



# WBPS NEWS

Whitley Bay Photographic Society Newsletter



*January 2026*

# WELCOME BACK

Happy New Year to all of our members.

Our season will resume on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Over the next few months, we have a very full programme. Amongst the highlights we have to look forward to are, an exchange visit with Gosforth Photographic Society, 4 Way Interclub Competition as well as our own internal competitions & practical sessions.

Gillian Williams, Chris Hales, Andrew Nicoll, Pat & Alan Porrett will all be presenting evenings.

Our external guest speakers will present talks entitled "People, Places & Faces", "Astrophotography & Stuff" & "The Eye of the Tyne."

We will learn about the 52 Frames challenge and see the results of this season's club project.

Our monthly club trips will take us to a variety of destinations. These will include London and Prague.

Our 6<sup>th</sup> January meeting will be a Members' Evening. Members are requested to submit their contributions, before midnight on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January, using the WeTransfer link below.

This allows will us to prepare the show prior to the evening which will improve the experience for presenters and the audience. Please put your images/AVs in a folder marked with your name.

Any presentations that we do not have time to fit in on the night will receive priority on the next Member's Evening.

<https://we.tl/r-VnqJjAu8sV>

# Welcome to WBPS News

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# What's been going on

## **An evening with... Karen Rollison & Nigel Rickaby**

**On 2<sup>nd</sup> December, Karen gave us a "Journey Through Time."  
This explored Karen's photographic  
journey as well as her literal journeys.**

**Karen's passion for travel photography was  
evident in her fantastic collection of images  
from right across the world.**

**Nigel asked the question "What do I like."  
Nigel, it turns out, likes a wide variety of photography.  
Members enjoyed a selection of Nigel's travel and sports images.**

**Photographs of, what Nigel describes as, grime  
provided an unusual but extremely  
interesting photographic subject.**

**Nigel ended with several AVs from his travels.**

**Karen and Nigel treated members to some superb images.  
It was a very interesting and enjoyable evening.  
Thank you both.**

# **Whitley Bay Fiesta**

**We had our usual stall displaying members' images at this event on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at St Paul's Church, Whitley Bay.**

**We had plenty of interest from visitors to the Fiesta. Our display appears to be becoming more popular every time we visit.**

**The Fiesta is an important event for our club. It has generated several new members over the past few years.**

**Thank you to everyone who contributed prints and who helped with this event.**

## **Christmas Party**

**For our last meeting of the year, we held our Christmas party on 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

**During the first half of the night, members were shown the 2025 End of Year review AV.**

**This was followed by Anne's traditional Christmas quiz. It really does seem to get much harder each year.**

**The evening ended with drinks and a buffet.**

**Our next meeting will be a members' evening on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

# December's Club Trip Newcastle City Centre



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## Newcastle City Centre

*Out & About*

**On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December, members enjoyed our traditional annual visit to Newcastle City Centre.**

**After exploring the Christmas markets and admiring the festive lights, we went to the pub.**

**Some members managed to take some photographs as well.  
Click on the link to view them.**

**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/mfBwKcJxFFjR9ye99>**



# Projected Digital Image Competition Round 2

Arjun Nambair was our judge for round 2 of this season's PDI competition.

The set theme was Book Titles.

We kept Arjun very busy with over 60 entries.

It was an interesting competition with some very imaginative images submitted.

Congratulations to our newest member, Amy Laverick, who won a Highly Commended in her first competition with our club.

John Donaldson had an incredible evening.

Not only did John win the club section, he also managed to collect a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place as well.

The Advanced Section was won by Richard Narcross.

In an unusual twist, Michael Hudson had his entry upgraded to a Highly Commended during the evening.

Gary Moffat had a successful competition with 2 Highly Commended. Shauna Hogg was another member who was awarded multiple places.

Shauna secured 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Congratulations to all members who won places.

Thank you to everyone who entered.

