



# WPF Newsflash



25th February, 2015

## AWPF Assessment 2015 - Some dates for your diary....

**AWPF Workshop** – A workshop offering guidance to those who are considering applying for their AWPf distinction will take place on **May 8th 2015**, at Talbot Green community centre, doors open at 10am. The advisory workshop is a good opportunity to see past successful panels and receive personal one-to-one guidance on your work and the standard required. This is a free event. Tea and coffee will be provided, but it is recommended that you bring a packed lunch. Looking forward to seeing you there.

**AWPF Assessment Day** – This will take place on **November 8th 2015** Further details will be issued nearer the time.  
John Cooke – Distinctions Officer

## IFG take the Ace, Gwynfa second

The Inn Focus Group won the 2015 Ace of Clubs and, along with second placed Gwynfa, go on to represent the WPF at the National DPI Championships at Warwick in July.

The unofficial final round scores were:

Inn Focus. 246, Gwynfa. 232, Neath. 229, Bridgend. 226, Ebbw Vale. 224, Tenby. 223, Swansea. 214, Cardiff. 212, Avon Valley. 201. Western Valley. 200. Newport. 195. Port Talbot. 195. Vale. 177.

Here are the [summary results of the Ace](#) and [details of each image in the Final round](#).

Congratulations to the photographers from Inn Focus and Gwynfa – and best of luck at Warwick on July 15<sup>th</sup>.



Tom Dee accepts the winners' Trophy for Inn Focus and Heidi Stewart accepts the Plate for the runners-up (Gwynfa).

## Congratulations to Dave

Dave Edwards of Neath & District PS got 19 acceptances and a FIAP Gold (for 'Snow Leopard in a blizzard') in the 3rd Greek Photographic Circuit. Well done.

## Emigration Sale

Before finally emigrating to Australia in May, Gwynfa members **Peter Saxon** and **Philippa Wood** will be holding a sale of computer and camera gear at the WPF AGM, Talbot Green Community Centre on March 1st from 1.15 p.m.

The range of products is extensive and all prices are negotiable. 10% of the proceeds go to the WPF and raffle prizes are being donated on the day. Come along and find yourself a bargain.

## A photo opportunity from Gareth Williams at the Vale.

*I am the Programme Secretary of the Vale Photographic Club and I have just heard of a **photo opportunity** in Blaencwm at 10:15am on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. At that time Leighton Andrews, the Rhondda A.M., will be at the Blaencwm entrance of the Rhondda to Blaengwyfi tunnel.*

*The tunnel which was closed in 1968 as part of the Beeching closures is the longest in Wales and the Rhondda Tunnel Society , <https://www.facebook.com/groups/718387164910423/>, are attempting to reopen it as a walking cycling path.*

*I think that this might be of interest to some of your members.*

## Ed Cloutman has received this from Rob Ashcroft

*I presented my Altered Reality talk to Tenby last night, and I just wanted to pass on some positive comments and thanks about the way they handled things. They were a very positive and responsive audience - I'd say they were the best I have come across. They offered me a drink when I arrived. They had a dedicated person to set up the equipment, and he took pains to make sure everything worked (even turning off all the lights before the start to check the colours etc). The venue opened 45 mins before the start, so I had plenty of time to set up. There was a prompt start, with minimal other business. Everyone was very helpful and friendly. Payment of fees was presented in a hand-written note of thanks which was a gift card of Tenby - a nice touch. They even had a press officer who approached me after and asked (unprompted) for details for local press publication.*

*All-in-all, a very positive experience from my point of view. If you wish to print these comments in the WPF newsletter I have no objection. There are a few clubs that don't seem to realize how tiring and stressful it is delivering these talks, and perhaps a gentle positive nudge might be useful?*

## Two Neath members have exhibitions

Two members of The Neath and District PS, **David Edwards** and **Linda Cowen** are exhibiting their Wildlife prints during the first two weeks of March.

