

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 Dyer	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.