Click on the YouTube link to view all winning entries

<https://youtu.be/2hFcOw1-GtQ>

# WBPS Competitions 2025/6



# Club Section

**1<sup>st</sup>**

**Web**

**John Donaldson**

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Bamburgh**

**John Donaldson**

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

**The Boat House**

**Yvonne Petitjean**

**4<sup>th</sup>**

**The Bauble**

**Robert Gibson**

**5<sup>th</sup>**

**Sycamore Gap**

**John Donaldson**

**HC**

**Look, a Clownfish**

**Keith Smith-Gillespie**

**HC**

**Para-Handy Tales**

**Amy Laverick**

**HC**

**The Four Pillars**

**Michelle McCarthy**

# WBPS Competitions 2025/6



# Advanced Section

**1<sup>st</sup>      How the West was Won      Richard Narcross**

**2<sup>nd</sup>      Tom's Midnight Garden      Anne Watson**

**3<sup>rd</sup>      There are Rivers in the Sky      Shauna Hogg**

**4<sup>th</sup>      Moonlight Becomes You      Shauna Hogg**

**5<sup>th</sup>      Seeds of Murder      Alan Watson**

**HC      The Water Horse      Micheal Hudson**

**HC      Firestarter      Nigel Rickaby**

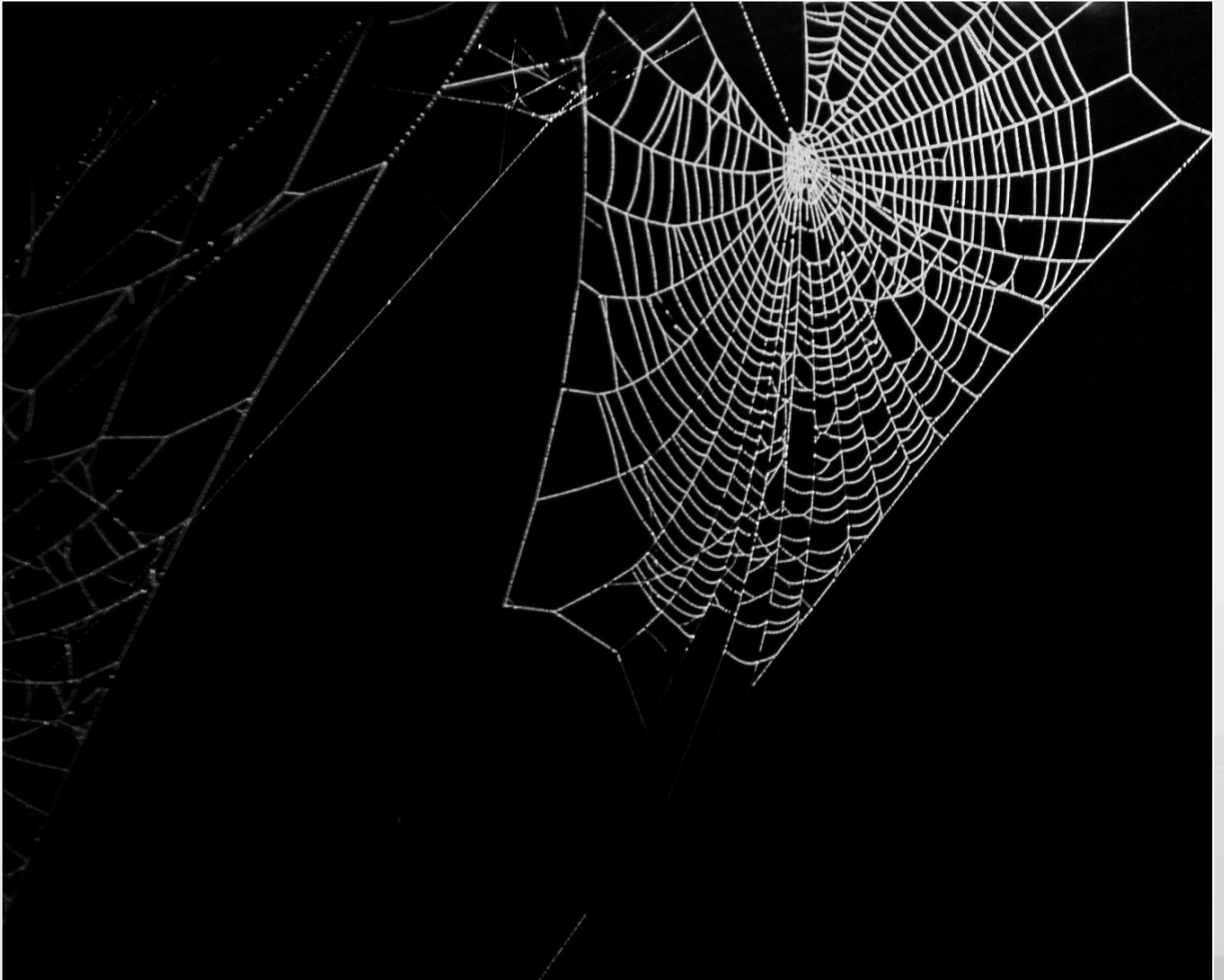
**HC      The Bluebell Wood      Gary Moffat**

