



WPF Newsflash



11th December, 2015.

PAGB APM Successes for WPF Members

The **PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit** were recently hosted by the WPF in Neath. 116 applications from all over the UK were received and 65 were successful. Ten of those successes were for WPF photographers. Details below:-

Of 29 applications at **DISTINCTION (DPAGB) PRINT** level 11 were successful.
The sole WPF success was: **Leigh Woolford** AWPf EFIAP, Gwynfa CC

Of 15 applications at **DISTINCTION (DPAGB) PDI** level, 5 were successful.
The sole WPF success was: **Matthew Jones**, Ebbw Vale CC

Of 63 applications at **CREDIT (CPAGB) PRINT** level, 42 were successful.
The WPF successes were:

Moira Evans LRPS, Swansea CC
Gwynfryn Jones AFIAP, Gwynfa CC
Norman Lemon, Neath & District PS
Anthony Llewellyn, Morriston CC
David Norton AWPf, Rhondda CC
Peter Stickler ARPS AWPf, Swansea CC

Of 9 applications at **CREDIT (CPAGB) PDI** level, 7 were successful.
The WPF successes were:

Jason Chapman, Swansea CC
Gary Jenkins, Tenby & District CC

Congratulations to everyone who was successful and commiserations to those who were not.

For those interested in pursuing the same awards, full explanations can be found [here](#).

Gwynfa Grab Stan Again

For the third time in four years **Gwynfa Camera Club has won the Stanley Chell Cup**.

Aberdare Camera Club would like to say a BIG thank you to every-one who entered and attended the Stanley Chell this year. It was a very successful day, the quality of the prints was impressive, with constructive judging by Peter McCloskey FRPS, APAGB. It was a close fought battle that went down to the last round where Gwynfa pipped Tenby to the post by one point with a winning score of 77. Inn Focus came third with 72 points.

It was a very tense affair with the result in doubt until the very end. Both **Gwynfa & Tenby** scored a maximum of 40 in the first two rounds. Both clubs were still level (on 58 points) after three rounds. The final round provided a tense finish with **Gwynfa** scoring 19 and holding their collective breath until the **Tenby** score of 18 was announced. The final top three places were:

1st place – **Gwynfa** – 77 points (20 – 20 – 18 – 19)
2nd place – **Tenby** – 76 points (20 – 20 – 18 – 18)
3rd place – **Inn Focus** – 72 points (18 – 17 – 17 – 20)

The complete [final score-sheet](#) and [final placings](#) can be seen if you click the links.

The other awards were:

Hans Hover Trophy (Best Monochrome Print) – The Orphanage by **Dave Bolton** (Tenby).
Glyn John Trophy (Best Colour Print) – Halfpenny Penalty by **Gareth Jenkins** (Inn Focus).
Glan and Mair Trophy (Best Landscape) – Grasses & Dunes by **Leigh Woolford** (Gwynfa).
Doris Chell Memorial Trophy (Best Image) – Brown Eyed Girl by **Margot Rowlands** (Gwynfa).

Congratulations to all the winners and once again, many thanks to all who entered. Hope to see you in 2016.

Andy's New Talks

Andy Beel FRPS has sent us details of his new talks. Full details can be found [here](#).

If you are interested in booking Andy, his contact details are: Mobile 07970 078 624, Home 01275 839 666,

www.andybeelfrps.co.uk

<http://andybeelfrps.wordpress.com>

Chris Warren has Moved.

After many years near Saundersfoot, judge and presenter Chris Warren has moved up the road to St Clears His new address is: Ty Penrheol, Meidrim Road, St Clears, Carmarthenshire, SA33 4DN. Tel: 01994 231899

Praise from down under

We have received this message from former WPF President, Phillipa Wood Saxon, who now lives in Australia.

*Many thanks to **Leigh Woolford** for the excellent service he provides in keeping everyone informed with WPF Newsflash. I'm sure there are many people like me who still feel the need to keep in touch with WPF progress and changes even though we aren't able to attend events. (Awww shucks. Ed.)*

*Congratulations also to the super success of **Inn Focus**. I knew we'd get right up there with the big boys one day.*

A Pair of Aces – Entry Invitation

All member clubs of the Welsh Photographic Federation are cordially invited to enter the 'Pair of Aces' championships which are to be held on **20 February 2016** in The Ancillary Hall, Regional Swimming Pool and Tennis Centre, Newport International Sports Village, Newport NP19 4RA. There will be an Admission Charge of £3 per person attending. No buffet will be provided, but there is a cafeteria on the premises for the purchase of food and drink.

