

WPF Newsflash



15th December, 2014

Stanley Chell won by Inn Focus

The 2014 Stanley Chell trophy was won by **Inn Focus** (78 points) from Ebbw Vale (77) Gwent (75) and Gwynfa, Merthyr Tydfil, Cwmbran and Llanelli (all on 73 points).

A summary of results and presentation photographs can be seen below. The full list of scores can be found here.

Stanley Chell Memorial Trophy (Best set of 4) Inn Focus Group

The Hans Hoyer Trophy Best Monochrome – Ebbw Vale – Agoraphobia by Gary Howells

The Glyn John Trophy Best Colour Print – Gwynfa – Female Azure Damselfly by Lynda Beynon

The Glan Mair Trophy Best Landscape – Cwmbran – Tuscan Dawn by Dave Kitson

The Doris Chell Memorial Trophy Best Image – Neath & District – Good Samaritan by Brian Callard

The judge was **Brian Swinyard** ARPS,EFIAP/b, DPAGB, BPE3*, PPSA here seen presenting the trophy to **Coltrane Koh** of The Inn Focus Group.



Important notice to all Clubs

The President of the WPF and the Judges and Presenters Secretary have been out recently giving presentations to various clubs and have received no reminder, nor have they been asked what equipment they require for the presentation.

This is just not good enough! If you invite a speaker then you should have the courteously to make sure that the speaker feels comfortable that he/she will be welcomed when they arrive and know that the equipment required for their presentation is in place. Also that they have been reminded of the event a few days before to ensure that you know that all is well and that they are able to attend.

This assumption that they will just TURN-UP is not acceptable – it is taking the speaker for granted. We realise that occasionally circumstances make a reminder difficult, but clubs should make sure that there is more than one person aware of the event and that the speaker is kept informed.

Another point that I have been asked to mention; can you please start on time; 7.30pm. should mean 7.30pm, not 7.40pm or 7.50pm as is so very often the case. The speaker will have prepared their talk to fit the times you have told them, so please ensure you adhere to those times. You may even wish to consider making your club announcements five minutes earlier than the proposed start time or during the tea-break in order to give the presenter the maximum amount of time. It is not fun to stand for 20 minutes listening to a multitude of announcements and then have to rush through a talk designed to last a specific amount of time.

Most Presenters will aim to arrive around 30 minutes before start time (unless otherwise agreed) in order to set up and check that all their equipment is functioning. So please have someone there to meet and greet them in plenty of time, not ten minutes before as happened recently.

Having said all this, the clubs we have attended are very friendly and appreciative – they just need to think a little more about the person who is going to entertain them, who has often travelled a long way.

Ed Cloutman (Judges and Presenters Secretary)

Bristol Salon Opens

Bristol Salon is open for entries. There are 4 sections, Open, Monochrome, Photo Travel and Nature. Closing date 24 January. There are reduced fees for Early Bird entries (received before 4 January) and for club entries (10+ entries). For full details, follow this **link** or email chairman @bristolsalon.co.uk

RPS Conference at Warwick

The RPS Digital Imaging Group (DIG) One Day Conference At Warwick - A Date For Your Diary

The RPS Digital Imaging Group (DIG) has given advanced notice that it is planning a very large one-day conference at Warwick on Sunday Sept 20th 2015. As they are aiming to sell 500 tickets to RPS and non-RPS UK-based photographers they thought that members might like to be aware of this date well in advance, to avoid double-booking. The event will be launched at the end of February and full information about the programme will be made available then. In the meantime, please put the date in your diary – and watch this space!

Inkjet Masterclass Video

We've received this from John Read at Marrutt.

Please click <u>here</u> to view a video of a talk delivered to Steyning C.C. in November 2014 entitled: "**Inkjet Printing Masterclass**". There are no copyright restrictions to this movie – please pass on to your members as you wish.

