



LEICESTER FOREST
PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Newsletter

2023



DECEMBER



We wish You
A Very Merry
Christmas

And will see
You all on
Zoom in
January

Season's
Greetings

2024 FaceBook Weekly Themes

Week	Week beginning	Subject	Week	Week Beginning	Subject
01	01 Jan 24	Frosty	27	01 Jul 24	Bridge
02	08 Jan 24	Bubbles	28	08 Jul 24	Reflection
03	15 Jan 24	Circles	29	15 Jul 24	Wildlife
04	22 Jan 24	Small	30	22 Jul 24	Church
05	29 Jan 24	Kites	31	29 Jul 24	Rocks
06	05 Feb 24	Texture	32	05 Aug 24	Gate
07	12 Feb 24	Green	33	12 Aug 24	Transportation
08	19 Feb 24	Nature	34	19 Aug 24	In a Row
09	26 Feb 24	Architecture	35	26 Aug 24	Harvest
10	04 Mar 24	Flower close Up	36	02 Sep 24	Feet
11	11 Mar 24	Animals	37	09 Sep 24	Metal
12	18 Mar 24	Yellow	38	16 Sep 24	Fish
13	25 Mar 24	Inside World	39	23 Sep 24	Stars
14	01 Apr 24	Socks	40	30 Sep 24	Teddy Bears
15	08 Apr 24	Butterfly	41	07 Oct 24	Winter
16	15 Apr 24	Road Signs	42	14 Oct 24	Blue
17	22 Apr 24	Stripes	43	21 Oct 24	Birds
18	29 April 24	Pink	44	28 Oct 24	Black & White
19	06 May 24	Sand	45	04 Nov 24	Rainbows
20	13 May 24	Path	46	11 Nov 24	Waterfall
21	20 May 24	Wild	47	18 Nov 24	avourite Car
22	27 May 24	Flying	48	25 Nov 24	Old
23	03 Jun 24	Energy	49	02 Dec 24	Collection
24	10 Jun 24	Locks	50	09 Dec 24	Arches
25	17 Jun 24	Cats	51	16 Dec 24	Fountain
26	24 Jun 24	Reptiles	52	23 Dec 24	Moon

January Weekly Programme

January is on ZOOM 7pm for 7:30pm-10:00pm

- 1st Jan** **FaceBook Weekly Theme - Frosty**
- 2nd Jan** Competition entry deadline
- 4th Jan** **Space - Zoom Meeting**
- Paul Money from Horncastle returns with another insight from the Universe
- <http://www.astrospace.co.uk>
- Event held online via Zoom, opens at 7:00pm and starts at 7:30pm.
- 8th Jan** **Members Support Evening(Monday) Zoom Meeting**
- John Whitby will demonstrate some PhotoShop techniques.
- Event held online via Zoom, opens at 7:00pm and starts at 7:30pm.
- 8th Jan** **FaceBook Weekly Theme - Bubbles**
- 11th Jan** **Themed PDIs Competition**
- Judge John Whitby** MFIAP, EFIAPd2, MPAGB, BPE3 The competition is judged in two Groups A and B.
- Event held online via Zoom, opens at 7:00pm and starts at 7:30pm
- 15th Jan** **FaceBook Weekly Theme - Circles**
- 18th Jan** **Still Life after Lockdown**
- Margaret Elliot DPAGB, ARPS, EFIAP from Carlisle explains with her beautiful still life and ikebana arrangements. Be there to find out more
- Event held online via Zoom, opens at 7:00pm and starts at 7:30pm.
- 18th Jan** Competition entry deadline
- Sport and Street Competition

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2247697235?pwd=cGFNeEc0Zy9nZ3JFRzJ0U3VwZnpEdz09&omn=84778643339>

Meeting ID: 224 769 7235

Passcode: 793550

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 Competition Entry Deadline

Last date for entries into our Themed PDIs Competition (to be held on 11th January).

The theme is "All the World's a Stage".

The competition will be judged in two Groups A and B. You can submit up to three entries. Images can be colour or monochrome. Images must be JPG format, sRGB colour space with a maximum width of 3840 pixels and maximum height of 2400 pixels. Use the online PhotoEntry system.

<https://compent.photoentry.uk/compent>

22nd Jan **FaceBook Weekly Theme - Small**

22nd Jan **Studio Group (Monday)**
see website for more details

25th Jan **You've Taken the Picture. What Now?**

Darren Pullman CPAGB, BPE3*, EFIAP from Carshalton, Surrey demonstrates the post processing techniques he uses to improve his images.

Event held online via Zoom, opens at 7:00pm and starts at 7:30pm.

The Studio Group

The Studio Group normally meets monthly on Monday evening from September to April and is open to all Associate and Full Members of LFPS. The fee per session is typically £20 to cover the cost of hiring models etc.

With a sizeable inventory of studio equipment, the group exists to offer members who are interested in - studio photography the opportunity to develop their technical and compositional skills with male and female models attending and with anything from one to three set-ups in place on any one evening.

The Studio Group runs a structured format covering different lighting techniques, still and fixed lighting, movement and other styles suited to a studio session. The aim of the group is for members to learn as well as enjoy photography.

In addition, LFPS works closely with other photographic clubs and societies in Leicestershire in organising outdoor activities during and outside of the normal season period. This offers members the chance to tackle portraiture in a challenging non-studio environment and an opportunity to meet other keen photographers from other clubs and societies.

Our January Model is Amber on 22nd January @Braunstone Civic Centre 6:30 - 10:00pm

My apologies everyone for the sudden absence of the newsletter. My Mother in Law was taken seriously ill so we had to travel to Portsmouth at a moments notice. There was no opportunity to do club work. My Mother in Law sadly died peacefully in her sleep.

