutton Village Cafe? (See below.)	2pm. Car sharing needs to be organised.	Birds? Long lenses?
December 12th	A walk around Bollington.	3.30pm "The blue hour."	Night time photography followed by a meal at the Viceroy. Merry Christmas.
December 26th	No walk planned.		

Sutton Village Cafe

Thursday 8 am–4:30 pm

Saturday 8:30 am–4:30 pm

Sunday 9 am–4 pm

A Kev Welton question

Can photo walks be tailored to fit the groups photographic interests?

- Yes. Absolutely. When these walks are suggested by Andrew, helped by Janet, techniques are in our minds but can be changed and modified. The best way to do this is by discussion at our members meetings or during the walk itself.

Can we offer the walks at a weekend for members who work?

- Good idea This need to be sorted. It would be easy to repeat a walk at the weekend.

Talks

21st November Japan Led by Andrew Gregory	19th December 6 in 10.
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A Kev Welton question

Schedule in a talk on a specific interest from the groups interests every two months, book a room somewhere (not the pub.) This could be a Guest Speaker or a member of the group with knowledge in this interest. Open it up to the Facebook Group.

Understand the exposure triangle, shutter speed, splash photography, long exposure, aperture, depth of field, improve snap into a photo, snap to photo, photo stacking, macro, automatic or manual etc.

Website

A Kev Welton question

Website - why are so few people using it?

- We identified that the new site is much better than the old. New website tutorial and input from us about our thoughts is asked for. We want to ask Simon to organise a talk.
- We identified that the parts of the website were the most useful are the Minutes, the Turners Wall, the information about the Photo Walks and Open Meeting Talks and the ability to make payments.
- We also decided that some things are unnecessary or buried and difficult to find. .
- AND, SIMONWE NEED A KNOWLEDGE HUB THAT IS PERSONAL TO US!

A.O.B.

The BPG Facebook group is not allowing sharing because it was made a private group to put a stop to hacking and inappropriate content.

Andrew has suggested the in the New Year we close it down and open a new Facebook group to get round this, since Facebook itself won't let us alter the status.

email to all members

Next Members Meetings

5th December

A Kev Welton question

Find out members photographic interests so that we can use this to help with the photo walks and arrange for external speakers.

Include in the poll Landscape, Urban Architecture, Street, Nature, Animals, Abstract, Sport, Portraits, Pets, Macro, Black and White and any others you can think of.

Book venue, hire stands, back drops, lights, flash lights, light deflectors and maybe a model or volunteer. Experiment with lighting etc. portrait photography. Again these need to be free to members, non members pay.

Look for opportunities around Bollington that as a group we can get involved in.

- Dates for the Treacle Market. Dates for the next ones are:- Sun 24th Nov, Sun 22nd Dec.

Canalside Radio wants to have an article in the next Bollington Live and it has been suggested that we try to provide photos of Canalside working at local events. These are:-

- November 10th Remembrance at the Memorial Gardens
- Sunday 1st December Love Bollington Market on the Rec ,
- Carols round the Tree at the Town Hall on Christmas Eve.

Kev strongly suggested that we compose an email to all our group members asking for their involvement in these issues if we are to progress our group in 2025. He will write a draft which he will circulate and we can adapt. This should be done before the last meeting of the year - and in writing these minutes it dawned on me that we might hire somewhere to hold this meeting which isn't a pub.