The judges will be **Peter Cheetham** APAGB (N&EMPF), **Pete McCloskey** FRPS APAGB (WCPF) and **Graham Reeves** FRPS EFIAP (WCPF)

Clubs wishing to enter must submit their Entry Forms, listing their bank of 40 Prints and/or PDI's, and accompanied by PDI's (including PDI's of the Prints) to the WPF CELO (see below) **by 25 January 2016**. Entry Forms and PDI's may be submitted by Post, Email or using wetransfer.com. **There is NO ENTRY FEE.**

The two highest placed eligible clubs in each Championship, who have not already pre-qualified (Inn Focus have pre-qualified for both Championships), will be invited to represent the Federation in the 2016 PAGB Print/DPI Club Championships. Further details can be found in the documents below:

Invitation	WORD	PDF
Rules	WORD	PDF
PDI Entry Form	WORD	PDF
PDI of PRINTS Entry Form	WORD	PDF
WPF Club Codes	WORD	PDF
Nature Definition		PDF

Bridgend 5 to 8 Open for Entries

The Bridgend CC 2016 5 to 8 Photo Harmony competition for digital AV sequences is now open for entries. Entries may be submitted on-line or by post. Full details including revised rules and entry forms are available [here](#).

Closing date is **15th February 2016** and the top entries will be shown on the evening of the 14th March 2016. The judge is **Malcolm Imhoff FRPS FACI(M)**

Bristol International Closing Soon

We've received this from Pete Howell, Salon Chairman for the Bristol International.

Just a few quick words to remind you that the closing date for the 2016 Bristol International Salon of Photography is only a few short weeks away and that you can enter by clicking the following link where you can download a copy of the conditions & rules of entry and enter the Salon on line – please click [here](#).

Closing date is the end of January but there is an "Early Bird" offer:- If we receive your entry before 3 January 2016, your entry fee will be reduced by up to approximately 18% (£2GB, €2.40, \$3.30US, \$3.60AU).

If you require any further details or have any queries, please email Pete Howell at chairman@bristolsalon.co.uk

Every entrant receives a 4* catalogue. We look forward to seeing your entry soon.

Dim ond ychydig o eiriau cyflym i eich atgoffa bod y dyddiad cau ar gyfer 2016 Bristol International Salon Ffotograffiaeth Dim ond ychydig wythnosau byr i ffwrdd ac y gallwch fynd i mewn drwy glicio ar y ddolen ganlynol lle gallwch lawrlwytho copi o'r amodau a rheolau ymgeisio ac yn mynd i mewn i'r Salon ar-lein - cliciwch [yma](#).

Y dyddiad cau yw diwedd mis Ionawr, ond mae "Early Bird" Mynediad. Os byddwn yn derbyn eich cais cyn 3 Ionawr, 2016, bydd eich ffi mynediad yn cael ei leihau gan hyd at tua 18% (£ 2GB, € 2.40, \$ 3.30US, \$ 3.60 PA).

Os oes angen unrhyw fanylion pellach neu os oes gennych unrhyw ymholiadau, anfonwch e-bost ataf, Pete Howell, yn chairman@bristolsalon.co.uk

Bob ymgeisydd yn derbyn catalog 4 *.

Rydym yn edrych ymlaen at weld eich cofnod yn fuan.

Change to Feedback Star Ratings

A couple of things have been brought to my attention and I thought it would be a good idea to clarify. Firstly I have altered the Star Rating System slightly. I have altered four stars from VERY GOOD to GOOD, as it was felt by one club that this made more sense between COMPETENT and EXCELLENT. Also it is clear from a response I had recently that the rules are not being read on the WPF website. Would all those involved in feedback and on club committees please take a few minutes to read all the documentation on 'Guidelines to Judges' and 'The Role of the Club'. Also the paragraphs at the top of the Judges List which explains the star rating system. There is NO rating for speakers as they are nearly always top class. Any complaints can be emailed to me directly by clubs or presenters.