**HC      Johnathan Livingstone  
   Seagull      Gary Moffat**

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# Winner Club Section



**Web  
By  
John Donaldson**

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# Winner Advanced Section



**How the West was Won  
By  
Richard Narcross**

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# Keith's Top Tips

By Keith Smith-Gillespie

*Interesting photography related articles, tips, recommendations and tutorials from the internet*

**BBC News - Milestone for Halton group founded by photography pioneers - BBC News**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cwy5q2dw7gwo?app-referrer=deep-link>

**New camera is a game-changer for underwater films | Angling Times**

<https://share.google/b1WxQd7IK2iq6JXZJ>

**Amazing Nature: The Best Close-Up Photography Of 2025 In 21 Photos**

<https://share.google/rnsAQ13zsOIBI1ap8>

**Fujifilm has quietly released its secret sauce for film-like colors as downloadable 3D LUTs for video editing | Digital Camera World**

<https://share.google/iVohbRMcKQ3I4uBff>

**50 Photos From RPS Awards, the World's Oldest Photography Prize | PetaPixel**

<https://share.google/7RPKnj0JKMazpD1go>

**This underrated open-source editor replaced Adobe Lightroom for me**

<https://share.google/rhWShKRO8yv7NsXuj>

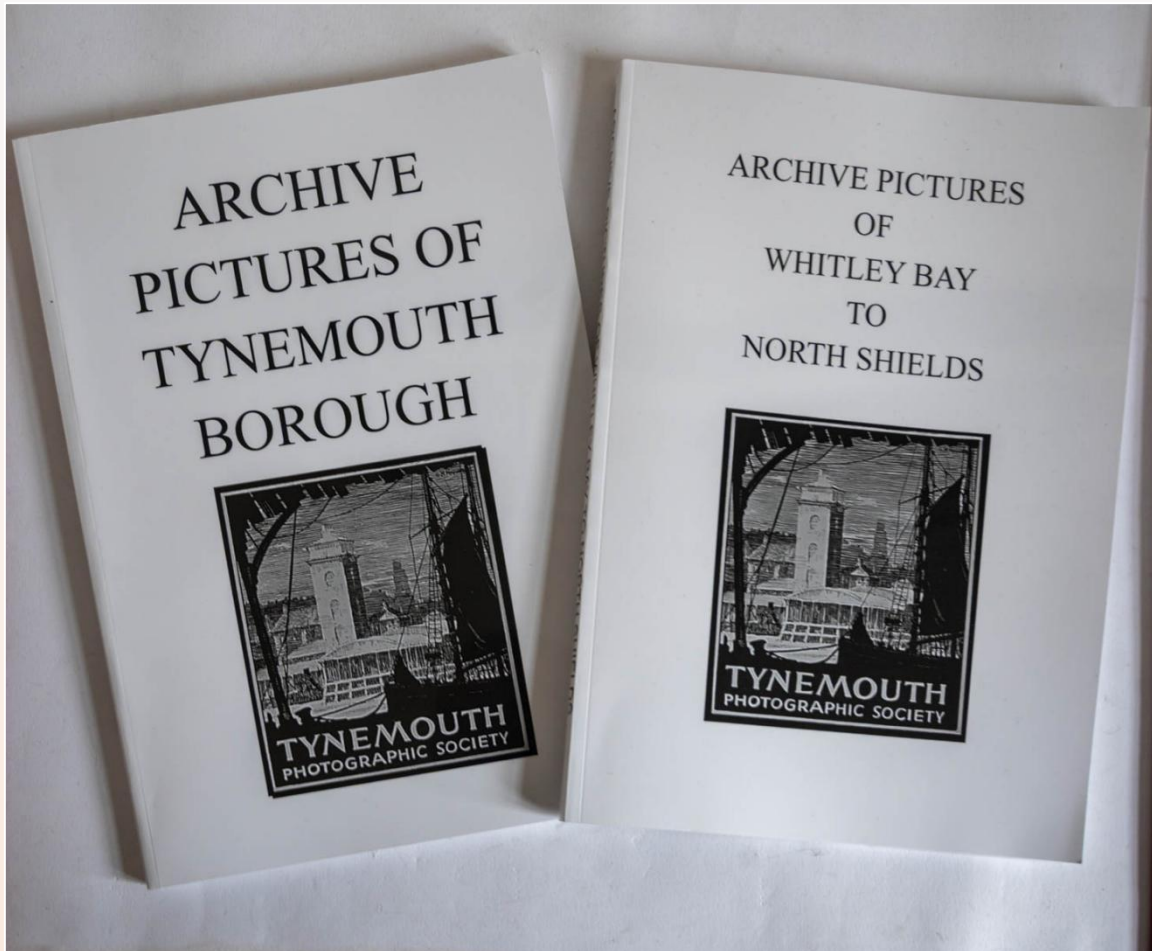
**Day will turn to night during the longest total solar eclipse of the century**

