

UP NEXT

For the foreseeable future we will not be holding our weekly Wednesday evening meetings at The Hamworthy Club. Instead we hope be holding a number of virtual meetings via Zoom online conferencing.

DIGITAL GROUP

There will be no further Digital Group meetings for the foreseeable future. Instead, this extended newsletter brings you suggestions for tutorials and other photography related information

MONTH AT A GLANCE

This is where we normally list our upcoming meetings. While we re-plan 'on the hoof' look out for regular email updates

COMMITTEE

Chair:	Ian Byers
Vice Chair:	Bob Palmer
Secretary:	Jill Owen
Treasurer:	Nigel Stride
Competition Sec:	Lauren King
Programme Sec:	Bob Palmer
Membership Sec:	Nigel Stride
SAPA Rep:	Russ Foote
SCPF Rep:	Jules Syrett
Webmaster:	Helen Higgs
Officer:	Trevor Meacock

THE LOCKDOWN EDITION

The committee hope all bhpc members are staying safe and well, and with luck this is the only 'lockdown edition' we need.



Image: Padlocks, by Lauren King

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The world has become a totally different place over the last few weeks, and we must acclimatize ourselves to the new situation, at least for the time being. The club has therefore switched into online mode, and our communications will be via a mixture of email, website, and Zoom conferences from now on, until we can resume a more "normal" lifestyle.

Since our last newsletter, we've had 2 guest speakers visit the club, and both presentations from Phil Starkey and Emily Endean were well received. We also heard from Jules, Russ, Helen and Bob on Photographing Dogs, Macro, Street, and Landscapes respectively, giving us a look into their techniques and approaches. We had an evening on Audio Visual production from Roy – a subject few of us have tried in the past. Our thanks again to them all for the time and effort put into their presentations.

Going forward, we will be holding a number of Wednesday evening sessions via the Zoom online conferencing facility, and Helen, Lauren, Russ, Jules and others have started testing it already. See more on page 2. The club Facebook page will also keep you in touch with what members are doing, and we will keep the website up to speed as things are put into the diary

Best wishes

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COMPETITIONS

In the February Open, judged by Kev Sandall, the print section was won by Norman Wiles with *'Sandstone Ribbon'*



The PDI section was won by Carol Wiles with *'Garub Halt'*



Norman cleaned up in the March portrait competition, with *'Pedro'* winning the prints



And *'Kiss for Granny'* winning the PDIs



CLUB MEETINGS ONLINE

For those who haven't used it, [Zoom](#) is an online conferencing system, similar to Skype or FaceTime. It will allow us all to join a meeting, presentation or Q&A session at the same time.

The committee have had a trial run and will shortly be holding a full committee meeting using it. We will then send invitations to small groups of members to attend short meetings, set up to help you with any teething problems. The emails will contain a link to the meeting and full instructions for setting up.

To get the best from Zoom, you need a device with a camera and microphone, and you need either speakers or headphones. Zoom can run on a smartphone, a tablet, a pc or a MAC. If you don't have a camera on your device, you can still take part in the conversation and see other people. If you don't have a microphone there is a chat window where you can type questions but it is harder to take part.

Depending on our testing, we may decide to record the meetings, in which case you'll be able to catch up even if you can't attend at the time.

The free version of Zoom only allows for meetings no longer than 40 minutes, so when we do a full club meeting, we will send invites for 2 meetings, giving us 2 forty minute sessions with a tea break in between.

The plan for this meeting will be a Q&A session for members, so just email any questions to Ian at ian.byers@hotmail.co.uk

FROM THE COMPETITION SECRETARY

Portrait competition

We sent all your images to Jim Pascoe, who recorded a video of his comments. You should by now have received a link to the video and a list of the entries and the entrants, to complete the 'picture'.

SAPA League final

Our print entries made it into the league final but sadly our PDIs did not. The SAPA final will be held behind closed doors. I have taken our 9 top scoring prints over to Amanda Miller (yes, she kept several metres apart!). The judge is Zaid Meherali, but we don't know how he will do scoring, and we may just get a list of scores from SAPA. Full details as soon as we get them.

