EAST ANGLIAN FEDERATION OF PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETIES



THE BULLETIN MARCH 2023

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the March edition of the Bulletin which you'll receive a little earlier than usual.

In this latest edition there are reports on the 2023 EAF PDI Championship and the recent Cambridge CC Digital Interclub competition. There is also a chance to see images from five successful CPAGB submissions from members of EAF clubs.

For the first time the Bulletin contains information about forthcoming member club events and I hope this will become a regular feature of future editions. If your club has an exhibition or big lecture coming up, please let me know in plenty of time.

Finally, our featured club is North Norfolk PS and I have to declare an interest as I'm a member there. What I think is particularly interesting is the thriving Project Group which is really inspiring both experienced and newer photographers.

Nick Akers APRS BPE3*

Cover photograph: 'Peek A Boo with a Giraffe' by Alison Mees ARPS CPAGB of Benfleet CC. This was one of the images in Alison's recent successful CPAGB submission.

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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

After the Christmas break the photographic diary begins to get very busy. It started with the Executive meeting in January to lay final plans for the AGM and the Championships. On 12th February it was the AGM and the PDI Championships. That takes me to half-way through my term of office. Where has the last year gone? AGMs are not a popular event, but they are your chance to have your say. It was very disappointing to see the lack of interest from members and clubs. Only one club bothered to send apologies and I think it was the lowest turnout for an AGM that I can remember. We only just had a quorum. The Executive and many

other members give a great deal of their time to run the Federation for the general membership. Please try to be more supportive.

One of the more pleasant roles of the President is to present members with awards. On Sunday I was able to present Robert Holgate from Stevenage PS with his CPAGB certificate, gained at the November Adjudication.

Two of our Committee stalwarts were standing down and were presented with tokens of our appreciation: Bob Norris, DPAGB EFIAP APAGB and Naomi Saul, ARPS EFIAP DPAGB APAGB ASINWP, both from Ware and DPS.

Bob joined the Executive Committee in 2005 and has served for 18 years, during which he was President from 2014 to 2016. Bob was also a key member of the Exhibition Sub-Committee, running the Print Room on the selection weekends, helped



Vic Hainsworth, EAF President, presents Bob Norris with an engraved pen to mark his retirement.



Vic presents Naomi Saul with a glass vase to mark her retirement.

by wife Barbara and being heavily involved throughout the whole of the Exhibition period.

Naomi joined the Executive in 1997 as Publicity Officer, moving on to be Events Secretary in 1998. In 2008/9 she became President but was still booking the events until 2013, when she took on the role of Exhibition Secretary, a job Naomi has just handed over to Jim Bennett. Also in 2013, upon the sad loss of her husband Eric, who had been Treasurer since 1992. Naomi seamlessly took on that role as well, so handling not one, but two demanding roles. As Treasurer, she was involved with other aspects of Committee work and she also organised the Portfolio.

The PDI Championships followed the AGM and thanks go to Colin Birch, Simon Jenkins and a host of other people for organising the event, which ran very smoothly. Colin has been shadowed by Hugh Spence, who is taking over the Championships as Colin moves into the Treasurer's role. We were hoping for a good number of clubs entering, but only had 25 clubs taking part, four clubs down on last year. We appreciate that many of our clubs are still struggling with the after-effects of Covid and the EAF is at its lowest in club membership for many years but sadly, only a little under 25% of member clubs took part. Nevertheless, the standard was high, as we would expect. The judges worked well together and made their final choices quite quickly. Please see Colin's report for results.

As I write this article, we are still a week away from the closing date for the Print Championships and are hoping for a reasonable number of entries. The Championship weekend is also the closing date for the Annual Exhibition, so a very busy period for the Executive. Hopefully, we will see many of you visiting Wingfield Barns for the Annual Exhibition in April.

Stay safe and well.