Statement on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in producing Photographic Images

In line with guidance from the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain:

All original images produced for use in photographic competitions must have been made by the entrant using only the photographic process.

The entrant must own the copyright of **all** elements of the work.

Images may not incorporate elements by anyone else (e.g.clipart) or generated using image creation software (AI) using artificially created pixels.

Letters Page

Hi Paul,

Following on from last night, when for the first time I had Cook's Corner!
The question the members ask me is why don't I enter the competitions at the club.

The answer is:

I don't agree with the club rules of the competitions

The first two competitions are open competitions one for PDI colour and one for black and white.

The club requires an image at 3840 pixel by 2400 this is a large file size, and very often members have to push the slider in JPEG from 12 maximum to 10 or to 9 to get the file size down. This downgrade the image taking the quality out of your file.

The projectors best output for your image is 1600 by 1200 .

Does the club change your file size to fit the projector size?

In my opinion, again reduces the quality of the image.

Zoom best size is 1400 by 1050

Website best size is 1400 by 1050

The quality of submissions would be improved by using Zoom, or website.

The print competition:

Club send a PDI image to the judges to look at so they can pick the winners of the competition.

A print looks very different to a PDI image, sometimes the judge has already chosen the winner. In my opinion the judge should select the winner from the prints and not the PDI on his monitor.

The club has have internal judge's, same ones each year, after year, after year, how about a change?

Festive evening 3 competition's for fun at Christmas:

Sport, street, nature, scapes all traditional.

Traditional the rules are rearranging or replacing adding to or removing from any part of the image is strictly forbidden.

The images I take are very often where I have taken some things out.

Then there is Facebook 52 competition's one a week .

Those who are not on social media miss out on finding out details of the winning image and who won, are they club members or external, if they are external, do the club make contact to encourage membership?

These are my thoughts, perhaps the club members may agree with me or not.

Any of your ideas or responses, please forward to Paul not me!

Malcolm Cook

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3rd November 2023.

As a committee we like to listen to the views and opinions of all our members. We received this letter from Malcolm, that he requested we publish.

And Finally

Competition Submission Dates

Open Colour pdi (3)	21 Sept
Open Monochrome pdi (3)	12 Oct
Open Colour Prints	02 Nov
AJ's Open pdi (3)	23 Nov
Festive Evening Prints	30 Nov
JW's pdi (3)	04 Jan
Sport and Street (3x3)	18 Jan
Open Monochrome (3)	01 Feb
Nature and Scapes (3)	15 Feb
AJ's Open Panel pdi (3)	29 Feb
Creative and Portrait (3x3)	21 Mar
Open Colour Prints (3)	11 Apr
Open Monochrome (3)	25 Apr
President's Trophy (3) Theme 'My Vision of ...'	23 May

Competition Groups

Group A	Group B
Stephen Baum	John Allen
Keith Bowser	John Bevan
Malcolm Cook	Simon Brown
Mike Dawes	Allison Dawes
Peggy Franks	Chris Gibbs
Allan Freestone	Tony Griffith
Susan Giblett	Richard Green
Keith Godwin	Michael Harding
Horace Goodenough	Ian Jennings
Andrzej Jablonski	Gary Jordan
Martin Janes	Jonathan Kilworth
Andrew Kirby	Frank Lock
Peter Lucas	Paul Marriott
Nigel Madden	Fran Marsland
Toni Mason	Esme McCormick
Jim Monk	Paul McCormick
Chris Mount	Michael McKelvie
Neil Raffan	David Owen
Andrew Senior	Phil Parrott
Peter Shale	Dennis Singleton
Kate Shaw	Colin Slingsby
Dave Smith	Daryl Smith
Roger Smith	Howard Styles
Peter Swanson	Huw Thomas
Paul Taylor	Richard Verity
Matthew Tilford	Derek Walker
Chris Tivey	
Barry Welch	
John Whitby	

Secretary Paul Taylor

Website: www.lfps.org.uk

2023/24 Committee Members

President - John Whitby
Vice President - Paul Taylor
Immediate Past President - Daryl Smith
Hon Treasurer - Anthony Mason
Hon Secretary - Paul Taylor
Talks and Judges Secretary - John Whitby
Membership Secretary - Paul Taylor / Anthony Mason
Programme Handbook - John Whitby
LFPS Competition Co-ordinator - John Whitby
Website Co-ordinator - Anthony Mason
Print Co-ordinator - Simon Brown
External Competition Co-ordinator - Paul Marriott
Social Secretary - Andrzej Jablonski
Studio Group Co-ordinator - Anthony Mason
Trophies - Susan Giblett
Communications & Publicity - Mike Dawes
Room Bookings - Anthony Mason
Auditor - Paul Marriott
Room Setup - Club Membership
Member Support Evening Co-ordinator - Anthony Mason
Meeting Minute Taker - Paul Taylor
Club Equipment and Insurance - Anthony Mason
Club Equipment - The Committee
Committee Member - Richard Green
Committee Member - Kate Shaw
Lifelong Vice Presidents.
 Andrzej Jablonski
 John Whitby
Committee Helpers
Social Media - Peter Shale
Certificates & Labels - Paul McCormick
Photoentry website - Matt Tilford

Membership

Subscriptions for 2023-24 are £60 per person.

Benefits of Membership?

- Weekly Club Meetings at Braunstone Civic Centre
- Lectures and Presentations
- Judged Digital Image Competitions
- Judged Print Competitions
- Monthly Studio Evenings
- Monthly Members Support Evenings
- Members Gallery on Website

The following is a direct link to the online registration form <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLU8Ponw3e3X-YyRPPttedGBzqkXvPJ5yV3gBB68JpYhsgaAg/viewform>

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