The exhibition will be held at "**Oriel Bach**" at Oystermouth (just 50m from the sea front car park) and opens to the public on Tuesday, March 3rd. It will run for two weeks until Saturday, March 14th. Mounted prints will be on sale and proceeds will be donated to a favorite charity of David and Linda called "**Space for Giants**". A charity devoted to securing a future for the large mammals of the World.

## WPF AGM

The 2015 WPF **Annual General Meeting** takes place at Talbot Green Community Centre on March 1st, 2015 commencing at 2.30pm.

**Documents have already been circulated (by email only) to Club Secretaries.**

## Presentation of AWPF Awards 2014

The presentation of awards for successful AWPF panels will take place at the WPF AGM, on 1st March 2015 at Talbot Green Community Centre. **If you were one of the recipients of the award in 2014**, please can you inform John Cooke if you will be attending the AGM. Looking forward to seeing you. John Cooke [Johncooke574@btinternet.com](mailto:Johncooke574@btinternet.com)

## Safari with Glyn

**Glyn Edmunds**, Chairman of Pyle & Porthcawl Photographic Society, is offering fellow photographers an astonishing deal on a Photo Safari to Kenya. Glyn is passionate about Photography, Animals and East Africa and goes on custom designed private safaris as often as he is able. After months of intense negotiations, Glyn is now able to offer other photographers the chance to go with him at a fraction of the normal price!

The information sheets about this amazing deal to Kenya to see the Great Wildebeest Migration on the Maasai Mara can be downloaded [here](#).

This may be the busiest and most rewarding holiday you'll ever have, and as long as you are mobile (getting in and out of the vehicles, steps at Mara Serena and walking to your accommodation), age is not a barrier.

The accommodations are classified as luxury in Kenya and the food is good, plentiful and with lots of variety, so it should suit everyone, but if you have any special dietary needs, please let Glyn know when you book and he can ensure you are catered for. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Glyn on 01656 772831.

## Welsh Salon 2015 – For Individual Photographers

Please find below all the documents that you need to enter the Welsh Salon 2015. Apologies for the late arrival but the **reversion to manual entry via clubs** necessitated a re-write of the rules.

### [Salon Invite](#)

[Individual Entry Form](#) [WORD](#) [PDF](#)

[Rules Revised](#) [Definitions](#)

### [Guide For Completing Your Entry](#)

**Please note that the Rules have been revised, so please read carefully.** For the benefit of new clubs and new members there is a new guide to completing your entry. If you have any problems or queries, please contact **Brian Coleman**, the Salon Chairman, Tel: 01656 658486 Email [briphil49@btinternet.com](mailto:briphil49@btinternet.com)

## Welsh Salon 2015 – For Club Secretaries

Dear Club Secretary

Please find below all the documents that your club will need to collate your club's entry to the Welsh Salon 2015. Apologies for its late arrival; we had problems that necessitated a lot of re-writing, not the least of which was the **reversion to manual entry via clubs**. Please note:- Individual entrants should use the entry forms, rules and guidance in the other post above.

[Salon Master Entry Form](#) [WORD](#) [PDF](#)

[Salon Master Entry Form Continuation Sheet](#) [WORD](#) [PDF](#)

[Statement of Entry Fees](#) [EXCEL with auto totals](#) [PDF without auto totals](#)

Please pass a copy of everything to your Comp Sec, or whoever will be responsible for coordinating Salon entries. **Please note that the Rules have been revised, so please read carefully.** If you have any problems or queries, please contact Brian Coleman, the Salon Chairman, Tel: 01656 658486 Email [briphil49@btinternet.com](mailto:briphil49@btinternet.com)

## Neath's 2015 Hornbill Challenge

Neath Photographic Society is proud to host their Annual UK Salon. This popular photographic competition is supported by the BPE and [sponsored by Hornbill](#).

Image categories are follows; 'Colour Open', 'Monochrome Open', 'Industry' and 'Nature. Entering is easy; either complete the convenient [Online Entry Form](#) and upload your images electronically or download the [Postal Entry Form](#) and mail the completed form with your digital images on a CDROM. Enter [here](#). **Closing date 11th April.**

### Lampeter Convention 2015 – Diary Marker

The University has been booked and the convention will be taking place on the weekend of 29th/30<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

The aim of the Convention is to bring the best photographers in the country to Wales. This year we already have Tim Pile, Hunter Kennedy and Ben Hall booked. All three have websites worth visiting. More details together with prices and booking forms will be available from early April – Watch this space!

