



THE BULLETIN
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THE EAF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WISH YOU A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR. IT WILL INEVITABLY BE A DIFFERENT HOLIDAY PERIOD THIS YEAR BUT STAY SAFE & HEALTHY AND LET US ALL HOPE FOR A BETTER 2021.

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the December edition of the Bulletin.

In this edition we have an obituary of Alan Turner ARPS DPAGB APAGB BPE3* who sadly died in October.

Alan was an Ipswich DPS member, a former EAF President and a long-term member of the Executive Committee.

Please also see the comments by the Judges Secretary about the size of competitions that some clubs are asking judges to deal with and also the request from the Webmaster asking for details of forthcoming events.

Finally, from me, a suggestion to Club Committee members that you make a New Year resolution to get your club 'on the map' with an article in the Bulletin in 2021.

Nick Akers ARPS BPE3*

Cover photograph: 'Rescue Hut, Iceland' by Shirley Radden CPAGB EFIAP of Wayland & DPC.

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THE PRESIDENT

As the pandemic slowly moves forward I can reflect on all the things that I haven't been able to do. I had expected to be visiting clubs, doing presentations and meeting lots of people but, of course, that just hasn't happened. However, there is one presentation that I managed before the latest lockdown. Colin Westgate recently retired from judging after 50 years of sterling service to the cause so it was a pleasure to be able to present him with a tankard to commemorate such an achievement. I have a copy of the PAGB Handbook dating from 1977, only 43 years ago but Colin is in there under

Central Association of Photographic Societies. He is still doing lectures so perhaps you should ask him if he can still give his "Splashing About in the Bathroom (Prints)" lecture from that time.

Most clubs are now settled into a routine of on-line meetings, taking advantage of speakers from afar. Some of the more well-known speakers are finding things a bit heavy and are cutting back on their talks, and the judges can find that they are putting in quite a lot of time, prejudging the images before the competition evening. I'm sure things will find an equilibrium but we should be very thankful to both judges and speakers who are doing a grand job.

Prints are more of a challenge but some clubs have dealt successfully with print competitions. Visions of Print Secretaries standing in a rain-drenched car park receiving prints for the next competition point to their dedication to the job. And it's not over yet: they just hope that their Programme Secretary has chosen a judge who lives fairly close so that print delivery doesn't take all day. After quarantining, judges do comment that it's good to see a decent print. Others might sometimes observe that the PDI that the rest of the audience see doesn't look much like the print they have in front of them, but you can't win 'em all. Overall, I think it is working well.

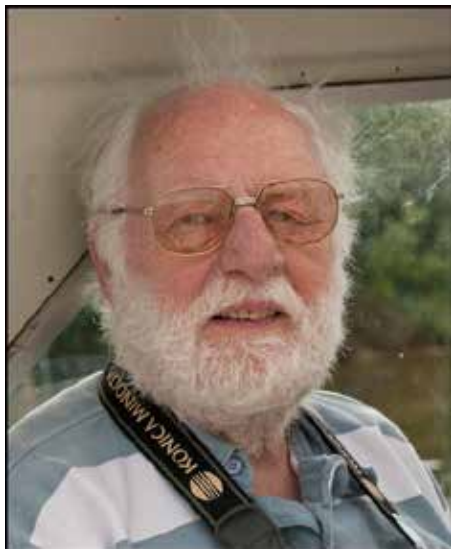
With my other hat on, I would normally be gearing up to the Championships about now but their cancellation means that is no longer the case. We just managed to complete them this year but sadly they will not be possible next year. However, we will be holding the AGM over Zoom on the 7th February and we're looking at how best to organise the Exhibition in May. The promise of a vaccination is encouraging so we look forward to gradually getting back to our normal operations some time during next year.

Colin Birch LRPS DPAGB BPE3*



Colin Westgate FRPS MFIAP APAGB MPAGB with the tankard presented to him on his retirement as a judge (photo by Chrissie Westgate FRPS).

OBITUARY



ALAN TURNER

ARPS DPAGB APAGB BPE3*

1931 - 2020

Alan, as he was known to us, **was** Ipswich & DPS for many and we have missed his presence in recent years, although we have some of his work, which we proudly keep in our archives. For the last year he has resided in a care home where he slowly and peacefully passed away.