<https://share.google/Rk65CrvQkC4Ha8A2h>

**Gemini 3's Nano Banana Pro photo editing is amazing – here are 3 ways to make the most of it | TechRadar**

<https://share.google/2AWdBtFssn9yPcMhN>

# Members' Recommended Books




**Tynemouth Photographic Society hold a very impressive archive of old historic images of North Tyneside.**

**Some of these images have been published in 2 very interesting books.**

**Archive Pictures Of Tynemouth Borough and  
Archive Pictures of Whitley Bay to North Shields.**

**Both books are available for £14 each and can be obtained through  
Tynemouth Photographic Society (email [tynemouthps.co.uk](mailto:tynemouthps.co.uk)),  
or at The Bound, Park View, Whitley Bay,  
Old Low Light Heritage Centre, North Shields,  
I Love Office Supplies, Rudyerd Street, & Nile Street Post Office, North Shields.**

**<https://www.culturednortheast.co.uk/p/century-old-camera-club-shares-secrets>**



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# club project

## 2025/6

**The Google Photos album for  
this season's club project can  
be found by clicking on the  
link.**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/VH6AqgjRNmXMsRcw7>

**Further information about  
the project can be found in  
the September edition of  
WBPS News.**

**Please click on the link.**

[wbps news 5 september 2025.pdf](#)

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## ALPHABET PHOTOGRAPHY



# Google Photos

**During the season, we use Google Photos to share images.  
Albums are created for club outings and club projects.  
This allows members to view and share images.**

**Members are sent links to the albums on email  
and in the monthly newsletter.**

**Some members do not have Google accounts and  
have been unable to download image on to our albums.**

**For members who wish to add images but have been unable to,  
they can be emailed to Gary Jenkins.**

# NEW YEAR,

# NEW HOBBY

Bring your friends along to our club



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NEW HOBBY**

**Whitley Bay  
Photographic Society**

**January 2026**

- 6th Welcome Back- members show their images
- 13th Still Game- practical photography session
- 20th Meet the Expert- "People, places & faces" with Liliana Alani
- 27th Head to Head- Print competition
- 29th Club Trip- Light painting at Tynemouth

**February 2026**

- 3rd Pictures to Music- members' images
- 10th Shared Ideas- 2 of our members share their work
- 11th Meet the Neighbours- interclub competition
- 17th Head To Head- digital image competition
- 24th Shared Ideas- 3 of our members share their work
- 28th Club Trip- Seaton Sluice & Seaton Delaval Hall

**March 2026**

- 3rd Meet the Neighbours- joint meeting with Gosforth PS
- 10th Head to Head- print competition
- 17th Meet the Expert- "Astrophotography" with Larry Bedigan
- 24th Shared Ideas- the 52 frames photography challenge
- 28th Club Trip- Bolam Lake & Shafto Crags

Camera Clinic 7.00 to 7.30 pm  
every club night- your questions answered.  
We meet at Earsdon & Wellfield Community Centre.  
New members of all abilities are welcome.

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Whitley Bay Photographic Society logo, Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, and QR code icons.

