

## Spratton Photography Group

### Report to Spratton Village Annual Meeting

There is a great danger of sounding repetitive but it has been an unusual year, and yet somehow Spratton Photography Group has carried on. Transferring to Zoom, a new experience for virtually all of the members, proved to be a very effective way of continuing with the regular competition sessions and it opened up unforeseen opportunities of having speakers at reduced cost and/or from further away than would normally be feasible.

Despite the situation we even went ahead with the annual show, albeit on-line, but there was a good number of entries and some excellent images. Our thanks must go to Alan Roffey for getting the show up and running by designing and building a new website for the exhibition, and then a subsequent replacement for our ordinary website. It not only looks very good by showing the images off well but it is easy to navigate.

One of the things that we have missed this past year is showing off our member's pictures at Cafe Doris but we hope that that situation may soon be made available again. In the meantime, do look at our website.

The 2020 competitions ended with Ron Wykes winning the Peter Saul Cup (Open category) for the fourth time and Ray Barnes just clinching the Andy Stewart Cup for the first time for the Theme category. At the time of writing, 4 rounds have been completed for the 2021 season. What is really good news is that 12 people have scored in the Theme category so far this year, and 11 in the Open which shows that as a group we are pretty good at taking photographs, despite the limitations of the past year.

In addition to the competitions, we have had a number of interesting talks, including Brian Pere (Audio-Visuals), Brian Lloyd-Duckett (Street Photography), Justin Minns (Landscapes), David Boag (Photographing Nature) and Mark Pain (Sports Photography). A great cross-section of speakers and good coverage of some of the varied aspects of our art. These presentations were part of a collaboration with West Haddon, Inspire and Aperture photography clubs and has proved to be a great way to see and talk to professional photographers that we could not necessarily afford as an individual club.

Our membership for 2020/21 stands at 18. We would like this number to grow and would encourage anyone with an interest in taking pictures - on their phone or with a camera - to join us for one of our monthly meetings to see what we do. For at least the June and July meeting we will continue to meet on Zoom. Anyone interested can contact SPG through the website: <http://www.sprattonphotog.co.uk>.

Looking to the next twelve months, I hope that we may be able to meet again in person soon though I dare go no further than that. In the meantime, thank you to all members for keeping Spratton Photography Group going and please keep taking pictures and sharing them.

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Annual Accounts