STAR RATINGS:

- * Poor
- ** Below average
- *** Competent
- **** Good
- ***** Excellent

The other matter is the suggested **AWARDS system rather than giving MARKS**. I am pleased to have heard that some clubs are trying out the system, but may not have understood the marking. I stated that the marking for the end of year total could still be achieved by awarding marks in the following way:

GOLD (20), SILVER (19), BRONZE (18), HIGHLY COMMENDED (17), COMMENDED (16) and the rest 15. The CLUB may decide the number of awards that may be given in each category, so if they want to allow more than one GOLD, SILVER, BRONZE award etc., they only have to make it clear to the judge. It is highly likely that there would be more than one silver or bronze in any case if the standard was high on the night.

The clubs that already use this system are a pleasure to judge, and members go away remembering the critique rather than a low mark. There is also less reason for complaints to appear about judges on the Social Media!

If there are any queries you can always contact me on judgepresent@thewpf.co.uk

Ed Cloutman (WPF Judges and Presenters Secretary).

Damien Lovegrove at the Vale on 11th December / TONIGHT.

Damien Lovegrove is presenting “**One Light Magic**” at Ystradowen Village Hall on **11th December**. Damien specialises in portrait & beauty photography and enjoys a worldwide reputation for his craft and his lighting expertise. He is a great teacher who is always happy to share his knowledge and will be demonstrating how to take stunning images using just one off-camera lighting source.

On December 11th The Vale Photographic Club will be proud to welcome Damien to Ystradowen and we are very pleased to extend a warm welcome to members of other local photographic clubs to join us for what we believe will be a “do not miss” occasion. Venue Ystradowen Village Hall. Time 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm. Entry £2.00 per head.

PAGB GB Cup 2016

The 2016 PAGB GB Cup , sponsored by www.paperspectrum.co.uk, is now open for entry **until 17 January 2016**.

Entry fees are as follows:

GB Cup (Open) £7.50 per club

GB Cup (Small Clubs) £7.50 per club

GB Cup (Natural History) £7.50 per club

For full rules, explanatory notes and entry forms, please click [here](#). **Let's show them what Welsh clubs can do!**

Patagonia 150 Exhibition Comes to Cardiff

An exhibition of 62 photographs of Welsh Patagonia by top Argentinian art photographer, Marcos Zimmermann, is to go on show to the public in Cardiff. The photographs show local people, including descendants of the original Welsh settlers, in their homes and at work and play, alongside stunning landscapes. The exhibition was commissioned by the Argentinian Embassy in London to mark the 150th anniversary of the Welsh settlement in Argentina. Previously the exhibition has only been on show for one day at the Senedd in the summer and at the Palace of Westminster in London. British Council Wales has brought the exhibition back to Cardiff as part of its work to support Patagonia 150, the year of celebration in Wales. The exhibition is being presented in partnership with Cardiff Council & St David's Hall.

The exhibition is open from 21 November until 30 January 2016, 10am – 4pm Monday to Saturday, also evenings and Sundays (if a concert is on), on Level 2, St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff. The exhibition is free and everyone is welcome. **More information about Patagonia 150 can be found at www.patagonia150.org**

Merthyr – A New Domain

Merthyr Tydfil Camera Club has a new domain name for their website, **so any bookmarks for the old site will now not work**. Their new domain is www.mtcc.org.uk

Changes at Gwent PS

At their recent AGM, Gwent PS made some additions to their committee as follows:-

Vice Chairman - Tom Curno

Syllabus Secretary - David Curno

External Competitions - Norman West

Dave Brassey - Committee member

GPS would like to thank the 2014-2015 committee for all their support.

Mike Lewis is the new WPF FIAP Liaison Officer

Mike Lewis Hon. FWPF has now officially taken over as FIAP Liaison Officer for The Welsh Photographic Federation so any enquiries for FIAP Distinctions or for any information regarding FIAP please contact him at fiap@thewpf.co.uk The closing date for submitting FIAP Distinction Applications will be **1st of July 2016**. The current 2016 application forms will need to be with him by this date. On behalf of WPF Members Mike wishes to thank **Jan Cawley** for all her hard work as FIAP Liaison Officer.

Focal View Magazine FREE

We have received this information from Brian Gaylor, life member of Swansea Camera Club...

*Dear Committee and Members, I would like to introduce you to a new interactive magazine that we at Focal View are offering **FREE** to all members of all Clubs affiliated to the WPF. We also include a range of completely FREE offers for your Club and members.*

1. Each Club will have a FREE portfolio with exhibition space for their competition winners, distinction panels or special photographic presentations. The club portfolios offer a simple way to share the hard work at club level to the wider audience around the world where it will be much appreciated and used for inspiration. The Club Portfolio will be hosted free of charge on the Focal View website.