Vic Hainsworth ARPS DPAGB APAGB

HON. GENERAL SECRETARY

Following the Annual General Meeting last year I expressed relief that we were able to hold the meeting in person. However, this year my first thoughts are of disappointment that so few of you made the effort to join us for the most important meeting of the year. This is where you have the opportunity to quiz the Executive on their running of your Federation, put forward any suggestions you may have on changes you might like to see or any new items you would like considered for inclusion. This is also when you vote for your Executive Committee for the coming year. All in all, a very important event.

Once again the Federation has suffered losses probably due to the after effects of the pandemic, with having to report the loss of a further six clubs in 2022. Membership numbers in clubs also seem to be declining and we find ourselves blaming the Pandemic for this too. However, in some cases lack of enthusiasm in club members to join their committee and take on the responsibilities of organising their group is blamed for club closure.

There are some changes to come in the make up of the Federation Executive Committee as two long standing members are standing down – Bob Norris and Naomi Saul – see more information elsewhere in this Bulletin. Full details of the new Executive Committee will be sent to Club Secretaries shortly.

And finally, a plea from me to all of you contacting me electronically. Please give me your club name in full – it is surprising how many "acronyms" are the same or similar for clubs in our Federation. It makes my life a little bit easier! Thank you.

Sue Dobson CPAGB APAGB

PA EXECUTIVE MEMBER

I attended the PAGB Executive meeting on Sunday 5th February 2023 and will report back to the EAF Executive at their next Executive Committee Meeting. A few items to report to the Bulletin:

- There were a number of successful applications from the EAF region for the CPAGB (credit award)
 more details are included on page 13.
- Clubs are urged to take up lectures from the PAGB Recorded Lecture service. The recorded lectures make a good club evening and show some of the best of UK photography.
- PAGB Dates for diary.

- Inter Federation selection dates provisionally 3rd and 4th June 2023.

- PDI Championships at Warwick 15th July 2023 and 13th July 2024.

- Interprint Club Championships provisionally 21st October 2023.

- GB Cup and GB Trophy provisionally 20th January 2024.

Most of the dates are provisional as the PAGB are still waiting for confirmation from the venues of the required dates.

FORTHCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Walthamstow & DPS

Exhibition of Photography 14th February until mid-April Rose & Crown Theatre Pub Hoe St, Walthamstow E17 4SA

Biggleswade & DCC

Lecture Evenings February - mid April www.biggleswadecameraclub. co.uk

Hertford & DCC Online lectures:

Richard O'Brien 'Wonders of Hashemite Kingdom' Fri 31st March 8-10pm

Andy Page 'Abstracts and Impressions' Fri 28th April 8-10pm

Graham Dunn 'North Norfolk - a Landscape Guide' Fri 12th May 8-10pm

More details from www.hdcc.org. uk/syllabus

Paul Radden DPAGB EFIAP/s PSA4*



Formerly "The East Anglian Audio-Visual Competition"

Now organised by **THE EAST ANGLIAN FEDERATION OF PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETIES** ACCORDED PAGB PATRONAGE No. 2023-014



To be held on Saturday 14th October 2023 at The Foxton Village Hall, Hardman Road, Foxton, Cambs. CB22 6RN Commencing at 9.45am with the Gala presentation at 7.00pm.



Assessed by two top A-V judges Keith Brown, FRPS FIPF MPAGB EFIAP and Richard Brown, FRPS FIPF, FACI(M) EFIAP APAGB

Rules and entry forms will be available from 13th February 2023 on the EAF website - <u>www.eaf.org.uk</u> on the downloadable documents' page.



Sunday 5th November 2023, 9.30am - 5.00pm for new judges and a refresher/promotion group for existing judges

Foxton Village Hall, Hardman Road, Foxton, Cambridgeshire CB22 6RN

> Application form available from Judges Secretary, Jonathan Vaines <u>email : JudgesSec@eaf.org.uk</u>

JUDGES SECRETARY

At the end of 2022 we ran another successful Workshop for both New and Existing Judges. The three tutor groups were all fully booked. This was pleasing to see as the previous workshop ran at 50% capacity and the 2020 event was cancelled due to restrictions applied during those early stages of the pandemic.