Looking for a new hobby in 2026.  
Why not try photography.  
**Whitley Bay Photographic Society  
caters for all abilities.**  
**For new members the first month is free!!**

In January, many people start looking for a new hobby for the new year. Our club offers all new members a free trial month, without any obligation.

If any members have family or friends who enjoy photography, why not bring them along.

This link gives further information for potential new members;  
[new members guide 2025 to 2026.pdf](#)

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# WBPS Travel

## Palace on the Hill Tour

our annual club outing to  
London

25th to 28th April 2026

see Alan Watson  
for further details



# **WBPS Travel international**

**Following our first international trip in 2025,  
this year our destination is**

# **Prague**



**30th August to 3rd September 2026**

**see Alan Watson  
for further details**

# 2026 Club Trips

**29<sup>th</sup> January**

**Tynemouth**  
(light painting)

**28<sup>th</sup> February**

**Seaton Delaval Hall  
& Seaton Sluice**

**28<sup>th</sup> March**

**Bolam Lake  
& Shafto Crags**

**25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> April**

**London**

**23<sup>rd</sup> May**

**York**

**27<sup>th</sup> June**

**Tantallon Castle,  
North Berwick**

**25<sup>th</sup> July**

**Yorkshire Dales**

**30<sup>th</sup> August -  
3<sup>rd</sup> September**

**Prague,  
Czech Republic**

# What's happening in January 2026

**6<sup>th</sup>**

**Happy New Year**

*Members' images*

**13<sup>th</sup>**

**Still Game**

*Practical session with  
cameras*

**20<sup>th</sup>**

**Guest Speaker  
Lilliana Alani**

*"People, Places &  
Faces"*

**27<sup>th</sup>**

**Print Competition  
Round 2**

*Judged by Jim Welsh*

**29<sup>th</sup>**

**Club Outing to  
Tynemouth**

*Light Painting*

**competition entries due this month**

**6<sup>th</sup> January Round 2 Print Competition**

**27<sup>th</sup> January Round 3 PDI Competition**

A background image showing a long-exposure photograph of light painting. It features a dense, chaotic web of thin, golden-yellow light trails against a dark, slightly hazy sky. In the center, there is a prominent, circular light trail that has been spun into a ring shape, resembling a glowing hoop or a ring of light. The overall effect is that of a starburst or a firework-like light display captured over time.

# **CLUB OUTING LIGHT PAINTING**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**At**

**Collingwood Monument,  
Tynemouth**

Light painting involves taking long exposure photographs of moving illuminated objects.

We will be using LEDs and spinning baskets of flames to produce some very interesting and creative images.

Members will need a tripod and plenty of batteries.

Meet at 7.30pm in the free car park opposite the pier head.



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# Help Us Celebrate Your Success

**please remember to  
submit digital copies  
of your print  
competition  
entries to  
[comp@wbps.co.uk](mailto:comp@wbps.co.uk)**



*Digital copies  
of print competition  
winning images  
are used to post on  
social media  
channels*

*Why not share your success.  
You've earned it.*

**Round 2 Print Competition  
entries are due on  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

# Local(ish) Events

## January 2026

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>New Year Dip</b>	<i>The Links, Whitley Bay</i>
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Morris Dancers</b>	<i>The Ship Inn, Monkseaton</i>
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Wheel Barrow Race</b>	<i>Ponteland Village</i>
<b>Until 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Alnwick Garden Light Trail</b>	<i>Alnwick Garden</i>
<b>Until 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>High Force Polar Quest</b>	<i>High Force, Teesdale</i>
<b>Until 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Forest of Light</b>	<i>Beamish Hall Hotel</i>
<b>Until 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Twelfth Night Celebrations</b>	<i>Beamish Museum</i>

*January is always a very quiet month for events.  
We hope to have many more events to share in  
February's WBPS News.*

# How to follow us on Social Media



Facebook  
(public group)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/whitleybayphotographicsociety/>

Facebook  
(members only group)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1337624903048865/>

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/whitleybayphotographicsociety/#>

Website

[www.wbphoto.org](http://www.wbphoto.org)

YouTube

[Whitley Bay Photographic Society - YouTube](#)

Whatsapp  
(members only)

Contact Gary, Anne or Alan W

Newsletter

Posted on the club website and  
emailed to all members / potential members

Contributions and suggestions from members are always very welcome.