All we ask is that you update the collection regularly to keep the work current. Send in contributions to editor@focalview.co.uk Contact us first to arrange the details.

2. All your members can receive a regular FREE photographic e-Magazine.

3. Your Club and members can also enter our FREE international competition.

4. We also invite your members to try their hand at judging competitions.

5. Everyone who shows an interest in judging gets a FREE judging guide e-Book

6. We will FREELY advertise your Club's upcoming major exhibitions to 14,000 photographers worldwide.

7. Each e-Magazine includes a free copy of our unique Perspectives On photographic tutorials that usually retail at £4

There are no hidden costs these offers to your Club and members are FREE. Our revenue comes from commercial advertising. More information [here](#).

We Are Ghosts – Exhibition by Dafydd Williams

“We Are Ghosts” is an exhibition of images taken by Abertillery-born photographer and camera maker Dafydd Williams in the old Gwent Valleys. Using his homemade 8” x 10” large format camera and Harman Direct Positive Paper, Dafydd has photographed buildings from the late 19th and early 20th century that still survive in the area. Once grand and beautiful, the buildings were constructed in the times when the aesthetic, not utilitarianism was the principle in public space planning. Many of them were designed as miniature versions of buildings from Vienna, Paris or London.

Many of these buildings are still there; some worse for wear, decaying and hidden behind the signs of modern society's obsession with plastic, fluorescent colours and franchise signage.

Dafydd's goal is to remind us of the lost and unnoticed beauty by photographing the top halves of the buildings that still retain their grandeur; taking them out of their modern context can allow us to see and imagine them again as they were originally seen. Each photograph is a unique image, developed and printed by hand without any manipulation or editing.

The exhibition will be presented in three locations, Pontypool Market Hall, Brynmawr Market Hall Cinema and Blackwood Miners' Institute between November 2015 and March 2016.

2016 Memorial Competition

The **2016 Memorial Competition** will be hosted by **Kidwelly Camera Club** at the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Hillfield Villas, Kidwelly, Carmarthenshire, SA17 4UL at 2pm on Saturday 23 January 2016. The judge for the Event will be **Leo Rich ARPS, DPAGB, APAGB, EFIAP/g**. Everything you need to make a club entry can be found below.

Invitation [Word](#) [PDF](#)

Entry Form [Word](#) [PDF](#)

Rules [Word](#) [PDF](#)

Club Codes [Word](#) [PDF](#)

The **closing date** for receiving entries is **Tuesday, 22nd December 2015**.

PAGB E-News - 150th Edition

Download the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain's latest PAGB E-News (Number 150) [here](#)

The first e-news was distributed on 1st November 2008 and was a simple, one page, affair intended to fill a gap until an editor could be found to recommence the printed PAGB Newsletter. The circulation list was also very modest, fewer than 100 although it was then cascaded via Federations to their Clubs. **Seven years later, e-news is being produced fortnightly and is distributed to more than 10,000 Club members.** The latest edition contains 150 photographs from 150 photographers are published to celebrate this 150th issue. Thank you to those who sent us their favourite picture and we hope you will continue to enjoy the next 150 issues. Please advise your fellow Club members to subscribe at – www.pagbnews.co.uk

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For Sale (added 18th November, 2015)

