

# **Drogheda Photographic Society**



Newsletter

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## Editor's Address

Dear Member,

Welcome to the third edition of the Drogheda Photographic Society Newsletter. This newsletter is Part 2 (Jul – Dec), published for the year 2014. It will be published on the Society's Website as well as being sent via e-mail to all registered members.

I hope you enjoy this edition which contains lots of memories of our photographic activities during the second half 2014. This publication also displays the momentum at which the Society is growing. Rather than diminishing interest or a decline in the number of members, the Society is instead growing in size as well as appeal. Our regular meetings, competitions, events and photographic outings are all guaranteed to provide lots of ideas on how to get the best out of your camera and of course, a bit of fun and banter never goes amiss!

The year ahead promises lots more of the same. But in addition to this, it promises to bring about new courses, workshops and interest groups. The dynamics of the Group is enhanced by the mix of its membership, both in terms of age, gender and level of expertise. Always at the helm are Paul & Joan, co-founders of the Drogheda Photographic Society, and much credit is owed to them for the variety of ways we are gaining photographic knowledge.

There is every reason to look forward to the year ahead. There is an abundance of encouragement and enthusiasm while we continue to improve our photography. So, here's hoping that 2015 will bring new friends, new cameras and of course some great photographs!

## Official Monthly Meetings

*(First Thursday of each month)*

July 2014	<p>The meeting was advised of a survey to be taken of all members. The purpose of the survey is to get an overview of the interests and abilities of the Group. Feedback from the survey will help focus on those interests &amp; activities which are of most interest.</p> <p>Also during the meeting members were distributed a directory of codes to be used when sending articles or files to <a href="mailto:drogfoto@gmail.com">drogfoto@gmail.com</a>. A form of 'rules of the road' for Society members.</p>
August 2014	<p>Richie Hatch provided a lecture entitled "Architectural Photography" and displayed a splendid array of photographs at our monthly meeting.</p>
September 2014	<p>A busy agenda comprised of the announcement of new activities arising from results of the aforementioned survey. Health &amp; Safety issues were highlighted for Photography Group Outings and the first in a series of DPS Distinction Modules was announced. Details of a 3 part Workshop were provided. Damian received appreciation for his vast commitment and lastly, the meeting enjoyed a selection of photographs taken during Special Interest Group Night Outings. Lots of discussion and banter followed!</p>
October 2014	<p>The '<i>Members Forum</i>' was presented by Ian McGuirk displaying his 'stitched', mounted and framed photograph. Our friend and colleague Colin Bell was guest speaker at this October meeting. Modification of images with relation to digital printing was the topic addressed.</p> <p>The 10 euro class introduced by Paul, commenced in October – each class focusing of a different topic, beginning with 'Exposure'. Duration of each class is 70 mins.</p>
November 2014	<p>The workshop, hosted by Paul Murray, progressed in November, addressing both monochrome &amp; colour photography with a small donation of €5 requested from members. A facilitator was appointed for Cannon (Ian), for Nikon (Brendan) and general Photography (Paul).</p>
December 2014	<p>Membership fees were due this month.</p> <p>Joan disclosed the Society's investments since Sept 2012. Many exciting projections for 2015 were announced by Paul. The last meeting of the year ended with everyone looking forward to the year ahead, but more immediately, to our Christmas party, planned for December 5<sup>th</sup> in <i>Antica Toscana</i>!!</p>

## Official Monthly Outings

*(Third Saturday of each month)*

July 2014	This Official Monthly Group Outing was held in Slane Mill House, Slane Village, Co. Meath.
August 2014	A wonderful day was enjoyed by many in the gardens and riverwalk at Sonairte, Laytown, Co. Meath.
September 2014	The Group travelled together by private bus to Dun a Rí, National Forest Park, Kingscourt, Co. Cavan. There was no excuse for not returning with a good photo or two, as there were lots of beautiful sites and views to be enjoyed within the park. Ian & Niamh were our guides for the day.
October 2014	The venue for October's outing was St. Dominics's Church.
November 2014	The Regular Photography Group Outing for November saw the introduction of a new activity. In keeping with the DPS ethos of Education, a new "Helpline / Camera", was setup.
December 2014	No official outing took place ...