2015 Ace of Clubs

Please find below an invitation to enter the Ace of Clubs 2015 plus all the documents that you will need to enter. The Master Lists and the 1st Round Projection List have been provided in both PDF and MS Word formats so that you can print them and complete them by hand, or on your computer. I should be grateful if you would pass everything to your Competition Secretary. Please note the following:

- Please notify David Paskin of your intention to enter By 23 December 2014. mokeyjo@sky.com
- Please read the Rules carefully, they have changed considerably.
- Please read the Nature definition carefully, it is the new coordinated definition agreed in July 2014
- · The Club Codes have been updated.

<u>Invitation</u> <u>New Rules</u> <u>Nature Definition</u> <u>Club Codes</u>

Master List 1-20 Word Master List 1-20 PDF

Master List 21-40 Word Master List 21-40 PDF

Round 1 Projection List Word Round 1 Projection List PDF

Key Dates

23 December 2014 – Please notify your intention to enter.

18 January 2015 – Closing Date for entries.

1 February 2015 – Please confirm number attending.

15 February 2015 – Competition day.

The Photography Show is back!

Taking place from **21-24 March 2015** at the **NEC Birmingham**, this event is the meeting place for aspiring photographers of all levels. With an incredible line-up of leading brands, show bargains, live demos and inspirational speakers, you'll enjoy a great day out dedicated to all things photography. Plus, get hands-on with the latest products from Canon and receive expert advice from brand representatives.

To find out what's in store for the 2015 show and to book your ticket visit **photographyshow.com**. **Use code EOSTPS15 to get an exclusive discount on your ticket.** (Applies to adult tickets only and expires 18/03/2015).

Inn Focus Joint 6th in World Cup

Congratulations to the Inn Focus Group on coming joint 6th in the FIAP World Cup. Scores here.

Accommodation for Memorial Trophy

We have received this information from the folks over at New Quay, who are hosting the Memorial Trophy.

The owners of the <u>Penwig Hotel</u> in New Quay have made a special offer of £50 bed and breakfast for a double room for one night or £79 for two. Book directly and ask for Mike Wheeler and mention New Quay Camera Club. Or if you prefer book via **Travel Zoo**

RPS Exhibition at Science Museum

Drawn by Light: **The Royal Photographic Society Collection** is now on show at the **Science Museum** in London. (Floor 2. Open from 02/12/2014 To 01/03/2015. Price £8).

From serene landscapes to exquisite nudes, this new exhibition brings together over 200 extraordinary highlights from the collection of the world's oldest surviving photographic society, by some of the greatest names in photography. Founded in 1853, the Royal Photographic Society (RPS) Collection is now held at the National Media Museum, Bradford as part of the National Photography Collection. With over 250,000 images, 8,000 items of photographic equipment and 31,000 books, periodicals and documents, it's one of the most important and comprehensive photographic collections in the world.

Local Workshops with Andy Beel FRPS

ABC of CameraWork Course in Cardiff – This is a walk around with guidance on what things to think about before pressing the shutter. Date 24th Jan in Cardiff 2015, Price £79. Max six participants.

Adobe Lightroom 5 for Beginners one day course covering the basics of the Library, Develop and Print modules on the 21st Feb 2015, Price £99 in Bridgend. Max four participants. 3 places

A MonoChrome Photography Masterclass looking at the thinking and practical skills of a photographer on 28th March 2015, Price £99 in Bridgend. Max four participants. 2 places left.

A MonoChrome Printing Masterclass on the 18th April 2015, price £99 in Bridgend.

Gain confidence with digital MonoChrome printing. Get the look, taste and smell of a darkroom print from your inkjet printer, learn from a recognized master. Discover how to create prints that glow with luminosity. Max four participants – FULLY BOOKED (Want to attend this course? Join the waiting list by emailing me info@andybeelfrps.co.uk)

New Workshop - How to see Photographically

Six days in southern Spain - - Date 22-27th April 2015 - - New lower price - Only 3 places left

If you want to see some of Andy's work or look into booking a workshop yourself, visit his website.

Swansea Exhibition

Swansea Camera Club Annual Exhibition opens on Tuesday 2nd December and runs until Friday 19th December 2015 (takedown on Saturday 20th).

As usual it is being held at the Grand Theatre, Singleton St, Swansea SA1 3QJ. The Grand Theatre is open Monday to Saturday from 09:30 until 20:00. All are welcome to view their members work.