### Newport Hosts Bristol Salon

Newport Photographic Society hosts the Bristol Salon, an international exhibition of projected images, at the University Campus Usk Way Newport NP20 2BP on Friday March 27th at 7.15pm.

Tickets and information at 07451217031. Tickets £5 – full time students £2.50. Everyone welcome.

### Western Valley CC Exhibitions

Western Valley Camera Club will be holding three exhibitions of members' work throughout the coming year. They start at the Blaenavon World Heritage Centre throughout June; the next is at the Riverfront Theatre throughout the month of September, finishing at the new Risca Library throughout November.

### Ebbw Vale Exhibition

Ebbw Vale camera club will be holding an exhibition at the World Heritage Centre in Blaenavon from Tuesday August 3rd Until Friday August 28th.

### 2015 Events

Thanks to **Dave Owen** of **Gwynfa** for providing these event dates for 2015:

Abergavenny Steam Rally – Sun 24th & Mon 25th May.

Fortress Wales – Caldicot Castle 3rd & 4th May.

Black Country Museum – 1940's Weekend 18th & 19th July.

Severn Valley Railway – 1940's Weekends 27th-28th June and 4th-5th July.

Blaenavon Railway – 1940's Weekend 11th & 12th July.

Great Dorset Steam Fair – Wed 2nd to Sun 6th Sept.

St.Davids Day Parade – Cardiff 1st March.

**Please check web sites to confirm details before travelling.**

### 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. Visit [photographyshow.com](http://photographyshow.com). **Use code EOSTPS15 to get an exclusive discount on your ticket.** (Applies to adult tickets only and expires 18/03/2015)

### Photography News & PAGB E-News 131

If you missed the latest edition of **Photography News**, you can read it [here](#).

Download The Photographic Alliance of Great Britain's latest **PAGB E-News** [here](#)

## Guidelines for Judges and Clubs Booking Them

Based on feedback received and with help from a number of judges, our Judges & Lecturers Secretary Ed Cloutman has put together some **guidelines** which he thinks will be of use to our **judges**. There are also **guidelines for the clubs** outlining what a judge should expect from them. The document also explains how Ed has approached the job of Judges & Lecturers Secretary and the changes he has implemented.

It is hoped that both **judges** and **club committee members** will read the document as it contains a good deal of useful information. However, Ed wishes to stress this is not official WPF policy. It is just a guide that has the best intentions of both club and judge at heart. These guidelines can be seen [here](#). Note, Ed has also produced a [suggested form](#) (in excel format) which is a suggested standard form that could be used by clubs to give to judges along with the competition entries. It contains the type of information that the judges needs to know.

## Edit-a-thon for Wiki

We've received this from Jason Evans at The National Library of Wales:

*I am the newly appointed Wikipedian in residence at The National Library of Wales in Aberystwyth. As part of my residency I am organising a series of events called 'Edit-a-thons' aimed at improving Wikipedia content on a given subject (in English or Welsh). One such event will be a 'Welsh Photographers Edit-a-thon' to be held at The National Library on the 10th of April.*

*The event will start at 10 am with a brief training session on how to edit (it's easy!). Experienced editors will be on hand to help throughout the day and research material will be provided. This is a great chance to learn new skills, to showcase Welsh photography and meet new people.*

*I would be most grateful if you could circulate news of this event along with my contact details. I would be happy to answer any questions.*

[Jason.evans@llgc.org.uk](mailto:Jason.evans@llgc.org.uk) Further details can be found on [Wikipedia](#).

## Local Workshops with Andy Beel FRPS

**Andy Beel FRPS** is moving to a new base in Bristol. From March 2015 he'll be based at the Coach House, Upper York Street, Bristol. See his range of master classes, workshops and courses available with discounts on his [website](#).

