



# WPF Newsflash



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## Have You Booked Lampeter Yet?

Bookings are currently being taken for the Lampeter Convention over the weekend of 29/30<sup>th</sup> August.

If you don't want to miss out on a really good photographic weekend then book today. To see what's on and how much it will cost please [click here](#).

For more information contact Fred Davies by email at [fred.j.davies01@gmail.com](mailto:fred.j.davies01@gmail.com) or telephone 02920 679864.

## Beware the Scammers

One of our fellow WPF members, Linda Baldwin, has had her email scammed. Someone has sent out this message to everyone in her address book.....

*Greetings, how are doing today? I don't know if you're aware that am presently in (Ukraine) I was robbed of my cash, phones and credit cards last night but i thank God no lives were lost. I need you lend me some money, about (€1,560 Euro) or whatever you can afford. I need the money to settle bills here and get back home. I assure you that i'll refund the money immediately am home tomorrow.*

**This is a well known SCAM which we have seen before. Please do not be taken in!**

## Judges and Lecturers Training

Jan and Ed have just held their second Judges Training Day. It proved both enjoyable and productive as four new judges joined the fleet! Two of the 'newcomers' have already had some experience but would like clubs to know they are available to gain even more.

They are **Howard Evans, Dave Paskin, Trevor James** and **Andy Leslie**.

Please refer to the WPF website '[List of Judges](#)' for more details.

## Ace of Prints

A message from Dave Paskin (CELO).

*Yet another disappointing entry for one of the WPFs ACE competitions. We have only 8 clubs entered, out of a possible 52 clubs. With all the hard work and expense that goes into organising these events for you (the members and clubs) it seems such a shame that you cannot be more supportive of the WPF in their attempt to raise the standard of Welsh Photography.*

*Also, it does not give the Host clubs the incentive to hold these events with such low numbers, and with such a low number entered it makes it difficult to see a large selection of good work.*

*As you all know the Ace Competitions are designed to find the Best Two Camera clubs in the WPF Federation to represent the WPF in PAGB inter club competitions, and it becomes a difficult task with so few entries.*

*As per rules with less than 12 entries, we will not be holding the Plate competition. Clubs Entered are:*

*NEWPORT, HAY, SWANSEA, WESTERN VALLEY, BULTH WELLS, TENBY, INN FOCUS & BRIDGEND*

*I must thank these Clubs for entering and making this event possible. See you in Hay on Wye July 5th*

*David Paskin*

## 2015 Events

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

Severn Valley Railway – 1940's Weekends **27th/28th June**.

Severn Valley Railway – 1940's Weekends 4th/5th July.

Cardiff Bay Internatinal Food and Drink Festival – 10th to 12th July.

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

Black Country Museum – Black Country Weekend – 11th/12th July.

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

St Fagan's Museum – Glamorgan Car Show – 19th July.

Black Country Museum – Festival of Vehicles – 26th July.

Cardiff Bay Harbour Festival – 30th/31st August.

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

St Fagan's Museum – Food Festival – 5th/6th September.

Black Country Museum -Historic Boat Gathering – 26th/27th September.

Cardiff Bay MH Survival Series (Iron Man type event) – 27th September.

***Please ensure you check the web sites to confirm details before travelling.***

## Ian gets four crowns

**Ian Ledgard** of Towy Valley CC has just gained his Four Crowns award, UPI-Cr4 from UPI. United Photographers International sponsor many international salons along with PSA and FIAP. Further details on the UPI can be found at [www.upiphoto.eu](http://www.upiphoto.eu)

## Barrian Cup 2015

Barry Camera Club would like to thank all the Clubs who entered this year's Barrian Cup and a big thank you to all the members who turned out on the day for this year's event, the support from visiting members was outstanding with record numbers attending. We hope you all enjoyed a great day of photography by all the Clubs.

The event was opened by The Mayor of Barry Town, Councillor Emma Pritchard who also presented the awards. The judge was John Tilsley ARPS, DPAGB, APAGB, he was direct and to the point but very constructive he gave a good spread of marks which may have surprised a few members.

Finishing in third place was Inn Focus with 92 points in a close second was Gwynfa CC with 93 but the winners this year were Bridgend CC with 95 points. This is the first time that Bridgend CC has won the Barrian Cup congratulations to them. John gave six twenties but the winner of the Dave Cowdrey was Gareth Martin with his mono print Bad Weather Cwmorthin also a first time winner of the Dave Cowdrey Trophy well done Gareth.

Once again we would like to thank all Clubs for entering and many thanks to all the visitors for their support, we look forward to The Barrian Cup 2016.

Regards,  
Mike Lewis Hon. FWPF  
Chairman Barry Camera Club

## Swansea Salon Opens

**Swansea Camera Club** invites you to enter the **11th Swansea International Salon 2015**.

You can make your **entry online** by clicking [here](#), or you can visit the website at [www.swanseaintsalon.co.uk](http://www.swanseaintsalon.co.uk) for full details.

Entries close on 20-Sep-2015 at 23:59 GMT Standard Time. FIAP 2015/298 — PSA 2015-230 — UPI L150033.

Sections:- **Open Colour; Open Mono; Nature; People**. £9 for the first section, then £0.50 per extra section.

