

WBPS Outing from January 2020 to September 2020

Saturday 1st February 2020 11:00 Souter Lighthouse, The Leas and Whitburn. Standing

on the clifftop between South Shields and Sunderland since 1871 Souter was the first lighthouse in the world to be designed to use electricity for its main beam and was said to be the most powerful light in the world when it opened. Decommissioned in 1988 the light house and surrounding Leas were taken over by the National Trust giving the opportunity to photograph both our industrial heritage and wildlife. We will finish the day in Whitburn for a coffee and maybe fish and chips at the famous Latimers Seafood Deli. There is an admission charge for Souter Light to those who are not National Trust members (currently £7.60).

Thursday 27th February 2020 19:00 Painting with Light.

Following our almost successful attempt to paint with light a couple of years ago we will have another attempt this time on the prom at Panama dip. I will dig through the bag of LED lights, string and wire wool and hopefully produce some spectacular results with St Marys Light in the background. It will be cold and may be damp so wrap up well and remember your tripod (if you have one) I will have a couple of spares which can be used.

Saturday 28th March 2020 11:00 Craster to Low Newton (and back)

Starting at the tiny fishing village of Craster we head north with views of the spectacular Dunstanburgh Castle then along Embleton Bay to The Ship at Low Newton for a bite to eat before making our way back along the beach to Craster. Start time may be a bit late for Ray but we should get some nice shots.

Saturday 25th April 2020 9:30 Whitby

OK it's not original but the Goth Weekend trip is now a tradition of the club. Always cold but with a plenty of coffee, cake and fish and chips to end the day.

Saturday 23rd May 2020 11:00 Deserted Wharram Percy and Beverley

Hidden in the Yorkshire Wolds is the deserted medieval village of Wharram Percy one of the largest and best preserved of its type. Though the population left in the 1500's for some strange reason the Malton to Drifffield railway built a station here in 1858 over 350 years after the last inhabitant left. 3 trains a day served the empty village for almost 100 years and the remains of the station and line can also be seen. We then head to Beverley for a bite to eat and saunter round. Dominated by its Minster Beverley is unique in having 2 market squares!!!

Monday 8th June to Friday 12th June 2020 Prague!!!!!!!

At last Prague has appeared on our outings list (if enough people are interested). Leaving Newcastle airport at 16:00 we arrive in the Czech capital around 19:30 CET and make our way by bus and metro to the Hotel Ambiance on the boarder between the Old and New town. The hotel (3*) is cheapish and cheerful and about 1Km from Wenceslas Square and 300 metres from the metro station. We then have almost 4 full days in Prague before heading home on the Friday arriving back in Newcastle at 21:45. The current prices are £435 single room or £293 each for a double/twin room. This includes flights with Jet2* and 4 nights Bed and Breakfast 22Kg hold luggage (each) and 10Kg hand luggage but not transfers. Please note you will need a passport for this trip and the currency is Czech Koruna.

(*Jet2 voted best short haul carrier 2019 but they have very old planes)

Saturday 18th July 2020 11:00 Alwinton and the Coquet Valley

Setting off from the carpark in Alwinton we follow the Coquet valley up to Wedder Leap before returning back down the river. This is a walk of about 5 miles out and 5 miles back with a steady climb of about 350 feet to the turning point. Walking shoes/boots and waterproofs are a must (if it rains). At a reasonable pace stopping for sandwiches and pictures we should be back to the carpark for 16:00.

Saturday 8th August 2020 10:30 Edinburgh Festival.

Another tradition is our annual trip to Edinburgh for street and architectural photography.

Saturday 29th August to Tuesday 1st September London and Notting Hill Carnival.

Staying on the outskirts of London (Redbourne near Luton) we spend 2 days visiting the more unusual sites in London before spending the August Bank Holiday Monday in Notting Hill to see the carnival. I will have limited space in my car but if anyone else wants to drive in convoy they are welcome. Still waiting for the price from Premier Inn but last year the trip cost just over £100 for the 3 nights accommodation plus spending money. An oyster card and or bus pass is essential for this trip. May be markets this year.....