Alan joined IDPS on 30th September 1968 and since that time he had served the Society well and worked hard in a number of important roles. This is illustrated by the award of Honorary Life Membership bestowed on him in 1984. He had great talent as a photographer and he was a dedicated skilled craftsman producing all

his own photographic prints. We will make sure that we celebrate his contribution, skill, and talent as soon as we are able to return to having an exhibition and display a panel of his excellent photographs.

In addition to all his efforts in the running of IDPS he also served the photographic world on the East Anglian Federation of Photographic Societies (EAF), RPS East Anglian Region and the RPS Creative Eye Group committees.

Since I joined IDPS in 1992 I have considered Alan my friend, even though at times we had our disagreements we always continued our friendship. Alan always held strong views, but even if you did not agree you knew that he had the Society at heart. He was my favourite "Grump". We spent many days together taking photographs, which were most enjoyable and I remember them well. I am sure all who knew Alan will miss him, as I do.

Barry Freeman

ARPS DPAGB APAGB

Ipswich & DPS

Summary of Alan's achievements: Ipswich & DPS

Awarded Honorary Life Membership for meritorious service 1984

Committee member 1971 to 1977

President 1980 to 1981

Treasurer 1977 to 2014

Exhibition Secretary 1984 to 2009



*Two images by
Alan Turner ARPS
DPAGB APAGB
BPE3**

Programme Secretary together with wife Bridget, for 5 years

IDPS Annual Exhibition Trophies
Awarded to Alan during his membership:-

Leslie Shepherd Trophy, Fison Cup (4), Roslyn Cup, Colour Group Cup (2), Nash Salver, Mallett Cup, Corbyn Cup (2), William Robinson Cup (3), Ganzoni Cup (3), Marcus Morling Cup, Martlesham Trophy (6), Holbrook Trophy (4), Munro Cautley Cup (2), Cyril Hall Cup (6), Woolford Plaque (2), Biddle Cup (7), Clover Cup (4)

East Anglian Federation of Photographic Societies

APAGB - Award for meritorious service 1998

Executive Committee Member 1988 - 2013

President 1996 to 1998

Royal Photographic Society

Associateship awarded 1981

Treasurer for the RPS Creative Group 2006 to 2017

JUDGES SECRETARY

Its normally at this time of year I start my report with a list of new Judges that have been added to the list from the Workshop. This year I regret there is no such list.

Due to the ongoing pandemic the Judges sub committee backed by the Executive Committee decided that we could not hold the workshop in October. We would have been unable to comply to the necessary cleansing both before and after the event, keep to social distancing and protect both the applicants and those that run the day. It was a decision that was not taken lightly as we are desperate for new Judges.

We hope to be able to run a workshop in 2021 but as the second lockdown that we are now in progresses, we can plan for a workshop but have to review Government and medical advice before committing to a date. I am sure that you can understand the reasoning behind this course of action.

If and when we can hold a workshop in 2021, I look forward to seeing many, many applications for new Judges and boosting the number of Judges in the Federation.

Whilst Zoom and other platforms are enabling us to virtually “go” to clubs to judge please be aware that some clubs are almost asking the impossible with the number of images entered into a single competition. The largest entry so far that I have heard of is well over 100 images.

Please remember that if a club starts its judging time at 10 past 8, breaks for tea at 9, restarts at 9.20 and finishes at 9.50 with 70 images to judge, that is 68.571428571 seconds per image. If the entry is 100 images you do the maths. Its very difficult if not impossible to give a comprehensive critique in about 45 seconds

Stay safe

Paul Radden DPAGB EFIAP/s PSA4*

CLUB CHANGES

Since the new Club Directory was issued there are four changes to Club details:

Welwyn Garden City PC

Change of Secretary: Paul Seymour
secretary@welwynphotoclub.org.uk

North Norfolk PS

Change of Secretary: Martin Kurrein
secretary.nnps@gmail.com

Clacton CC

Change of Secretary: Tony Bullock
tony.bullock@live.co.uk

Buxton PC

New e.mail address:
phil@philhambordphotography.co.uk

In this on-line version of the Bulletin, personal address details have been removed.

AWARDS SECRETARY

Unfortunately, there is not a lot more to add about the ongoing situation with regard to the APMs, except that several members of the PAGB Awards team are frantically trying out several methods to get around the problem.

