

## WPF AGM 2022

### Conventions Officer's Report on the WPF Virtual Conference 2021.

The 49<sup>th</sup> Convention and 2nd Virtual Conference was held on Saturday and Sunday 21/22 August 2021. We had an audience that varied between 75 and 125, mainly from our Federated Clubs in South Wales but also with attendees from PAGB clubs and Independents across the whole of the UK.

We were pleased to welcome back Viveca Koh, Colin Trow-Poole, Barry Barker, Richard Spiers and Gordon Jenkins; Speakers from past Conventions.

We had a total of 4 Speakers and each gave us two 1 hour long Lectures. Each Speaker had a complete morning or afternoon to make his Presentation to the Conference audience.

The Speakers were:

**Danny Green** who addressed us on *"The Art of Wildlife Photography" and "Lands of Fire & Ice"*. Danny is the celebrated Nature photographer who has been Wildlife Photographer of the Year (Natural History Museum Competition) and whose images of the Puffins in Pembrokeshire have graced the pages of the hugely respected National Geographic magazine.

[\(https://dannygreenphotography.com/\)](https://dannygreenphotography.com/)

**Paul Colley CB OBE FRPS** who spoke on *"Purposeful Photography" and "Freedom from Fads"*. We were intrigued to be addressed by this photographer whose previous career was in fast fighting aircraft! We found him to be knowledgeable and dedicated to consideration of the natural environment. His personal expenditure of time and money in capturing Bats flying in their hunting role over water was as amazing as the results he obtained.

<https://riverphotographer.wordpress.com/>

**David Keep ARPS. MPAGB. FBPE. EFIAP** drew our attention to *"Sports Images with Impact – in 2 Parts"*. David certainly demonstrated that he was the consummate all rounder; prepared to do whatever it takes to get the shot that he had constructed in his mind's eye. His detailed study and preparation for the capture of that "decisive moment" followed by post-processing to the highest International Salon standards – was what won him Award after Award, Time after time, in Sport after sport!

<http://www.davidkeepphotography.co.uk/>

**John Bolloten** took us into the grim dark world of the homeless and the addicted – they are all around us but mostly out of sight. It was not an easy watch! His Presentations were dramatic social documentaries using the power of monochrome images to project a world hidden from most of us. *"Nothing to See Here"* opened a window into Bradford's gritty underbelly of drug and alcohol addiction, violence, homelessness and vice. While *"Love Story"* was a very intimate reportage into the lives of Gary and Maree, a drug-using couple. None of us who saw this compelling talk will forget the injection into the groin or the looming shadow of the poised needle.

<https://www.johnbolloten.co.uk/>

**We would like to thank our Sponsors:**

**Fotospeed who gave us a discount of 20% on all their photographic printing papers.**

<https://www.fotospeed.com/>

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I need to thank the WPF support team who participated in the planning and build up of the Conference, and then for two days concentrated on the detail of the delivery (neither should we forget the partners and pets who suffered as part of that commitment).

Susan Surridge created and managed the Break-out rooms with great success. This enabled small groups of attendees to have more personal exchanges with the expert Speaker especially during the lunch breaks. John Surridge assisted Susan with Admissions and provided a “Help line” resource for those that struggled with their Zoom and Broadband. Dave Condon kindly acted as Conference Moderator by collecting, interpreting and assembling questions from the floor into a coherent sequence for the Speakers to address. Our thanks go to President Jenny Hibbert for setting the tone and opening the Conference weekend and also for summarising and closing Conference on the Sunday. Many others assisted on the day and in the preparation.

**This year – The 2022 WPF Conference.**

As I write Covid is still amongst us and although many critical indicators point to a lessening of the threat, that is no guarantee of a Covid or restriction free August. We need also take into account of our demographic as a largely vulnerable group which leads me to believe that another Zoom based Conference is necessary (but perhaps a hybrid Event that will permit some form or degree of Physical interaction and attendant socialising).

As we progress in our planning we will update you through our media channels.

Thanks again to all who participated.

We look forward to your company and to presenting the next WPF Conference on 20/21 August 2022!

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**Appendix1 Conference Brochure WPF Conference 2021**



# 2021 WPF CONFERENCE BROCHURE



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