

We are passionate about photography - whether it's stunning landscapes, moody and atmospheric black and whites, perfectly captured nature or photos which show your creative side.

We love photography in all its forms and we love people who love their photography.

Whether you're a novice or a dab-hand, taking photos of flowers or fog or simply enjoying photography as your hobby, you'll be warmly welcomed to our group. It doesn't matter if you're just beginning or if you've been taking photos all your life because we are certain there is something for you at WPS.

#### Weekly meetings from September to May

Our weekly meetings are warm and sociable with a friendly membership and a range of interesting activities such as guest speakers, members' presentations and our annual Points Series Competition (for both projected and printed images) where we compete against each other. There are other opportunities too and details of these are available on our web site.

We are affiliated to the **PAGB** (*Photo Alliance of Great Britain*) and the **MCPF** (*Midland Counties Photographic Federation*) and we have a very good relationships with several local radio stations, the *Wolverhampton Magazine* and *Wolverhampton Art Gallery*, which hosted our 125th Anniversary Exhibition in November 2013 - a mix of the best historical images as well as stunning new work.

There is also help, advice, and encouragement for any member wishing to obtain a distinction with the *Royal Photographic Society.* 

Wolverhampton Photographic Society has been helping develop photographic skills for more than 125 years.

# Why not join us and become part of our future?

#### **Help and Advice**

One of the great things of being part of our group is being able to mix and chat with fellow photographers to share ideas and skills. Not only are there opportunities to ask for advice from fellow members, or to pass on tips and tricks that you may know, but there are numerous opportunities to see the work of those around you and to develop ideas and inspiration.

WPS competitions offer an opportunity to view the best work of fellow members and hear the opinions of external judges. There's a weekly e-newsletter too,

#### **WPS Trophies and Awards**

There are a number of silver cups and trophies which are presented each year to members who win our various internal competitions or who have achieved significant progress during the season.

#### **For League 1 Members**

Peter Eardley Cup - Points Series best monochrome print Warner Trophy - Points Series best colour Print WPS Projected Digital Image Shield - Points Series best PDI

Holcroft Challenge Cup - best of season monochrome print

WPS Rose Bowl - best of Season colour print

 $\ensuremath{\textbf{WPS}}$  Best of Season PDI - best of season projected image

#### For League 2 Members

Wolverhampton CC Trophy- Points Series monochrome print

WPS Cup - Points Series best colour print

WPS PDI Trophy - Points Series best PDI

WPS Best of Season Monochrome - best of season print

A.E. Wood Challenge Cup - best of season colour print

WPS Best of Season PDI - best of season projected image

#### **Open to All**

President's Cup - most progress through the season Outings Cup - best photo taken during a club event Best Themed Print - best photo of the annual themes Best Themed PDI - best PDI of the annual themes Rene and Jim Dowdall Presidents' Tray - best overall print WPS Best Overall PDI - members' choice of best PDI WPS Digital AV Competition - best AV presentation Jubilee Cup - Chairman's discretionary award

### Workshops and Special Interest Groups

# Everyone has to start somewhere and there are always new skills to be learned.

For this reason WPS runs regular workshops covering a wide range of topics. These look at making better use of your camera and its controls, photographic composition, lighting, *Lightroom, Photoshop/Elements* and more. There are also special interest groups which look at more specific topics such as flash photography, portraiture, creative styles or astrophotography.

It doesn't matter what level you have reached with your photography because there will undoubtedly be something here for you. Perhaps your photographic experiences or photo-software skills will be of interest to others.

# **WPS Outings**

Throughout the season there are visits and trips arranged to a wide range of locations. These could be *National Trust* properties or perhaps specific events which, in the past, have included balloon festivals, the *Blists Hill* and *Black Country* museums, steam rallies or walks in scenic locations. Patterdale in the Lake District is a regular venue for a short photography and social break.

Our visits and trips are arranged and organised by members so the choices each year are varied and changing.

#### **Any questions?**

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Or send an email to:

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Whoever you are and whatever you photograph, come along and be inspired!

More information and detail about these events can be found on our website.



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# Benefits of membership include ...

- An interesting programme of events and presentations from established photographers
- Exchanging ideas and learning new skills with a group of like-minded people having the same interests as yours
- Viewing, or taking part in, our internal competitions and formal national competitions
- Access to regular workshops which focus on specific techniques or types of photography
- Being able to participate in organised club visits
- Improving your enjoyment of photography in an encouraging, friendly and social environment

#### When and where ...

Every **Tuesday evening** starting on **3rd September**. We have a break at Christmas and close our season on **6th May** with our annual awards and Presentation Dinner. Meetings start at 7.45pm until 10.00pm.

We meet at: Windmill Community Hub, Henwood Road, Compton. Wolverhampton WV6 8PG

There is a gravel car park and parking along the road, level access to the entrance and a cafe style area.

## Our annual membership fees ...

Membership: £10.00 per month

There is a door fee of  $\pm 5.00$  for non-members/guests which is a contribution towards our running costs. Some premium events require a ticket to be purchased or attract a door fee for all those attending.



Door fee charged.

## Find out more ...

Visit our website:

www.wolverhamptonps.co.uk

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# Wolverhampton Photographic Society



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#### Incorporating Wolverhampton Camera Club