Those who are in the system for the 'Closed' session have been updated by Rod Wheelans. Everything is now in place to run the event but, as we all know, this isn't going to be an easy fix. As it involves getting together the team, judges and venue organisers safely from various parts of the country, it's a logistical headache. It's now a matter of 'where' and 'when'. It goes without saying, as soon as the team feel it is safe to do so they will go ahead. We ask for you all to please be patient, although I fully appreciate it can be very frustrating.

On a slightly brighter side, I am still getting a slow trickle of new applications in for both next May and November, in the hope that the PAGB team will feel safe and able to run the much-missed open events.

The PAGB on-line mentoring scheme is back up-and-running under the new leadership of David Smith. If any members wish to use this service please contact David at apmonline@thepagb.org.uk He will then put you in contact with one of

the many mentors. If you have any problems please contact me.

Vic Hainsworth ARPS DPAGB

GENERAL SECRETARY

As reported in the last EAF Bulletin our 2021 Annual General Meeting will be held virtually, using ZOOM – a platform many of our member clubs have found useful during these uncertain times. Full details of how to access the meeting will be provided to Club Secretaries nearer the time.

One of the items always on the Agenda at the AGM is voting for the Executive Committee for the coming year. I am pleased to let you know that all current committee members are willing to stand again for 2021. Even so there are vacancies for new members to join our Committee and if you feel that you have time to become another of the volunteers dealing with the administration of the Federation please contact me, or any Committee member, to discuss what is involved. Nominations are required from clubs by 10th January and nomination forms are already with club secretaries.

Looking forward to the New Year when, at some time, we may be able to organise our meetings in the normal way.

Sue Dobson CPAGB APAGB

INSURANCE

We have kept you all informed over the last 12 months that we have been researching Trustee Indemnity Insurance cover in depth on your behalf.

Although under the Financial Services Act we are unable to advise you directly about Insurance in any way, we have done our best to report clearly and honestly at length the results of our investigations via our AGM, direct communication to your Club Secretary and in the "Bulletin". Despite continued correspondence over the Spring and Summer months between ourselves, Darwin Clayton (UK) Limited and the PAGB we have no reason to change the information and guidance already published.

In a final bid for clarification we have also written direct to RSA (the PAGB Insurance Policy Underwriters) – the full response to which is unfortunately still awaited.

You will shortly be receiving renewal Insurance paperwork from Darwin Clayton (UK) Limited together with an additional quote for Management Liability cover.

All Clubs/Societies are at liberty to select their provider. It is not compulsory for cover to be taken via the PAGB arranged Scheme although to be eligible for cover under the PAGB Insurance schemes it is essential for you to have Federation membership as well.

HOWEVER AS WITH ALL INSURANCE COVER IT IS ADVISABLE AND IMPORTANT THAT YOU NOT ONLY UNDERSTAND THE COVER YOU ARE TAKING OUT, BUT ALSO THAT YOU OBTAIN QUOTES FROM MORE THAN ONE INSURER, SO YOU CAN COMPARE COSTS.

Please do read the letter you will receive shortly with the EAF Subscription renewal form together with the Insurance page on the EAF Website, for more detailed information and guidance.

Naomi Saul ARPS EFIAP ASINWP
DPAGB APAGB BPE4*
EAF Treasurer



'Colours of Nature' by Alison Johnson of Chelmsford CC. See a profile of Chelmsford CC on page 12

PA EXECUTIVE MEMBER

The 90th Annual General Meeting of The Photographic Alliance was held on Saturday 3rd October 2020 by Zoom conferencing, following its postponement from April 2020. Those attending from the EAF were the President, Colin Birch, Mrs Naomi Saul and Mrs Sue Dobson. Technical issues prevented me from joining the meeting.

The President said that he hoped the use of Zoom for club meetings would not change the way clubs meet in the future, but he was nevertheless confident that once the Covid-19 situation is over clubs will return to their usual physical meetings.

The 2019 Accounts and 2019 Annual Review were accepted as drawn. As no events had taken place during 2020, the PAGB funds show a massive surplus and it was proposed by the Executive that the subscription rate for 2021 would be zero instead of £38.00, as previously agreed. This proposal was put to the vote and was unanimously carried.

