



## **Newsletter December 2021**

I trust that everyone had a good Christmas break and are getting ready to celebrate the New Year. Following an “on-line” survey carried out for the club, it has been decided that we will not be meeting in person for the remainder of the 2021/22 season.

Linda has been working hard over the Xmas break to re-arrange our program. The updated program has now been sent to all members with our first Zoom meeting being held on 11th January 2022 in which Ashley Franklin continues his talk on “The World of Photography” . I look forward to seeing further photographs from many of the world’s leading photographers.

The Zoom arrangements with DCC and KPS have been both successful and enjoyable and I am sure they will continue.

### **MARTIN SPROUL MASTERCLASS**

Further information about the Martin Sproul masterclass will be circulated by mid January.

### **CONGRATULATIONS.**

Congratulations to Linda Cooper on her appointment as Vice Commodore of the Port Edgar Yacht Club. Unfortunately this will mean that she will be giving up her role as our Syllabus Secretary at the AGM. I would like to thank her on behalf of the club for the work she has carried out in arranging our syllabus for the current year in often trying circumstances.

Congratulations to Gillian Temple on obtaining her DPAGB and LRPS distinctions and to David Bolton on obtaining his LRPS.

### **SPF PORTFOLIO**

Congratulations to Gillian Temple (Mirror Mirror) and David Scott (Glen Brittle & Move Them On) who obtained maximum marks (15) in the SPF Portfolio 2021.

## **SAD NEWS**

### David Mitchell.

It was sad to hear of the death of David Mitchell the DPA's Honorary President. He was a long serving member of the club, a past president (1981 to 1983) and a past member of the Committee. His last role was to look after the stock of mounting boards, purchased from the Kelty Art Centre and sold onto our members.

I have attached below a tribute to David published in the Dunfermline Press:-

Thanks to Veda Murphy for providing information on behalf of DPA.

#### **A DUNFERMLINE family has paid tribute to their dad's photography career after he died earlier this month at the age of 90.**

Dave Mitchell was the honorary president of the Dunfermline Photographic Association.

Previously, he held many positions in their committee including that of president from 1981 to 1983.

In this time, he led the organisation of the 62nd Scottish Salon and produced a photographic record of several Dunfermline Civic Weeks.

Mr Mitchell first discovered his passion for being behind the camera 70 years ago when he joined Boots in their photography department.

He was an outstanding film photographer and won many awards and trophies in his time.

He even entered national competitions and was awarded the Credit Award of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain with distinction.

His son, Kevin Mitchell, said: "When a new member joined the Camera Club, they were told, 'If you want to know anything about photography or cameras, ask Dave Mitchell.' Many did, many times – and Dave was always very generous with his time and his knowledge.

"He treated all photographers and potential photographers with respect and he never allowed anyone to feel that they had asked a stupid question.

"A photography safari with Dave could be at times nailbiting – as he would always be looking for the best angle for the photo. This might necessitate climbing up and down embankments or out onto the rocks on a river. Not your usual – as he was then – octogenarian!"

Throughout his career, Dave earned respect among his peers for the quality of his work, his modesty, and his lively and knowledgeable company.

He was a great family man and in addition to his photography he spent much of his retirement with his four grandchildren. He is survived by his son Kevin and daughter Lorna.

## **WINTER SAFARI**

The winter safari is available on the website.

It is based on a walk around St Andrews and there are plenty of cafes to hide in if it rains. Please bear in mind Covid restrictions when arranging to undertake the safari. The submission date for entries is 22nd February 2022.

## **SPF PRINT CHAMPIONSHIP**

The SPF Print Championship will be held on similar lines to 2021 with unmounted prints from A4 up to A3. The closing date of entries is presently 13 Feb 2022. Full details are not yet confirmed.

If you are interested in submitting prints please get in touch with David Bolton at [david\\_\\_bolton@hotmail.com](mailto:david__bolton@hotmail.com).

David has received last years entry. If you entered please get in touch with David to arrange collection/delivery of your prints.

**Wishing everyone a Happy New Year**

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President DPA  
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