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## Editor's Address

Dear Member,

You are welcome to the fourth edition of the Drogheda Photographic Society Newsletter. This newsletter is Part 1 (Jan – June) published for the year 2015. It will be available on the Society's Website as well as being sent via email to all registered members.

I am delighted to report that the Society is growing from strength to strength since our last newsletter. Of course, some new members have joined and some members have departed, but for the most part the Society has become more engaging, its members more eager to learn and above all, we are more and more interested in coming together to photograph places of interest in nearby localities and surrounding areas. A famous German photojournalist Alfred Eisenstaedt once said, *"it is more important to click with people than to click the shutter"* and we are certainly forming good friendships as the Society develops.

On a personal note, I think the newsletter is a good way to keep record of what's happened over the previous six months. It is amazing when I look back, to find the number of events we have enjoyed; workshops, classes, outings and meetings – so a little trouble perhaps in putting this together, is far outweighed by the benefit of retaining a record of all we did and plan to do.

Like all things in life, a little competition gives an added interest and spirit to whatever you are doing! And so it was with the Society's Photographic Competition and Display Event, both of which took place during the first half of the year. In the newsletter I try to capture these events as best I can, but you are strongly encouraged to send me your own account of those events, especially if you received an award or simply learned something that you would like to pass on to others. Your articles should be easy to read and they don't have to be too long, so don't be afraid to contribute to what is essentially *your* own newsletter.

I hope you enjoy the memorabilia and articles within. Continue to enjoy taking those great photographs and enjoy trying to improve your next shot. I wish to acknowledge and thank Joan Kelly for photographs contained within this newsletter. Before I finish, a big *'Thank You'* must go to Paul & Joan, founder and co-founder of the Drogheda Photographic Society, for their unending enthusiasm, encouragement and contagious passion for photography.

Happy photography,  
Deirdre Hyland, Editor



## Official Monthly Meetings

*(First Thursday of each month)*

January 2015	<p>Our photographic year commenced on 8<sup>th</sup> January with a great turnout. The meeting began with members completing a survey to determine their photographic preferences and also with the completion of a form to gather correct contact details, being mindful of any Data Protection concerns that members may have.</p> <p>The meeting was advised of lots of new activities coming down the track... A new Special Interest Group "Urban Photography" as well as an exciting print competition in May.</p>
February 2015	<p>Feedback on the survey was provided by Joan. Paul announced that a 'schedule' of outing will be available on DPS website. Deirdre was presented with a briefcase of stationery items to assist her in her role as Administrative Assistant to Joan. A good critique was given of 15 Night Photographs which were presented on screen at the meeting.</p>
March 2015	<p>On 5<sup>th</sup> March, Paul announced that a schedule has been created which covers all information regarding regulations and outings. Submissions to the 'schedule' should be received before 24<sup>th</sup> day of the month in question.</p>
April 2015	<p>During April's meeting, Joan undertook an inventory of all DPS belongings / equipment. Ian reviewed his 3 recently attended workshops. David won 'Print of the Quarter'. Everyone is encouraged to keep sending in photographs. The meeting agreed that the Boyne Ramparts Walk, Navan, will be the destination for our next photographic outing in April.</p>
May 2015	<p>The Print Photographic Competition took place this evening. A maximum of 2 photos were allowed per person. All photos were printed and mounted. A great event, critiqued and rewarded by professional photographer John Doyle.</p>
June 2015	<p>A survey took place to explore the views of members with regard to John Doyle (photographer) and his critique of each photo during the Photographic Competition held in May. Some discussion took place surrounding the schedule / timetable sent out to each member of the Society. Various opinions were voiced on the layout and format of same. No doubt, a sub-group of the committee will agree the most user-friendly and efficient outcome.</p>



## Official Monthly Outings

*(Third Saturday of each month)*

January 2015	Workshop Part 1 of 3 Parts (Glassware)
February 2015	Workshop Part2 of 3 Parts (Glassware)
March 2015	Workshop Part 3 of 3 Parts The final workshop took place on 21 <sup>st</sup> March. All 3 workshops were expertly managed by Ian McGuirk, with coloured water and glassware.
April 2015	Boyne Ramparts Walk, Navan was our destination on Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> April. Undoubtedly, this is a place members will visit again and again to photograph.
May 2015	Photographic Display Event (PDE) took place on 16 <sup>th</sup> May. Admission was €5. Some photos are displayed later in this newsletter, including that of Helen Black who was presented with a 'commendable standard certificate'.
June 2015	Our destination on 20 <sup>th</sup> June was Oldbridge House & Gardens. The theme was: "Render the sky blue in a photograph".







## Selection of Photographs from Special Interest Group Outings

James Reid, Oldbridge  
House & Gardens



Catherine McEvoy  
Grafton Street, SIG (Urban Photography)



Eric Sumperhofer  
SIG (Night Photography)



Damian Smith  
Glyde Court, SIG (Night Photography)



## Photographic Competition – May 2015

A most enjoyable evening was had by all at the Drogheda Photographic Society competition held on 7th May 2015. The night was well attended and one could feel the excitement and tension as examiner, Photographer John Doyle, studied each photograph under the following headings: Exposure, Shutter Speed, Lens Aperture, Camera Lens Focus.