The President announced that he was recognising two individuals who were deserving of awards. The JS Lancaster Medal, to mark Exceptional Service to the PAGB, was awarded to David Coates, who has served over 11 years on the Executive, two as

Federation Representative and the remaining as FIAP Liaison Officer. This award is in recognition of the tremendous amount of hard work that Dave has devoted to this role.

The second award of Honorary Life Vice President went to Gordon Jenkins HonPAGB who has been responsible for gaining considerable sponsorship monies from companies who make their living from our members, which has enabled the PAGB to run events and provide services to our members and associates. Gordon is recognised wherever he goes for his work ethic and his personality.

The next AGM is set to take place in London on Saturday 10th April 2021, if restrictions have been lifted at that time. An Executive meeting followed the AGM via Zoom conferencing.

FIAP:

FIAP Distinctions: Entry fees have been raised from €50 to €70 and for MFIAP from €100 to €120. For PAGB applicants the charges are £140 for MFIAP and £80 for the rest of the distinctions. FIAP Life Cards remain at €50 plus PayPal charges and postage. The timetable for 2021 applications has been published on the PAGB Website and the deadline for completed applications is 31st March next year. Howard Tate will take over as FIAP Liaison Officer from David Coates at the 2021 AGM.

FIAP Nature Biennial: Judged in Russia in August 2020, the PAGB was placed a close 2nd in the PDI Section with a Gold Medal and in the Print Section, judged as a PDI, 4th with a Bronze Medal.

PAGB Inter-Federation Print & PDI Competitions/Exhibitions:

The 2021 Inter-Federation Competition will be a virtual competition for PDI only on Saturday 5th June 2021, hosted by L&CPU. A Print only competition is proposed for 2022.

PAGB Inter-Club PDI Championship:

The 2020 competition was cancelled. Saturday 17th July 2021 has been set for next year's event at Warwick University.

PAGB Inter-Club Print Championship:

The 2020 Print Championship was cancelled. No date has yet been set for next year.

PAGB GB Trophy 2021(Prints) / GB Cup 2021 (PDI)

Both events will run simultaneously and judging will take place on 30th/31st January 2021. Print entries are free and the maximum paper size allowed is A4. The new rules are on the PAGB Website and the closing date for entries is 24th January 2021.

PAGB 'masters of print' Exhibition:

Although there will be no 2020 physical Exhibition in Birmingham, the event will still take place and further details will follow shortly in e-news.

Awards for Photographic Merit – Print & PDI:

The 2020 "Closed Adjudication" for entrants who were registered for the April and November 2020 Adjudications is ready to run as soon Government restrictions are lifted. The online Advisory Service, under the direction of David Smith continues to be popular for prospective applicants.

Awards for Photographic Merit –

Audio Visual: It is hoped to run this Adjudication next year, together with an AV Advisory Day.

Meritorious Service Award:

APAGB was awarded to:
David Chiverton - SPA

Recorded Lecture Service:

The online service continues to be popular during these difficult times and it was agreed that the 'Terms and Conditions' of the RLS which allows clubs to distribute lectures to their members, be extended from 31st December 2020 to 30th April 2021, to cover the entire 2020/2021 club season. A full list of the recorded lectures can be found on the PAGB Website. The most popular

lecture is 'Nature Photography' by Paul Keene and also to be added is a recorded lecture of the PAGB Lock-down Archive of photographs taken from February to June 2020.

Insurance: A Covid-19 Guidance document has been issued to all Federations outlining the procedure that must be followed if Federations and Clubs consider resuming normal meetings. Video conferencing is therefore encouraged wherever possible.

PAGB e-news: A list of judges and lecturers willing to present via Zoom conferencing during the coronavirus pandemic has been updated in e-news 266 dated 16th September 2020.

Ian Platt FRPS MFIAP HonPAGB
ESFIAP Hon Life Vice President of the
PAGB:

PAGB e-news 255 was devoted solely to the life of Ian Platt, who sadly died on 4 October 2020. Ian was a staunch member of the PAGB and was also involved with FIAP for many years, a member of Smethwick PS and the United Postal Postfolios (UPP) where he remained an enthusiastic member for the rest of his life. His funeral was held on 27th October for family members only, but the PAGB is planning a "Day of Remembrance", with an Exhibition, whenever this becomes possible.