Dun na Rí by Áine Kelly



Sunrise at Baltray by Ian McGuirk



## Photographs from Monthly Outings



'Steel Wool Spinning' at Millmount by Helen Black



Drogheda Train Station by David Shields

## Special Interest Group (SIG)

Many nights out have been enjoyed by the 'Night Photography' Special Interest Group. In general, many of these outings take place after the monthly meetings so the Group are assembled and ready to go, with cameras and torches at hand.

The Night Photography Group has an Administrator, a Group Leader and a Secretary, all fundamental to the organisation of the outings. The Night Photography Group Administration team comprise of Damian, Colm and David and every thanks goes to them for their organisational efforts in selecting places to go, help in getting there and some sharing of tips on the night's topic.

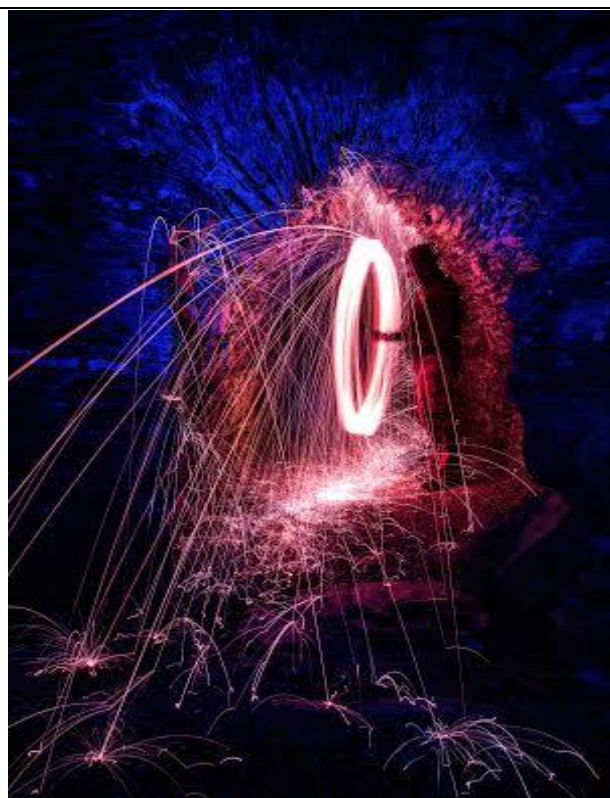
A wonderful night was enjoyed in July under the Boyne Viaduct Railway Bridge in Drogheda and another outing in July took us to the Cement Quarry to see and photograph some steel wool spinning.

The August night group visited the Obelisk Bridge, Townley hall & the Boyne Canal Bridge.

In September, Old Mellifont Abbey was the venue for the Night Group outing. October's Group took night photographs from Millmount, Martello Tower, Drogheda in November, a trip to Drogheda Train Station was selected for the night outing. On 22<sup>nd</sup> November, for a little variety and interest, Baltry Beech was visited by the Night Photography Group but this time to capture a sunrise, rather than sunset.



Sunrise at Baltray by Jimmy Carew



Night time in Mellifont by Colm Gargan



## Print of the Month / Quarter

This is a relatively new concept for the Drogheda Photographic Society. The photograph crowned *Print of the Month* will be presented to the photographer or owner during one of the official monthly meetings, compliments of the DPS.

While it is not intended as a competition, there is a degree of competitiveness among the Group and a real sense of achievement when ones photograph is selected. To be selected, your photograph just has to be liked! The adjudicators are not chosen because of their photographic ability and the photograph they nominate as *Print of the Month* is chosen because of its appeal, rather than its photographic perfection and technical correctness. Everyone's photograph is in with a chance to be selected.