John Doyle is accredited with many awards and accolades in landscape, portrait, press & news, science & nature photography, to mention but a few. We are most grateful for his generous time and expertise given to the Society.

Points allocated for each criterion were totalled and awarded to the winner on the night. It was widely acknowledged by all that John had provided well-structured and helpful feedback in respect of photographs submitted.

Congratulations to David Shields on his award of first prize. Seen here below...





## Photographic Competition – May 2015

The standard of photography was high. Runner-up awards were also given by John Doyle to acknowledge the work of other members of the Society.



'Footprints in the sand' was taken by Paul Murray on Cloghan Beach, Co. Kerry, using a slow shutter speed, lens aperture f22, ISO 100 with a wide 24mm prime lens.

The boat was taken by Helen Black on Mornington Beach, Co Meath, using a slow shutter speed to give the river a still effect and keeping the photo simple, Helen kept the boat the focal point. Congratulations to David Shields on his award of first prize. Seen here below...



Tributes were awarded to :

Daz (runner up)

Paul Murray

Helen Black





## Photographic Display Event (PDE)

Everyone was encouraged to submit up to 3 of their favourite images for this Photographic Display Event on 16<sup>th</sup> May. A Certificate of Distinction is seen awarded to Helen Black by James Reid. Taken in Laytown, Co Meath on a rainy morning, Helen used a Lee 'Big Stopper' filter. Other photographs presented on the 16<sup>th</sup> May can also be seen below.



Jimmy Carew



Ian McGuirk



## Photographic Display Event (PDE) continued...



Above photograph taken Joan Kelly. Below photograph taken by Pat Whearty





## Print of the Quarter

The photograph crowned *Print of the Quarter* is presented to the photographer or owner during one of the official monthly meetings, compliments of the DPS.

### The usual guidelines applied:

- Each DPS member is encouraged to submit up to 3 photos per month i.e. up to 9 per quarter.
- File size will affect the size of the printed photo. We can print up to a maximum length of 30cm, although a smaller file size may result in a smaller print.
- Technically correct photos are not a guarantee for POTQ selection.

This is not a competition but rather a photograph is selected as Print of the Quarter simply because it appeals to the adjudicators. In other words, 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 Quarter* is not chosen because of its perfection or technical correctness. Everyone's photograph is in with a chance to be selected.



David Shields, awarded Print of the Quarter in April 2015



## Dates for your diary...

### **People's Photography**

This event will take place on August 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at Stephen's Green, Dublin.

This is an open air exhibition on the railings surrounding the park. It's a great opportunity to display your work to the public and also meet other photographers. It costs €20 for a plot of railing 8ft wide and 6ft high.

### **Paul Murray Photography Classes**

Classes continue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 8 p.m. with Paul in Pennycorn Mill. Contact him directly at (086) 0542144 to enquire about the topics covered.

### **DPS Excellence Print Award**

This is a photographic competition due to take place on November 5<sup>th</sup> in Barlow House. Closing date for the competition is September and the fee to enter is €15

### **Print of the Quarter**

Each DPS member is encouraged to submit up to 3 photos per month, ie., up to 9 per quarter to [drogfoto@gmail.com](mailto:drogfoto@gmail.com). Marina & Sarah are happy to take any queries you may have so keep sending those photos in every month.

### **Special Interest Group – Night Photography Outings & Urban Photography Outings**

These are ongoing and frequent outings and all are welcome to join. Keep an eye out on your emails for information on each outing

### **Photographic Display Event**

A photographic display event will take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2015 in Barlow House. Further details will be available at the monthly meetings.





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### *Our Website...*

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## 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 and places to go . It also gives us a forum through which we can share interests with each other and world wide web users. It's an easy way to keep up-to-date with everything the society is involved with.

Here you are encouraged to submit your photographs, post comments, text and blogs. It's a fantastic way to let others know what's going on and it's such an easy way to 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

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

Photography tips and tutorials to photographers of all experience levels.

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

For cool ideas on photography and sharing photos, checkout

[www.pinterest.com](http://www.pinterest.com) and also [www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com)

A Free Website for photographic tutorials:

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

Anatomy of Digital Photography. This is a free trial video designed for students who are interested in learning how to use a digital signal lens reflex. You can find this on youtree.tv website or you can sign up to their newsletter.

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

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

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.

[www.creativecommonssireland.org/events/](http://www.creativecommonssireland.org/events/)

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	Pat Whearty	Room Keeper
13	Ian Mc Guirk	Web Browser (1)
14	Colm Gargan	Web Team Architect/Manager.
15	Catherine McEvoy	Librarian
16	Deirdre Hyland	Newsletter Editor
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