This year five new judges join our 'C' panel. Congratulations to them all and I hope that you will welcome them into your clubs at the earliest opportunity. The new judges are: Jackie Gillman, Neil Hall and Simon Ciappara all from Norwich & DPS, Jackie is also a member of Bury St Edmunds PS; Nick Bowman of City of London & Cripplegate PS; and Kevin Williams of Beyond Group. You can contact them through their EAF e-mail address using the format for John Smith being JohnSmith@eaf. org.uk

Over the past couple years, the region has seen a number of judges retire. Clubs always comment that they would like to see some new judges on the circuit, so why not give judging a try. The EAF run a workshop every autumn and we are now taking applications for the next workshop which will be held on 5th November 2023 at Foxton Village Hall. Application forms can be found on the EAF website or contact the Judges' Secretary by e-mail at JonathanVaines@ eaf.org.uk for further information. Jonathan Vaines

CLUB CHANGES

Caister PC

New Secretary: Sue Evans ARPS CPAGB.

Loughton CC New Secretary: Chris Oliver.

Moulsham Lodge CC

New Secretary: Andrew Borton

Potters Bar & DPS

New Secretary: Sam Segar email@pottersbarphotosoc.org.uk

Bottisham & Burwell PC

New meeting venue: Swaffham Prior Village Hall, Swaffham Prior, Cambs. CB25 OLD

Framlingham CC and Rayleigh CC These clubs have now closed.

Alresford CC, Godmanchester CC and Suffolk Monochrome Group These clubs have left the EAF.

Please note that as the Bulletin is published online, personal addresses and phone numbers for Club Secretaries have been omitted.

What are the benefits of EAF MEMBERSHIP for you and your club?



Membership of the East Anglian Federation of Photographic Societies (the EAF) is open to all photographic clubs in the East of England.

The EAF is in turn affiliated to the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain (the PAGB).

Information on the EAF website and in the quarterly EAF Bulletin.

An opportunity for member clubs to attend the EAF AGM, and air their views on current photographic issues, and elect the Committee.

Access to EAF speakers and trained judges for use at your club meetings.

Advantageous standard terms for booking EAF speakers and judges.

Contact and administrative information for clubs.

Recruitment and training of volunteer judges for the use of member clubs.

Access to the PAGB Recorded Lecture Service.

Opportunity for clubs to enter the annual EAF PDI and Print Championships and for winning clubs to represent the EAF nationally.

New Audio-Visual Trophy competition for club members.

Opportunity for club members to enter the prestigious EAF Annual Exhibition.

Opportunity for club members to apply for the PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit (APM) and FIAP awards which are only open to club members affiliated to the Federations.

Help and advice for those club members interested in PAGB APMs.

Access for clubs to the public liability and trustee indemnity insurance policies negotiated by the PAGB for clubs.

The EAF takes its turn to host various PAGB national events.



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ANNUAL EXHIBITION

2023

PRINTS AND PROJECTED IMAGES

at WINGFIELD BARNS, CHURCH ROAD, WINGFIELD, EYE

SUFFOLK, IP21 5RA

SATURDAY 29th APRIL 2023 to THURSDAY 11th MAY 2023

(INCLUDING SUNDAYS AND BANK HOLIDAY MONDAYS – $1^{st} \& 8^{th} MAY – BUT$ EXCLUDING SATURDAY 6^{TH} MAY FOR THE CORONATION AND TUESDAYS

OPENING TIMES - 11.00 hrs. to 16.00 hrs.

- TO THE FINAL DAY – THURSDAY 11th MAY - WHEN IT WILL CLOSE AT 13.00 hours – to allow dismantling during the afternoon.