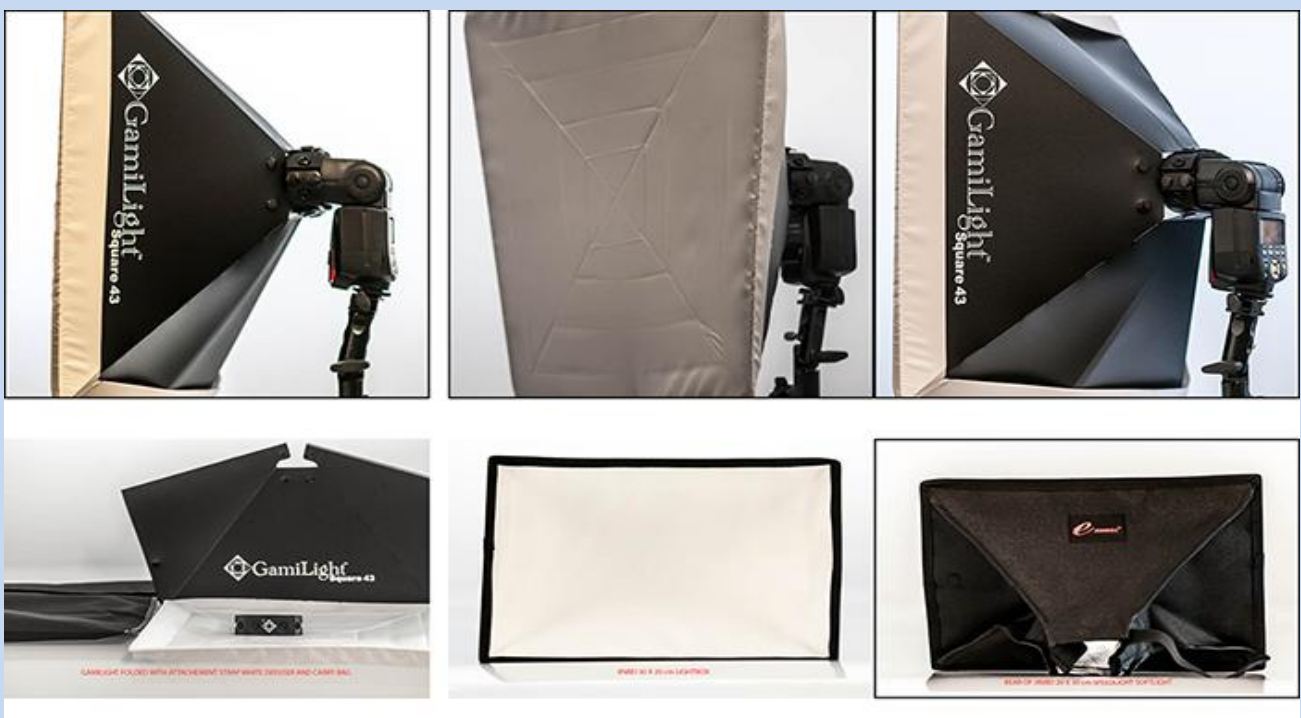
I have for sale two Gamilight Square Softboxes, they fit on the end of Speedlight flashguns see photos, they were purchased from Amazon in the last month at a cost of £34.99 each, they are two small for the photographic project I am doing hence the reason for sale, they are as new only used once. These are innovating products and in demand at the moment they are out of stock with Amazon and also with UK Distro Ltd their main stockist in the UK.

Also for sale the Jenbei small 30 x 20cm Speedlight Flashgun Softbox cost £15.00 never used

Details The Gamilight Square 43 diffuses the light with the flash in the direct flash position. The light hits on the fabric diffuser and bounces back onto the highly reflective silver panels to generate a powerful light source. The light is then diffused and softened through the fabric diffuser to give your subject a richer tone and nice shadow. Product Dimensions: 22.5 x 43.5 x 43.5 cm ; 299 g

1 x Gamilight 43, 1 x Diffuser, 1 x Mounting Strap, Carry Bag and Jinbei small softbox.

The three can be purchased for £50.00 or will sell separate Gamilight Softbox £26.00 each Jenbei 8.00 plus postage but would prefer to deliver at buyers cost, or buyer collects. **Trevor Owen trev.owen44@gmail.com**



For Sale (added 4th December, 2015)

Canon L-series 16-35mm f/2.8 EF Lens - Mark 1 in good condition £475.
Contact Terry Donnelly (Gwynfa) - donnelyterry@yahoo.co.uk

For Sale (amended 4th December, 2015)

Lowepro Flipside 300 Backpack - Black. As new. £35.

Contact John on 07779 485250 or e-mail starchaser45@hotmail.com

For Sale (added 2nd November, 2015)

For Sale @ £850 Body Only - Sony A7 Mk2 (35 mm full-frame) 24.3-megapixel* Exmor™ CMOS sensor. Boxed and includes all items. Test before purchase in Swansea. The image sensor delivers beautiful images from corner to corner and stunning 24.3-megapixel resolution. You'll enjoy low noise, an extremely wide dynamic range, and amazingly rich and subtle gradations.

Contact: jbd@johnbdavies.co.uk

For Sale (added 12th October, 2015)

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£35.00 or VNO. Trevor Owen. 01656 745344 trev.owen44@gmail.com

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Please format your text it so it is easy to copy & paste as we wish to avoid lengthy re-writes.

Salon acceptances: WPF photographers are now achieving large numbers of salon acceptances and constraints on time and space mean we can't include them all. So please only advise us only of awards or other milestones.

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