## Doing Away With Marks!?

Here is a plea to clubs from the WPF Judges and Presenter's Secretary. How about doing away with the marking system in internal competitions? Some WPF clubs and many English clubs do not award marks. They feel that members are more likely to remember the critique and take benefit from what the judges say about their photograph rather than remember the score, which they tend to do if their mark is low. How many times have we heard members moaning about the mark given! We are all guilty of that I am sure.

A few Welsh clubs are already adopting this method and it is a pleasure to judge there. If you are one of those clubs please email me with your experiences and I will publish them and make a list. The excuse has been put forward that clubs need the marks to determine a winner at the end of the year. This is quite possible using the awards method below:

Gold	20	Highly Commended	17
Silver	19	Commended	16
Bronze	18	The Rest	15

How about your club giving it a trial? Especially the bigger clubs who could set an example?

Ed Cloutman (WPF Judges and Lecturers Secretary)

## Cymru Mono Exhibition

**Cymru Monochrome Photography Group** is holding its first exhibition titled “**Heritage and Home**“.

The launch is at **11am on 11th July, 2015** at Creative Bubble Studio, 13, Craddock Street, Swansea SA1 3EW.

The exhibition will run until **17th July** and is open daily from 11-4pm. Entry is free. More details [here](#).

## Photo Competition – Snap Away 2015

Snap Away 2015 is a photo competition devised to raise the profile of **Girlguiding Cymru** and get all involved who love taking photos and would like to win some major prizes; there are cameras, memory cards and so much more for all the winners of the categories which are **Animal Magic, Happy Times** and **Look at the view**. Anyone can enter as there are categories for **all ages**.

The event will take place on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August** from 12.00pm till 5.00pm at Broneirion Conference Centre, Powys, SY17 5DE. Closing date for entries is 7th August. Click here for a [registration form and a poster](#) for the competition. You can enter up to 3 photographs and each costs £1 to enter. All photos will be on display on the day and members of the public will be able to come and admire all the great pictures but also be part of choosing the winning photos.

**Club Secretaries please note**; stands are also available at the event **at no charge** so you could show and/or sell some of their work to raise money for your camera club –contact [douglas.bancroft@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:douglas.bancroft@girlguiding.org.uk) for more info.

## Lampeter Booking Form

Each year the W.P.F. organises a photographic convention at the [University of Wales, Lampeter, Ceredigion](#). It is the only one of its kind to be held in Wales! This year it will be held on the **29th and 30th August**.

**For details of the speakers booked and to download the 2015 Convention Booking Form please click [here](#).**

The Convention is a chance for photographers from the whole of Wales to get together to share their enthusiasm, exchange ideas and maybe learn something new along the way. Each year we bring in the very best guest speakers and presenters and provide a full and varied programme for the whole weekend.

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**Exhibition: Chalkie Davies: the NME years – National Museum Cardiff 9th May to 6th September 2015.**

Welsh-born Chalkie Davies joined the Rock'n'Roll Circus in '73 after photographing David Bowie's last night as Ziggy Stardust. He worked as a staff photographer at the NME (New Musical Express) from '75-'79 shooting numerous covers and features on the most influential artists from that era, including Elvis Costello, Nick Lowe, Ian Dury, Debbie Harry, Paul McCartney, The Clash, The Ramones and The Rolling Stones.

In '80 he helped launch The Face magazine with his old NME editor Nick Logan, shooting many cover stories. During this period he also shot record covers for Thin Lizzy, Elvis Costello, The Pretenders, The Specials, Pete Townshend and David Bowie. He also made a series of formal portraits of many of the best musicians from this time. These unseen portraits and a large selection of his best work for the NME make up this Retrospective.

**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**.

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**For Sale (added 12th May, 2015)**

**Canon 17-40 F/4L USM lens. L-series lens** complete with original Canon box, lens pouch and instructions. In excellent condition. £300 ono.

Leigh Woolford (Pontypridd/Gwynfa) Email: [leigh@coform.com](mailto:leigh@coform.com) Tel: 01443 491333 or 07800 878782

**For Sale (added 15th April, 2015)**

**Two hard cases for sale.** Made by "Underwater Kinetics" in USA & are very similar to Peli, They have IP67 protection & are water tight to 1 metre. Measurements are 472x369x172mm or 18.6x14.5x7.7 inches in old money. Colour grey. Foam has been cut but replacement easily obtainable. Google "underwater kinetics 718" for full info. Used but in very good condition, new cost is £170 each. Looking for £50 each  
Dave Marriott (Tenby CC). 01646 689748 or [daimarriott@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:daimarriott@hotmail.co.uk)

**For Sale (amended 10th March, 2015)**

**Lowepro Classified Sling 220 AW camera bag** - In very nice condition, sling bag with internal dividers, surplus to requirements. £25

**Canon Extender EF 1.4x MkII (Mk2)** for sale - mint condition, boxed with soft lens case LP811 and manual. £175

For further information, or possible viewing by arrangement in Bridgend or Neath area, of any of the above please contact Paul Fram via e-mail at the following address: [paulf3f@googlemail.com](mailto:paulf3f@googlemail.com)

## **We Want Your News!**

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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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