However, as time went by and taking into the account the volume of photographs submitted, as well as the cost of framing etc., it was decided that the award would be nominated each *quarter* rather than each *month*.

A maximum of 3 Photos can be submitted and Terms & Conditions were documented and made available to all. No entry fee applies.

The first ever '*Print of the Month*' was presented during the Official Monthly Meeting in September, 2014. The photographer credited with this award was Daz.





## ETHOS

Listed below are the pillars that support the foundation of the Drogheda Photographic Society, Barlow House.

- Education of Photography
- Promotion of Photography
- Social Outlet

### SUPPORTING ELEMENTS

1. Assisting others.
2. Welcome new members.
3. Welcome visitors.
4. Non accepting of Cliques.
5. Membership of the society can be a forum for learning, developing style and examining artistic expression.
6. Membership is not intended to serve as a platform to compete amongst other members.
7. An outlet for members to display their photographs and photographic skill is encouraged by appointing a time frame during Official Monthly Meetings under the activity titled "Members Forum".
8. Competitions for all levels of photographic competence are organised at intervals throughout the membership year.
9. Input to develop the society will always be appreciated and considered



## Drogheda Photographic Website

The DPS can be found at

[www.droghedaphotographicsociety.com](http://www.droghedaphotographicsociety.com)

The website provides us with many interesting articles about what's happening in the vicinity, things to do, places to go and it also gives us a forum through which we can share interests with each other and the world wide web. It's an easy way to keep up-to-date with everything the society is involved with.

Here you can submit your photographs, post comments, text and blogs. It's a fantastic way to keep in touch with all those interested in photography and a great way to inform and enjoy your hobby outside society outings and meetings.

We look forward to hearing from anyone with an interest in learning more ... this can easily be done through the website.

Email

[drogfoto@gmail.com](mailto:drogfoto@gmail.com)

Facebook

[www.facebook.com/DroghedaPhotographic Society](http://www.facebook.com/DroghedaPhotographicSociety)

You can also contact our Coordinator Paul Murray on 086 054 2144

## Tips & Tutorials

A Free Website for photographic tutorials:

<http://digital-photography-school.com/better-landscape-photography-tips-and-video-tutorials/>

A site for American photographic shops in general, but also has useful information on new product etc.

[www.photographybay.com](http://www.photographybay.com)

Good places to look for low priced, quality and quick delivery ink.

<http://www.printcartridgedirect.com>

[www.inkmaestro.ie](http://www.inkmaestro.ie)

Checkout information and pictures taken at Dublin Airport. You may be interested in some aviation photography...

[www.adamrynaviationphotography.com](http://www.adamrynaviationphotography.com)

For anyone interested in the Creative Commons licence, which allows others to use your material, in varying ways.

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When sending large photo files or data via email use:

- Google Chrome
- Google Drive
- Myinterest

Choose handbooks / manuals for every make of camera that are not expensive

David D. Busch's Books for Digital Photography

Checkout on [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk)

## NEWSLETTER ENTRY

Listed on this page are the names of society members with Project Titles:

	Name/s	Project Title
1	Joan Kelly	Principal Administrator
2	Deirdre Hyland	Second Administrator
3	Adrian King	Principal Archivist
4	Daz	Photo Competition Secretary
5	Paul Murray	Principal Co-ordinator
6	Damien Smith	Digital Media Operator
7	Helen Black	Second Co-ordinator
8	Brendan Murray	Lecturer
9	Áine Kelly	Liaison Member
10	Marie O'Brien	Liaison Member
11	Brendan Ennis	Regular Photography Group Outing Manager
12	Sean Dowling	Promotion
13	Pat Whearty	Room Keeper
14	Ian McGuirk	Web Browser (1)
15	Colm Gargan	Web Team Architect/Manager.
16	Catherine McEvoy	Librarian
17	Deirdre Hyland	Newsletter Editor