Ian will be greatly missed by members of the Executive and his many photographic colleagues.

Handbook: The current PAGB Handbook expires in 2021. The Executive decided to delay the next issue in August 2021 and to conduct a full review of its content and purpose. Federations have been consulted on this and their findings will be discussed at the Executive meeting next February.

Daphne Hanson DPAGB APAGB

HANDBOOK SECRETARY

I must start this report with an apology. In the latest edition of the Judges and Lectures Booklet published recently I inadvertently missed out one of our new judges Caroline Preece who was added to the C panel after the last Judges workshop. Apologies to Caroline who can be contacted through her EAF alias Carolinepreece@eaf.org.uk

I have recently taken over the role of Handbook Secretary and will in the next few weeks be sending to all Judges and Lecturers a form to be filled in. Unless this form is returned to me filled in, your details will not appear in any forthcoming editions of the PAGB handbook or EAF Judges and Lecturers lists. Please send the

filled in form to be either by email or post and I thank you in advance for your help in keeping these lists up to date.

Paul Radden DPAGB EFIAP/s PSA4*

WEBMASTER

Only very small changes to the Website over the last few months.

I would like to remind clubs about the EAF Diary/Poster Page. If you are holding an on-line Exhibition please let me have details, ideally with a poster, but not essential. Send to posters@eaf.org.uk or webmaster@eaf.org.uk and I will put the details on the Diary/Poster Page.

Additionally, if you have an on-line lecture and are happy to have attendees from other clubs, and have suitable procedures in place, then again please send me details.

Steve Robinson



'Sewing' by Aubrey Greenslade of Chelmsford CC - the first competition winner in 1952

CLUB PROFILE CHELMSFORD CC

Chelmsford Camera Club was founded in 1952 by a small group of enthusiasts holding discussions, talks and competitions, and has grown to a sizeable club, currently 85 members. The very first club competition was won by one Aubrey Greenslade with a macro shot of some sewing which could still hold its own today. As the membership has grown, so our venues have changed, although most people will associate the club with our long standing home at Moulsham Mill. This venue is full of character, and has served the club well, but time has come to give up the pillars in the middle of the meeting room and the steep staircase to move to a new venue with modern facilities at Broomfield Football Club. The club prides itself on its friendly approach, welcoming new members, and despite the best efforts of COVID continues to operate on line.

The membership enjoy a wide range of talks, lectures and competitions which the committee work tirelessly to deliver. In addition to the usual fare above, the club also offers training, mentoring, special interest groups and other opportunities to see things, learn more, and just have a general chat.

We're also quite competitive and participate in a range of inter-club

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competitions. Our External Competitions Secretary uses the work from a wide range of members so that everyone can feel involved. We're pretty successful too, and this all helps to make us a good team.

In a world operating under the restricted circumstances of a pandemic we have endeavoured to take advantage of opportunities this has presented. In March we dropped all print competitions and switched everything else to Zoom. Our usual summer socials were replaced with internal competitions and various speakers, and we have planned and continue to operate a full season, including print competitions despite everything. This is a bit harsh on the print secretary who has to collect

submissions earlier than usual, deliver them in a safe fashion to the judge so the prints can be quarantined and the evening is run with a PDI of the original print where the judge provides his commentary. The prints then need to be collected using the same safe principles. Whilst a bit of a palaver, the judges have really commented well and appreciated the ability to pore over the printed form. What a virtual meeting has allowed is for speakers from well beyond our natural geography to present to us, and this has definitely had a positive impact, with speakers from beyond our borders presenting their imagery and techniques all of which would not have been considered pre COVID. To round off, a friendly but competi-

*Broomfield FC
(Chelmsford CC's
new meeting
venue) photo by
Mick Crack.*



*Moulsham Mill
(Chelmsford
CC's former
meeting venue)
photo by Jackie
Bale.*

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tive club, for all abilities looking to progress their photographic skills and enjoyment. For more information visit www.chelmsfordcameraclub.com or contact our Secretary at info@chelmsfordcameraclub.info

Ray Lawrence Chairman
Chelmsford CC

*Right: Man in a cap by Tom Plucinski
of Chelmsford CC.*

*Below: Marco by Pat Frewin of
Chelmsford CC.*

