

# RPS London Region AGM

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 6.45 for 7.00 pm

Via Zoom

The Virtual Door will open at 6.45 pm for a 7.00pm start

- **Agenda**

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence
2. Approval of the Minutes of last year's Meeting
3. Regional Organisers' Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Election of Officers
  - a) Regional Organiser/Co-Regional Organisers
  - b) Deputy Regional Organiser/s
  - c) Treasurer
6. Plans for 2022
7. Any Other Business

# London Region RO's Report

David Hicks

- **RO's Report – Overview**

- **Organisation**

- The London Region 'Official' RO Team remained stable during 2021
- David Hicks as Regional Organiser
- Judy Hicks, Mike Psyllides and Roger Towell as Co-Deputy Regional Organisers
- Jennette Russell as Treasurer.

- **Region's Membership**

- Small decline over 2021 from 1,141 to 1,128 (28<sup>th</sup> December)
- A drop of just over 1% - compared with 4% for RPS overall

- **Region Organised Activities**

- We held **122** events in the year – with a total attendance of **2,314**
- **484** people attended one or more events (385 in 2020, 452 in 2019).
- **79%** were Members, (80% in 2020).

- **Volunteers are key to what we achieve**

- **RO's Report – Contribution of Volunteers**

- **Hardworking Core Team**

- **Each Member (singly or jointly) runs one or more of our regular activities**
- Photowalks – Judy Hicks; Roger Towell; Jen Pedler & Jennette Russell
- Book Group “Bookworms” – Jenny Hurstfield
- Fieldtrips – Julian Rouse; Martin Gandy; Roger Towell
- Distinctions: L & A Advisories & Study Group – Mike Psyllides & Brian Connolly
- “Capital Letter” etc. – Roger Towell
- Memberships (Members) – Martin Gandy
- Local “groups” – mainly David Hicks (& Judy Hicks)
- CaféArt Mentoring Group – led by Julian Rouse

- **Other Regular “Helpers”**

- CafeArt Mentors – John Kelly; Judy Hicks; Pat Simmons; Vince Harris
- Pub Liaison for Local Meetings – Petra Laidlaw, John Kelly
- Exhibitions – Designer: Dominique Brewster; Printer: Fred Barrington
- “Guest Walks” – Susi Luard, Mike Longhurst, Lynda Morris, Fred Barrington, etc.
- “Other Things” – too many to list...

- **RO's Report**

- **Events Overview:**

- **122 Events and Meetups in 2021: attendances of 2,314 with a footfall of 484**

EVENT TYPE	No. of Events	Attendances
<b>Regular Micro-Groups</b>	<b>Total 101</b> (73/85)	<b>1945</b> (1340/1174)
Bookworms, N SW & SE	<b>44</b>	<b>1237</b>
London Naturally, Street, Midweek Explorers, Urban, Landscape, Wildlife & Virtual	<b>57</b>	<b>708</b>
<b>Distinctions Advisory Days &amp; Workshops</b>	<b>Total 19</b> (19/6)	<b>228</b> (192/166)
- <b>Advisory Days</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>89</b> (128/166)
- <b>Study Group</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>103</b> (64)
- <b>Special – introduction to new Book Genre</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>One Off Events, Workshops &amp; Exhibitions</b>	<b>2</b> (7/13)	<b>141</b> (243/130)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>122</b> (93/104)	<b>2314</b> (1775/1470)
Key Numbers: 2021 (2020/2019)		

## RO's Report – Events Overview - 1

- **Regular Monthly (same “day”)**
  - North London (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday) – Highbury & Islington & Zoom
  - SW London (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday) – Putney & Zoom
  - SE London (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday) – Zoom
  - Bookworms (3<sup>rd</sup> now 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday) – Zoom ( & now plus Pub )
  - “Advisory” Study Group (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday) – Zoom
  - Street Photowalk (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday) – around London
  - Midweek “Explorers” Photowalk (2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> week) - around London
  - London Naturally Photowalk (Last Sunday) – around London
  - CafeArt Mentoring (Saturday Afternoons) – alternates fieldtrip and images’ feedback

## RO's Report – Events Overview - 2

- **Regular (but not same day or every month)**
  - Landscape Field Trips – London and Home Counties
  - Wildlife and Nature Fieldtrips – Home Counties and London
  - Urban Fieldtrips – mainly London (and Home Counties)
  
- Regular follow-ups with Zoom image sharing



## RO's Report – Events Overview - 3

- **Distinctions**

- We ran six Online Advisory Days: three for LRPS, three for ARPS
- Through trial and error, the online events run for a maximum of 3.5 hours with 6 panels being reviewed. These smaller events which have proved very successful and popular with both Advisors – and Participants
  - Two Advisors – three panels each
  - Allows wider pool of advisors to be used
  - Lowest carbon footprint!
  - Zoom environment is better for understanding composition, content and technical issues
  - But not for “print” quality / issues
  - Video record (for each individual only) to keep – or forget!
- We have run a monthly online Study Group for those working towards a Distinction or just starting on their journey – and these have proved popular too.
- We are very appreciative of the time and expertise which the Advisors bring both the participants Advisory sessions and to the Study evening.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE LONDON REGION MEMBERS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED THEIR DISTINCTIONS THIS YEAR!**

## RO's Report – Events Overview - 4

### ■ Projects

- Putney: Then & Now – SW London – St Mary's Church
- Project Frontiers – planned as RPS-wide Project – 21 from London
- “Lockdown Challenges”
- *Future* – “Independent Local Traders”
- *Future* – “The Magnificent 7 plus 1” (Victorian Cemeteries)