Linda Wellington CPAGB

Congratulations to Linda Wellington CPAGB – many of you will know Linda from Swansea Camera Club and we are delighted that she achieved her CPAGB status at the recent PAGB Assessment at Kegworth on 30th November. Any other WPF successes to report?

Competition Secretary change at Newport

Anyone needing to contact the Competition Secretary at **Newport Photographic Club** should, for the time being, contact **Danny Davis** and not Chris Warman. This is a temporary measure and a new permanent Competition Secretary will be announced in due course.

New Day & Venue for Bedwas Trethomas & Machen

Bedwas Trethomas & Machen Camera Club has a change of venue and a change of day. Henceforward they will meet each Tuesday's at Bedwas OAP Hall, St. Mary Street, Bedwas, Caerphilly, CF83 8EE.

Monitors vs Projectors - for viewing images....

We've received this from Harry Gardiner at Tenby.

As a result of a **long** argument on Facebook about monitors v projectors I tried viewing digital entries in **Irfanview** and found it was excellent with competition size images. You can zoom in and it handles the image properly so you see the image and not pixels. I would strongly recommend it over Windows viewer for judges looking at digital images on monitors prior to projection at a club. It probably would be better on projectors too. Don't know. What it does is shows the image re-sized to whatever you want but re-displayed well without pixels 'zagging' up at you!

I would certainly recommend it to any other judges who rely on Windows viewer..... Better basis for judging, especially sharpness.....

Open For Business Exhibition

Please click <u>here</u> to find some information on an interesting exhibition currently on at the University of South Wales, Newport campus.

AWPF Assessments, 9th November 2014

Some excellent work was presented at this year's AWPF assessments, held at Talbot Green Community Centre, which resulted in a higher pass rate than other years.

There were 16 entries, 14 in prints and 2 in PDIs. 11 AWPF awards were made, resulting in a 69% success rate. Many congratulations to the successful candidates, who were:

Lynda Beynon – Gwynfa CC
Robert Beynon – Gwynfa CC
David Condon – Swansea CC
Janet Davies – NWPF
Trevor James – Gwynfa CC
Ronald Lines – Ebbw Vale CC
Barbara McLoughin – Gwent PS
Eric Pearce – Ebbw Vale CC
Andy Polakowski – Mold CC
Margaret Salisbury – NWPF
Tim Wood – Bridgend CC

Those who did not make it on this occasion missed by a very narrow margin and were strongly urged to try again next year. Several successful candidates commented that the help and advice that they had received at the AWPF Workshop had made all the difference and recommended that anyone considering submitting a panel should attend a workshop first.

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the day such a success, in particular, Alan Shepherd & Vince Penticost, (Presentation) Guy Butler-Madden & Cliff Emery, (Display) David Paskin (Catering) and, of course, our judges, Nick Jenkins (Chairman), Margaret Collis, Jenny Hibbert, David Lingham and Paul Richards.

John Cooke (Distinctions Secretary).

Memorial Trophy

The WPF invites all member clubs to enter the **2015 Memorial Trophy** which will be hosted by **New Quay Camera Club** and held at Memorial Hall, Towyn Road, New Quay SA45 9NX, on **Sunday, 18 January 2015**, at 1:00pm. The judge will be **Margaret Salisbury. FRPS, APAGB, MFIAP**.

Closing date for receiving entries will be 21st December 2014. All forms required can be found below:

Invitation

Entry Form (PDF) Entry Form (MS Word)

Conditions of Entry Club Codes

Port Talbot Salon 2015

The fourth **Port Talbot Digital International 2015** is now open for entries. You can enter by clicking here. There will be four sections: Open Colour, Open Monochrome, Creative and Nature. **Closing date will be 25th Jan 2015**.

Field Study Council

The Field Studies Council have just launched their 2015 programme of arts courses and short breaks. Details here.

