

## **RPS AV Day Trinity University Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup> 2019 starting at 10.30**

### **Speaker: Alastair Taylor ARPS CPAGB/AV**

Alastair started his AV journey back in the nineteen eighties in the days of two slide projectors and reel to reel tape. Marriage, family life and work commitments took over until around 12 years ago when he reengaged with AV in its digital format. He hasn't forgotten the "old" way though and still thinks that it is important to think about great dissolves, third images and an interesting story line.

Living in Shropshire, Alastair is well placed to engage with the AV communities in the Midlands, the North West and North Wales and as such is a regular contributor to AV competitions such as the Great Northern, the MCPF Midphot annual AV Competition, the CEMRIAC "Jessops Rose Bowl" and the Peter Coles International Competition at Capel Curig. He is a regular entrant of the Royal Photographic Society (RPS) International and National AV Championships and is starting out on entering wider International AV Competitions as he seeks to gain FIAP recognition in AV. He has judged various AV Competitions in the East and West Midlands, and Lincolnshire.

Success has been variable and one of his proudest achievements is the winner of the Pollock Medal for the best first time entrant at the 2013 RPS National AV Championships with his AV "The Match". Other successes include the RPS distinctions in Multi-Media at LRPS in 2016 and ARPS in 2018. He successfully gained his CAPGB/AV in 2018. He is the current winner of the MCPF Midphot AV Competition which he views as quite an achievement given the quality of the Midlands AV Community .

Alastair's approach to AV is one of trying to tell an interesting story and bring some personal feeling to the production. He thinks that the best AVs take the viewer on an emotional journey and seeks to achieve this. He loves writing scripts but is moving on to an unscripted approach on the basis that there is quality in serendipity and often the most impactful moments come with this approach.

As well as showing a range of his productions, from Photo Harmony to Documentary, Natural History to Humour; and telling the story behind these; Alastair will focus on his approach to scripting his work and how he learns new approaches by listening to the radio and spotting things that work well.

He hopes to bring something new along for attendees to peruse. His view is that the AV community is the best and most friendly group of critics and feels that AV workers should never be scared of letting peers review work. That way it gets better.

Alastair has recently retired from work which has taken him away from home and now he is free from the shackles of work, plans to up his AV game. He is already involved with AV groups around the Midlands and will continue to edit the RPS Journal AV News.

## **Timetable**

The meeting starts at 10.30 with attendees' sequences. This is your chance to show off your work and get some kind, helpful comments on improving it or maybe just saying how wonderful it is. This is always an important and enjoyable part of our day so please bring along your AVs.

**To help us with the organisation of this session please try to send your AV sequence in advance to Tony Collinson using DropBox, WeTransfer or a CD through the post. DropBox is a free download from [https://www.dropbox.com/en\\_GB/install](https://www.dropbox.com/en_GB/install) and WeTransfer from <https://www.wetransfer.com>**

**Tony's email address is [tcollin798@aol.com](mailto:tcollin798@aol.com) and his postal address is**

**8 Brownberrie Drive, Leeds, LS18 5PP.**

**If it is not possible to send it in advance because you are working on it until the night before, bring it with you as usual but please book it in as usual on the booking form.**

We will break for lunch about 13.00 and Alastair will speak to us from 14.00 until about 16.45 or so with a break for tea/coffee at about 15.00.

## **Practicalities**

Leeds Trinity University is located in Brownberrie Lane, Horsforth LS18 5HD.

Here is a link to their website on how to find them:

<http://www.leadstrinity.ac.uk/aboutus/findus/pages/default.aspx>.

If anyone needs more information please contact me.

There is plenty of free car parking available on site and our meeting will be held in the Auditorium and Conference suite. This is situated through the main Reception Area. ( Nos 13 and 14 on the campus map.

<http://www.leadstrinity.ac.uk/aboutus/findus/documents/campus-map-june-2013.pdf> )

Please arrive by 10.00 if possible and have a cup of tea/coffee and a chat before the meeting starts at 10.30.

## **Lunch Arrangements.**

Our team of helpers will again be organising the lunch.

We will be providing sandwiches similar to last time together with a small pork pie, packet of crisps, fruit and chocolate biscuit and drinks of tea/coffee/orange juice.

This is all available at the bargain price of £5. You may of course bring your own lunch if you wish.

**Tea/Coffee** during the day.

Tea/Coffee will be provided from 10.00 before the meeting and tea/coffee and biscuits in the afternoon as part of the registration fee which is at present held at £10 for RPS AV Group members and £12 for non members.

**Dinner Possibilities.**

There are several restaurants/pubs in Horsforth and nearby where you could have a meal. The internet will provide all the necessary information, or ask me.

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