LOCKDOWN IMAGES



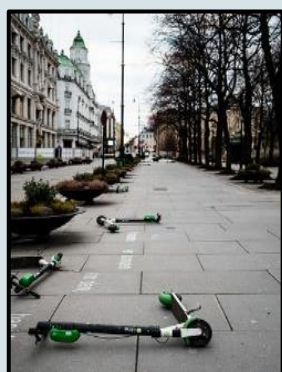
'Lockdown' by Si Glogiewicz on Flickr



'Coronavirus' by peter1959 on Flickr



'The Lockout' by Helen Higgs



'Lockdown' by Tore Bustad on Flickr

FROM THE COMPETITION SECRETARY *cont*

Fordingbridge Challenge

This is going ahead using a live Zoom broadcast on 22nd April. They have signed up for the Pro Version of Zoom, but the limit is still 100 viewers, and hopefully a few of us will be allowed to join in. It's a lady judge, but we don't know who. We have selected our entries from this season's competition results so far, and have tried to spread the entries across as many members as possible. Full results and commentary in late April.

April Open Competition

Mark Lanigan is happy to judge remotely. We have left it with him to decide how he wants to do it - video, audio or just written comments. He will let us know in due course.

May Open Competition

Judge John Tilsley is happy to do an audio file of his judging. He has poor internet so has offered audio in the hope that one of us can then create an AV presentation with the images on a slideshow. Any volunteers?

May Set Subject Competition, Masterpieces

Judge Brian Tarling is happy to go ahead remotely. He too is considering the easiest way to do it. Some members already have their entries ready, but for those that haven't, we will allow members to reverse the process and use any images they already have by matching them to a painting by a relatively well-known artist. This website is helpful: <https://www.1startgallery.com/> as you can search thousands of paintings by artist, subject, style etc. Any painting featured on this website will be admissible. We are going to make this competition totally digital, so 2 PDI entries each, and no print entries on this occasion. Any queries please contact Lauren.

SAPA Best of Year

This is scheduled to be held at THC but has been postponed to 30th September with Leo Rich. We will of course have to review how we handle this event nearer the time.

Club Best of Year

Our Club Best of Year competitions in June may have to be run remotely and a decision on this will be taken later, once the COVID-19 situation is clearer

LOCKDOWN IMAGES



'Padlocks' by Lauren King



'Lockdown #09' by Miguel Carmena on Flickr



'Coronavirus' by Chad Davis on Flickr



'Locked Door' by Trevor Meacock

LOCKDOWN DISTRACTIONS

Social media photography sites

www.flickr.com
www.instagram.com
www.500px.com
www.ephotozine.com

Tutorials and knowledge

Digital Photography School. The go-to site for anything you need to know.
<https://digital-photography-school.com>

PHLEARN: Aaron Nace 'makes learning fun' on all things photographic
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC47XN5bhlTBH5TRFyKaUpKg>

ShotKit: Another resource with a weekly newsletter and tutorials, gear reviews, camera news, etc. Go to <https://shotkit.com/free-photographers-resources/> and subscribe to their newsletter for access to free goodies.

Photoshop Café. Free subscription for articles like this by Colin Smith:
Adjusting curves in Photoshop:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=skrvxaUK9wE>

Mike Browne is a Lymington based photographer and instructor with a wealth of useful tutorials. He is just starting a free 12-week course. Sign up here:
https://www.photographycourses.biz/photography-locked-down?inf_contact_key=24c3efe2c3fe57176af1fd27f6e8abdd680f8914173f9191b1c0223e68310bb1

Local landscape photographers on YouTube

Ben Kapur:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSm2dbxdlg7WE9g4hUhJkBw>
Tom Peters aka PhotoNinja:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJWtQNz6_UnqIHof3aPuNvQ

Inspiration

Landscape Photography Magazine:
<https://landscapephotographymagazine.com>
Digital Photography Magazine: <https://www.dcmag.co.uk>