OFFICIAL OPENING AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS BY OUR FEDERATION PRESIDENT 14.00 hrs. SATURDAY 29th APRIL 2023

FOLLOWED BY

PROJECTION OF ACCEPTED DIGITAL IMAGES

CHAMPIONSHIP SECRETARY

EAF Inter-Club PDI Championship -12th February 2023

It was a good day with a decent turnout although the number of clubs entering was a bit down. Everything went well and I'm sure having refreshments available throughout the day was welcome. Twenty-five clubs took part and after the 15 images from each were shown in Round 1, the top 10 clubs progressed to Round 2 and a further 10 images were shown. The judges were Peter Gennard MFIAP EFIAP/d2, Peter Siviter DPAGB EFIAP and Ian Whiston DPAGB EFIAP/p EPSA FBPE who all said they enjoyed the day and were very complimentary about the images. Special thanks to Peter Gennard who stood in for Paul Keene who was unable to make it.

This year we had clear winners and the final results were:

- Winning club gaining the EAF Trophy – Beyond Group
- Runner up club gaining the Eric Saul Memorial Trophy – Photographic Imaging Co-operative (PICO)
- Third placed club receiving a certificate Cambridge CC

The judges selected the following images as their personal choices and their joint choice as the best image in the Championship, so congratulations to all:

- Best PDI of the Championship: 'Vestrahorn at Sunrise' by Shirley Hollis of Shillington & DCC
- Personal selection of Peter Gennard: 'Febrrrrrry' by Chris Aldred of Colchester PS

• Personal selection of Peter Siviter: 'Back Street, Dhakar' by Colin Westgate of Colchester PS

 Personal selection of Ian Whiston: 'Incoming Marsh Harrier' by Paul Smith of Beyond Group My thanks to everyone who helped



Best PDI in the Championship 'Vestrahorn at Sunrise' by Shirley Hollis of Shillington & DCC.



Above: Jane Barrett of Beyond Group receives the EAF Trophy from EAF President, Vic Hainsworth.

to make the day possible – the clubs and their Competition Secretaries, the Executive, their spouses and other helpers, and of course, the three judges.

EAF Inter-Club Print Championship -12th March 2023

If you are lucky you may just be in time to buy tickets for the Print Championship at Fulbourn. It starts at 10.45am giving people plenty of time to get there, and refreshments are available beforehand and throughout the day. This should be another good competition so fill in an application form from the EAF website and email it to championshipsec@eaf.org.uk. The judges will be Dave Tucker DPAGB EFIAP/g BPE3*, Adrian Lines ARPS MPAGB AFIAP and Jane Lines LRPS MPAGB BPE5*.



Judges' Selections: Top 'Incoming Marsh Harrier' by Paul Smith of Beyond Group, Below 'Back Street, Dhakar' by Colin Westgate of Colchester PS.

PAGB Inter-Club PDI Championship in Warwick, July 2023

Following the PDI Championship, Beyond Group and Cambridge have been invited to represent the EAF at the PAGB Inter-Club PDI Championship to be held in Warwick in July. PICO will also be there as they gained an automatic entry due to reaching the final last year. It is a good event, and our representatives would welcome some support. Tickets need to be bought in advance from the PAGB website.

Colin Birch LRPS DPAGB BPE3*

AWARDS SECRETARY

The most recent and very successful adjudication event was held on 26th November 2022 at Parkhall College, Country Antrim, Northern Ireland. Sadly, I was unable to be present this time.

Due to the lack of applications, it was run as a single day event, so I guess it was a very busy day with over 1,000 images to view in five sections. Our Federation had 10 applications over four sections. Due to the location I'm not aware that any of our applicants were present, hence no photographs to show. There were 31 PDI applications with only 10 successes, of which we gained five. Below is the list of our successful applicants: Credit PDI – Zoe Harris CPAGB from Maldon CC, Robert Holgate CPAGB from Stevenage PS, Stephen Marriott CPAGB from Chelmsford CC, Alison Mees ARPS, CPAGB from Benfleet CC and finally Chris Pugh CPAGB from Upminster CC.