'New Presentation: Bird Photography - A Personal Journey' by Mike Cullis

This all new presentation focuses on Mike's personal account of his adventures into Bird Photography and includes some spectacular images taken both within the UK and abroad including Kenya, Florida and The Arctic. The presentation starts with bird photography in his back garden and progresses to his trips abroad; including the planning, preparation, equipment selection and photographic techniques he has acquired. Mike has had articles featured in Camera magazines, BBC Wildlife Magazine, National newspapers and was finalist in the 2012 BBC Wildlife Photographer of The Year Competition.

PAGB E-News 128

Download The Photographic Alliance of Great Britain's latest E-News here

For Sale & Wanted

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For Sale (added 21st November 2014)

- Nikon D 300 + battery grip + 3 batteries + 2 sandisk cf cards/all leads/all manuals/excellent condition boxed £375.00
- Nikon Nikkor Afs-S dx 17-55 f 2.8 if. ed zoom lens mint condition boxed £700.00
- Nikon afs 18-70 f 3.5 4.5 g dx ed af zoom excellent condition £95.00
- Tokina fugica f/ax bayonet fix 80-200 f4 and also 28 mm f 2.8 wide angle.
- Olympus 2x converter reasonable offers

Contact Jeff Lewis Tel: 07849 466067 Email: lewis_j7@sky.com

For Sale (amended 15th December 2014)

CANON 7D - Body only FOR SALE complete with Meiki vertical battery grip. In excellent condition. Genuine reason for sale - have upgraded. **Reduced to £420 for quick sale**.

Contact Brian Mogford by email (shirley-brian@hotmail.com).

For Sale (added 13th November 2014)

My old Photoshop PC with an AMD **3.4ghz processor** / **8gb** RAM / **4 Tb** of Hard Disk Space / DVD Writer / Windows 7. Originally supplied by PCSpecialist.co.uk Full details below...

Case COOLERMASTER SILEO 500 QUIET MID TOWER

Processor (CPU) AMD PHENOM II X4 965 SOCKET AM3 (3.40GHz/8MB CACHE) - BLACK EDITION

Motherboard ASUS® M4A785TD-V EVO: DUAL DDR3, S-ATA II, 2 x PCIe x16, 1 x PCIe x1, 3 x PCI

Memory (RAM) 8GB CORSAIR XMS3 DUAL-DDR3 1333MHz - LIFETIME WARRANTY!

Graphics Card 1GB NVIDIA GEFORCE 9800GT PCI EXPRESS (Special Offer)

1st Hard Disk 2TB SERIAL ATA 3-Gb/s HARD DRIVE WITH 32MB CACHE (7,200rpm)

2nd Hard Disk 2TB SERIAL ATA 3-Gb/s HARD DRIVE WITH 32MB CACHE (7,200rpm)

DVD Drive 22x DUAL LAYER DVD WRITER ±R/±RW/RAM

Memory Card Reader INTERNAL 52 IN 1 CARD READER (READS XD, MS, CF, SD, etc)

Power Supply 450W Quiet Dual Rail PSU + 120mm Case Fan (£25)

Processor Cooling STANDARD AMD CPU COOLER

Sound Card Sound Blaster® X-Fi™ Xtreme Audio

Networking ONBOARD 10/100/1000 GIGABIT LAN PORT

USB Options 8 x USB 2.0 PORTS (6 REAR + 2 FRONT) AS STANDARD

Firewire 2 x IEEE 1394a FIREWIRE PORTS (1 onboard, 1 at back panel)

Operating System Genuine Windows 7 Home Premium 64 Bit

Keyboard & Mouse included. No monitor included.

£350 or make me an offer.... leigh@coform.com 07800 878782 (Leigh Woolford)

Long Lens Wanted (added 11th November)

I'm looking for a long lens in the region of 400 to 600mm for bird photography. I am also interested in a digiscoping for the same purpose. I am only interested in quality lenses for my Nikon D800. Do any members have any items for sale? If so please contact me giving details and prices at ibd@johnbdavies.co.uk

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Salon acceptances: Please note we receive many, many emails about acceptances at International Salons as WPF photographers are achieving more acceptance than ever before. Sadly we cannot include them all due to constraints on time and space so please would you kindly only advise us of awards received or other milestone achievements.

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