

WINCHESTER PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Report on Panels Group for 2015 AGM

The Panels Group is now in its 8th year and continues to hold enthusiastic meetings every two months. By popular request, each meeting has a challenge topic for members to complete a panel of pictures. This is well supported with over half the attendees presenting work which often means we see 60-100 new pictures every meeting. This also gives members a chance to talk about their work and ask for comments and advice.

It is always interesting to see how imaginative and different the interpretations of the topic are and the thought processes behind creating the pictures. The challenge topics covered have been: Style, Pointless, Power, Light and Shade and On My Doorstep. The challenges are not competitions but a forum for producing exactly what you want as a panel of prints - there are no rules and no judging. Working with a panel of pictures as opposed to one off competition pictures is quite different and very rewarding. It gives an opportunity for you to be as imaginative and creative as you like.

We have had 6 meetings since the last AGM with a floating membership of around 40 people and an average of 18 people coming to meetings. The highlight of our programme is the Focus on Panels evening which we presented to the club membership on Tuesday 9th December with 19 people presenting. We also introduced this year a Panels Showcase on Tuesday 7th April, in response to requests from members to have another opportunity to see our work.

We meet at Littleton Millennium Hall and the next meeting is on **Wednesday 13th May** at 7.30 pm. There is a charge of £2 to cover the cost of hall hire but tea and coffee are free. The next challenge is **WINDOWS**. There is also a meeting during the summer break on **Wednesday 9th July**.

All members of the Society are welcome to attend. You do not have to participate in the challenges to come to the meetings but we do like you to bring along some new work.

My thanks to those who help in setting up the meetings and the organisation of the presentation evenings and particularly to all those who come along for their continuing inspiration and enthusiasm. My thanks also to Martin Farrow who has taken over running the Panels Group.

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