### ■ Exhibitions

- London Region Member Print Exhibition 2021 – Outdoors at Putney
- Putney: Then & Now - Putney Library
- Ongoing – CafeArt Mentorees at Brixton Library
- Ongoing – Putney: Then and Now – outdoors at Putney
- Ongoing London Region Members Print Exhibition 2022
  - January (Lauderdale House)
  - March (The Camera Club)
  - April (Espacio Gallery)

## RO's Report – Charitable Causes

### Cafe Art

- Under Julian's leadership, we have continued to support Cafe Art.
  - although the Calendar programme in its usual form had to be cancelled this year, images were taken using digital cameras and many of the successful images came from members of the Mentoring Group.
- The Mentoring programme continued throughout the year. An Exhibition is on display at the Brixton Library Gallery and the mentoring programme continues twice a month with walks in places such as St James's Park last week followed by on-line reviews a week later.

### Other Opportunities

- When other opportunities arise to help Charitable enterprises, we try to support them.

## RO's Report – London Region Members Print Exhibition

- **Grown in participation each year**
  - First year (2017 for 2018) – 44 Members put forward images
  - 2018 for 2019 = 49 – and changed to selection by participants
  - 2019 for 2020 = 55
  - 2020 for 2021 = 61
  - This year (2021 for 2022) = 109!!!!
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Selection Day (20<sup>th</sup> November) – 72 sets – too many!
  - Forced to close entries – hunted for bigger Exhibition venue!
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Selection Day (15<sup>th</sup> January) – 37 sets
  - London Region Members Print Exhibition 2022
    - January (Lauderdale House) – 1<sup>st</sup> Selection Day
    - March (The Camera Club) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Selection Day
    - April (Espacio Gallery) – all 109 participants
- **Thinking about how to cope with even more participants for 2022-23**

## RO's Report

### ■ Summary

- Again 2021 was not “Business as Usual”
- We have adapted quickly to ‘new ways of working’ and are developing the “Hybrid” model for our meetings at present.
- Distinctions Advisory Days have continued online with great support from Advisors.
- Online Study Group has proved very popular and successful.
- Photo-walks have largely continued although we have had to put them on hold (or reduced numbers) from time to time because of covid.
- Our Outdoor London members Exhibition beside the Thames at Putney has proved popular and successful and will be replaced very shortly with “Putney Then and Now”
- The Cafe Art Mentoring programme continued both in person and online with considerable success.
- RPS HQ, other Regions and SIGS have continued their programme of talks with high profile photographers and a particularly strong series of talks and events relating to the Distinctions programme. We endeavour to complement these, not compete with them!

- **RO's Report – and finally**

- The Region is run entirely by volunteers with support from a small staff at HQ.
- Our aims as Regional Organisers are to:
  - to support the strategic aims of the RPS in bringing photography to a wide audience. We do this through running 'open' groups and activities, through our projects and exhibitions.
  - To engage with the London Region Membership and welcome non-Members
  - Most importantly, to help you enjoy and improve your photography (if you wish!) in the company of like-minded individuals .....
  - And to have fun!

We hope that amongst our varied programme there is and has been something for everyone during the year.

# London Region Treasurer's Report

Jennette Russell LRPS

- **Financial Headlines**

- Accounting in the Regions is on a cash basis (reporting is VAT inclusive)
- As at 31 December 2021 the Region had £10,194.39 cash in hand
- Funds allocated to the Region for 2021 amounted to £1,658.80, based on Membership headcount at the beginning of the year. (Reflecting a drop in headcount, if this continues this year we must expect a proportionally smaller contribution).
- Reduced 'in person' events, reflected in reduced income and cost this year.
- Main costs are related to Exhibitions, IT and payment processing.

**Following is a cash summary and high-level expenses statement**



- Financial Summary as at 31 December 2021

Category	Income	Expenditure
Opening Balance at Bank 01 Jan 2021	9,465.89	
Sales - Distinctions	1,115.00	
HQ funding	1,658.80	
VAT refunds	166.60	
VAT		7.27
Eventbrite Cost		105.04
Exhibition Costs		1,839.60
IT & Website (London Projects)		209.99
AGM		50.00
Sub-Total	2,940.40	2,211.90
Closing Balance at Bank 31 December 2021	10,194.39	
Notes:		
Statement gross of VAT		

# Appointment of Officers

Regional Organiser/s

Treasurer

Deputy Regional Organiser/s

# Plans and Ideas for 2022

*Continue to provide a supportive environment for you, the members, to develop, expand and improve your photography*

- **Opportunities to Showcase your Work**
  - **Projects**
    - London's Independent Traders
    - The Magnificent Seven plus One
    - Other?
  - **Exhibitions**
    - London Region Members Print Exhibition
    - "Street"
    - "Landscape"
    - "Wildlife & Nature"
    - "Local Groups"
    - Other?
  - **Distinctions**

# Plans and Ideas for 2022

- Opportunities to meet fellow photographers
  - Local Groups
    - North, SW & SE London
  - Photowalks
    - Street, Midweek, Naturally
  - Fieldtrips
    - Landscape, Wildlife & Nature, Urban
  - Other?
  - All our events, etc. are on the website  
[rps.org/londonevents](https://rps.org/londonevents)
  - Sign-up for Capital Letter and our other Newsletters to stay in touch and find out more.

# Thank you!

At 8.00 pm  
Keynote Talk by Guy Noble