Our sincere congratulations go to them all and commiserations to those who were unsuccessful. The books are open for the Spring adjudication and it is filling up. This takes place over the weekend of 22nd/23rd April 2023 somewhere in Kent, so if you are interested and you have sufficient work ready, you will need to apply quickly.

The following adjudication will take place over the weekend of 25th/26th November. The organising Federation will be the North-East Midlands Photographic Federation - more details on both these events later.

Vic Hainsworth ARPS DPAGB APAGB



'Dusk at Brograve Mill' by Zoe Harris CPAGB of Maldon CC and Baddow CC. This image was one of the images in Zoe's successful CPAGB submission.

APM SUCCESS

Images from some of the succesful EAF Credit submissions at the No-vember 2022 adjudications.

Right 'Behind Bars' by Robert Holgate CPAGB of Stevenage PS. Centre 'Brains and Brawn' by Chris Pugh CPAGB of Upminster CC. Bottom 'Suzuki Speed' by Steve Marriott CPAGB of Chelmsford CC. Page 15 'Masai Dance' by Alison Mees ARPS CPAGB of Benfleet CC.











Robert Holgate from Stevenage PS receives his APM Certificate from EAF President, Vic Hainsworth.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 12th March 2023 2023 Print Championship

29th April - 11th May 2023 EAF Annual Exhibition

3rd September 2023 PAGB Distinctions Advisory Day

14th October 2023 EAF Audio-Visual Trophy

5th November 2023 EAF Judges Workshop

11th February 2024 EAF AGM and 2024 PDI Championship

10th March 2024 2024 Print Championship





AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC MERIT (APM) ADVISORY DAY



supported by the PAGB



Images from recent successful CPAGB entries





Foxton Village Hall, Hardman Road, Foxton, Cambridge, CB22 6RN. on Sunday, 3rd September 2023, 10.00am – 5.00pm

Foxton is situated south west of Cambridge, five miles from the M11 at junction10. The centre is fully accessible for the disabled. The advisory day will be led by Rod Wheelans with other members of the PAGB APM Team.

In the morning they will clearly explain the various PAGB Photographic Awards and the standard of work necessary to achieve the CPAGB, DPAGB and MPAGB distinctions. In the afternoon delegates will get the opportunity to have an initial panel of work

assessed to give an overview of their current standard, plus guidance about which level they might aim for and what they will need to do to achieve this.

The cost of the event, including light refreshments, will be £22.00 for those requiring assessments and £11.00 for observers. (Please note that lunches are not available at the venue). Numbers will be limited and the event is likely to be popular so an early application is recommended. A completed application form, together with your cheque payable to EAF, should be sent to: Vic Hainsworth ARPS DPAGB APAGB, 5 Magazine Farm Way, Lexden, Colchester, Essex CO3 4ER. E-mail: AwardsOfficer@eaf.org.uk Applications to be received by no later than Monday, 21st August 2023.

CLUB PROFILE NORTH NORFOLK PS

North Norfolk Photographic Society was established in the 1950s and has continued to develop for local enthusiasts to share all aspects of their chosen hobby. Our membership of around 45 meet twice monthly from September through to June and enjoy a varied programme of speakers, and both print and digital competitions. Having met in Holt for many years we recently moved to our current home in Cley next the Sea. The North Norfolk coast is on the doorstep and provides great opportunities for us to use our cameras. In addition we organise a number of 'Photo Shoots' throughout the year encouraging members to join together and share experiences at selected local venues.