**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.

### New Workshop – How to see Photographically

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

**New one day Lightroom 5 for beginners** course. **21st February 2015**. Location – Bridgend. Two places available.

By the end of the session you will be able to:

- Understand the Library catalog basics
- Import pictures to Lightroom from a memory card
- Import your existing back catalog of pictures on your hard drive to Lightroom
- Crop and straighten
- Carry out basic global enhancements such as white balance
- Carry out basic global enhancements – brightness
- Carry out basic global enhancements – usable contrast
- Give your pictures the magazine look
- Create a slideshow to play on your computer
- Prepare a picture for attaching to an email

Extensive notes provided and on-going email support.

Book your place [here](#).

**Inkjet Masterclass Video** - We've received this from **John Read** at [Marrutt](#).

Please click [here](#) 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.

## For Sale & Wanted

If you have items listed 'for sale' please let us know if they have been sold.  
**Adverts will automatically be deleted after about two months unless otherwise advised.**

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### For Sale (added 25th February, 2015)

#### Fuji Equipment.

X-pro1 Body / HG X-Pro1 hand grip. Bought in March 2014, these items have seen only light use and are in immaculate condition. Both are boxed and come with all the original Fuji accessories supplied by Fuji. £385 OVNO.

XF55-200mmF3.5-4.8 R LM OIS Lens. Bought approx. 9 months ago and like the X-Pro 1 is being sold has seen. Only light use. It also is in immaculate condition and boxed with all original accessories as supplied by Fuji. £365 OVNO.

EF-20 shoe mount flash. Bought in October 2014 and used half a dozen times. Boxed and immaculate. £70 OVNO.

#### Olympus Equipment

OMD E-M5 / Olympus 12-50F3.5-6.3 EZ ED MSC lens. Bought in August 2014 and comes boxed with all the original 'bits' supplied by Olympus plus 2 additional (generic) batteries with their own charger. There will also be an A4 printed Manual with this item as the 'in-box' one supplied by Olympus is not of much use. The lens will also be supplied with a generic hood. £400 OVNO

Olympus HLD-6 Power Battery Holder. Slightly newer than the camera and comes boxed. £100 OVNO

Olympus FL-36R Flash. Again, boxed with all the 'bits' supplied by Olympus and is in excellent condition. £80 OVNO

Olympus Digital 40-150mm F4-5.6 R ED MSC Lens. This item is unboxed but comes with a generic lens hood and original Olympus front lens cap. The rear cap is one is a Lumix brand. £100 OVNO

I am selling these items as I currently have too much equipment and want to rationalise my kit. If you are interested in any of these items please contact **David Lewis** on 07977 421182 or email me at [david@dmphotoworks.co.uk](mailto:david@dmphotoworks.co.uk) for more information or to arrange a viewing.

### Wanted (added 21st January, 2015)

Norm is on the look-out for a **Mamiya Press Super 23** in nice condition with a **6x9 back**.

Contact Norman Lemon (Neath) Tel: 01639-630063 Email: [norman.lemon@ntlworld.com](mailto:norman.lemon@ntlworld.com)

### For Sale (added 16th January, 2015)

**Sigma 24-70mm f2.8 zoom lens** - Nikon fit. Comes complete with lens hood and both end caps. £220.00 Contact Nick Jenkins [nick@freespiritimages.com](mailto:nick@freespiritimages.com)

### For Sale (added 16th January, 2015)

**Fujifilm X20** compact camera – excellent condition , boxed , , a great compact. Reason for sale is I am upgrading to a compact system camera. £200 ono. Contact: Phillip by email: [phillipsalter450@btinternet.com](mailto:phillipsalter450@btinternet.com)

**For Sale (added 21st November 2014)**

**Nikon D300 DSLR with Nikon 18-70mm lens.** +battery grip with 3 batteries and 2 sandisk extreme cf cards.all manuals and leads.+ charger. NX capture, software. As new + boxed £375.00.

**Nikon 17-55mm f2.8 afs, if, ed, dx.** professional zoom lens. mint condition very little amateur use boxed £495.00.

Contact Jeff Lewis Tel: 07849 466067 Email: lewis\_j7@sky.com

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