

Bollington Photographic Group

Minutes of Meetings

January 2025

The first four Thursdays in the month will have planned activities.

The first and third Thursdays will be designed to deal with improving our techniques. Instructing, sharing ideas and improving understanding of how to take photographs not just holiday snaps!

Photo walks will be planned on the second and fourth.

If there is a fifth Thursday in the month we can all have a rest.

Photo Walks & Open meetings 16th January, Cafe Waterside.

Present at the meeting:-

Andrew Huggett, Pat Hirst, Janet Beech

January

- 23rd - 6 in 10

February

- 6th Website
- 13th Wide angle walk. Urban Macclesfield. 101 steps and around. 2pm.
- 20th Wide Angle Information Discussion. Introduction of the idea of project groups.
- 27th Along the lower Kerridge ridge. 2pm

March Next Turners Wall theme **Wide angle everything**

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

April

- 3rd Photo Stacking. Macro. Information & discussion.
Also Pat has suggested the idea of project groups. Details to come

Finance update 22nd January

From Terry.

We have a total of £2084.10 in the bank account of which an estimated £368 is required for 2025 website support.

This leaves a residue of £1761.10 for Group activities.

Questionnaire to Membership 23rd January

Present at the meeting:-

Simon Nottage, Don Dyer, John Howarth, Andrew Huggett, Denise Skiffington, Alan Hodgson, Terry Heathcote, Pam Lob, Janet Beech.

Apologies:-

David Hirst, Pat Hirst, Kevin Welton.

Last year we decided to contact our members to determine what we could do to encourage more active participation by way of a questionnaire. This will help enormously to plan an exciting programme for this year. This is the questionnaire (supplied by Terry.)

1. Photographic Interests

What are your photographic interests? e.g. Nature, Landscape, Street Photography, Fine art, Sport, Black & White etc.

2. Camera Usage

2.1 What Camera do you primary use? e.g. Phone, DSLR, Compact, Film etc.

2.2 What other cameras may you use?

3. Photo Walks

Are you interested in attending the photo walks? If so, do you have a preference for which day(s) of the week would be most convenient?

-

4. Activities and Presentations

What activities, workshops and talks would you like to see included in the programme for 2025?

5. Website

5.1 Do you use the new website? If so, for what purpose and have you found it easy to navigate?

5.2 Have you any suggestions on improving the navigation of the website?

5.3 What additional information would you like to see on the website?

6. Additional Comments

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions for the Group to consider? All this started when we wanted to send out the questionnaire. The problem came - how?

- With Simon to guide us we eventually decided that Janet, with the help of Andrew, would compose a newsletter email.
- The e-mail newsletter is automatically sent to all our registered members.
- It will appear in all our registered members' inboxes – (unless they have set our email to be spam).
- There will be a reference to the questionnaire in the text of the email and a link to it for people to follow.
- The Questionnaire will be written in a piece of software in a page on our website that asks the questions, and adjusts the remaining questions depending on the answers.
- Our website will be able to track which members react to this. It then collects the answers in the completed questionnaire and tabulates them for analysis.
- Simon has asked if someone would collate responses and report back at one of our meetings. I think that Terry has already to do this.
- There should be a cut off date for responses.
- The next stage would be to involve members of the Bollington Photographic Group facebook page eventually.

Turners Photo Wall

27th January from John Howarth.

PLEASE FIND ATTACHED AN UPDATED PROGRAMME FOR OUR 'PHOTO WALL'

Greetings from The Bollington Photographic Group.

We're trusting that you're familiar with our "Photo Wall" in The Turner's.
(Corner of Church Street and Ingersley Road, Bollington).
This is where we display of some of our Member's Best Photographs on a regular basis.

Well, It's almost time to renew them with a new set of images.
The 'Theme' this time is...

WIDE ANGLED EVERYTHING.

Here's the new time-scale.

(Note, all dates are inclusive.)

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

Submission of images.
via the Bollington Photographic web site

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

Voting.

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

Confirmation of 12 images with most votes.
Printing of images to A3 for display.

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

Put the 'Winning' images up on the Photo Wall in
The Turner's

To submit your image/s head to our Bollington Photographic Group Web-Site
<https://bollingtonphotogroup.org/>

Log in and head to the Activity Tab .
You will find an entry that will take you to our latest Exhibition.
Note!! NO PRIZES, just fame and satisfaction.