We traditionally close the annual season by holding our exhibition

during Holt Festival week in late July. This provides an opportunity for all to show examples of both their prints and digital images to the public and culminates in a social evening when awards are presented. A more recent development has been our 'Project Group', which provides an additional monthly opportunity to meet. The purpose is to encourage members to use their cameras regularly and to focus on one or more given subjects beforehand. This year the themes are People, Colour and Movement. The group view colleagues' images, share ideas and exchange information regarding techniques, helping and supporting colleagues to learn from others, thus improving their photographic knowledge. We have recently resumed our in-

volvement in external competitions. We were especially encouraged when having recently entered the GB









Cup, organised by the PAGB for digital images we finished in first place in the Nature category. Our entry was made up of 24 images taken by ten different members; Diana Knight won a Gold Medal for her image 'Flamingoes flying over Soda Lake', whilst Val Walker won a Silver Medal for her image, 'Giraffes Necking', as well as being awarded the title of 'Nature Photographer of the Year'. For further information, visit our website: www.nnps.uk.

Rob Palethorpe Chairman

Images from North Norfolk PS members:

Page 17 'Monty' by Hanne Siebers This page top 'Giraffes Necking' by Val Walker ARPS Middle 'Autumn Leaves' by Grace Glaister Bottom left 'Long gone Tulips' by Lizzie Wallis DPAGB EFIAP BPE3* Bottom right 'Sunrise at the Mill by Robbie Spencer See pages 19 & 20 for more Club images.







This page: Top 'Flamingoes flying over Soda Lake' by Diana Knight Bottom ' Mating Chalkhill Blues' by Paul Richards DPAGB AWPF

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Top 'Jump' by Judith Wells CPAGB Bottom 'Donegal seascape' by Liz Akers ARPS BPE4*

All members of North Norfolk PS





CAMBRIDGE DIGITAL INTER-CLUB COMPETITION

On 21st January 2023, representatives of Clubs from across the EAF came together at Whittlesford Memorial Hall for the annual PDI competition organised by Cambridge CC. This year 27 clubs from all over the region met to do battle with images being critiqued and marked by our independent Judge, Ralph Duckett MPAGB EFIAP APAGB, from Burton upon Trent.

The competition comprises five rounds which are Monochrome, People, Landscape, Nature and Open. Each club enters one image in each category. They are then judged, critiqued and awarded a score out of 20. The marks are totalled to arrive at the overall winning Club who take away the John Lewis Trophy. Clubs also submit a sixth 'Open' image for use as a tie-breaker should the need arise.

This year the winning club was the Photographic Image Cooperative (PICO) who come from Peterborough. They had four images scoring 20 marks, and one which scored 19, giving them an amazing total of 99/100. A close battle at the top of the table resulted in a clear winner with no need for a tie-break. The full results and all competing images can be viewed from the Cambridge CC website https://www.cambcc.org.uk .

The judge was also asked to pick his favourite image of the day for the Roy Pitman Plate award, which went to Dan Adams from Welwyn Garden City PC for his image titled 'Don't be Fooled'.

A big thanks to all who supported the competition – this year was our first 'In-Person' run following the Pandemic and it was great to see so many familiar faces again at the venue.

Next year's competition date is 20th January 2024 – make a note in your diary!

Jim Bennett

Cambridge Digital Inter-Club Coordinator



'Don't be Fooled' by Dan Adams from Welwyn Garden City PC which was chosen by Ralph Duckett as his favourite image of the day.



Above: PICO members pictured from L to R : judge, Ralph Duckett; Barry Foster CPAGB BPE2*; Michael Foster DPAGB BPE3*; Derek Nimmo; Colin Bradshaw DPAGB EFIAP BPE5* EPSA; Gill Steyn DPAGB BPE3* EPSA. Below: Four images from PICO's winning entry. Clockwise from top left 'Kicking up the Dirt' by Colin Bradshaw; 'Melissa Booth Triple Jump' also by Colin Bradshaw; 'Black Headed Gull Catching Insect Midflight' by Michael Foster; 'Derwent Dawn' also by Michael Foster.





