



WPF Newsflash



2nd February, 2015

Lampeter Convention 2015 – Diary Marker

The University has been booked and the convention will be taking place on the weekend of 29th/30th 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!

Ace of Clubs 2015

The Ace of Clubs 2015 takes place on Sunday, 15 February 2015. It is being hosted by Tenby & District Camera Club at The Regency Hall, Milford Terrace, Saundersfoot, Pembrokeshire. SA69 9EL. The judges will be: Bob Underhill, Peter Gennard and Peter Siviter

Thirteen clubs have entered. They are: Port Talbot, Neath, Newport, The Vale, Gwynfa, Tenby, Ebbw Vale, Cardiff, Bridgend, Western Valley, Inn Focus, Swansea & Amman Valley.

Tea and Coffee will be available from 10.00 am and a lunchtime buffet will also be provided. **Please tell Dave Paskin by 1st February how many of your club members are likely to attend. mokeyjo@sky.com**

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.

Invitation from Towy Valley / Exhibition of Prints

We have received this from Angie Jones at Towy Valley Camera Club.

This is an invitation to the launch of our Photography Exhibition to be held in the Gallery at Newton House, Dinefwr, Llandeilo on 6th February 2015 between 6pm and 8pm.

The access on the evening will be via the ground floor gallery and via the shop (access to the main house is unavailable). The car park and walk up the drive is unlit, so it is advisable to bring a torch with you! Please feel free to bring a guest along, there will be no entry charge on the evening.

If you are unable to attend the Launch Evening, the Photography Exhibition will be running throughout February on Friday, Saturday and Sundays, when usual opening hours and admission fee will apply. Please let me know if you are able to attend.

Angie Jones ARPS AWPF Email: gaj44@btinternet.com

Dave Mason at Llanelli

On February 18th, **Dave Mason** from London (<http://www.davemasonimages.com/>) will be doing a talk on street photography titled “**I Shoot People**”. It’s at Dafen Community Hall, Llanelli, and members from other clubs are welcome to come along. There’s a nominal cost of just £1.

The presentation starts at 7.30pm. Details and location can be found on the <http://www.llanelliphoto.co.uk> or contact Jason (secretary@llanelliphoto.co.uk).

Mervyn's New Website

Mervyn Pugh MFIAP,DPAGB,ARPS,PPSA who over the years has been a member of Neath, Aberdare & Merthyr Tydfil Camera Clubs has put together his first website. You can have a look [here](#).

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.

Laser Pointers

A note to Judges (and anyone else using a LASER pointer). Overpowered LASER pointers can burn projection screens. For safety, when using one, always use a Class 2 or II device with a peak output of a of 1 milliwatt (1mW). Overpowered LASER devices should not be available in any British, US or European store, online or otherwise as their sale is illegal.

In the past, such pointers were sold by Amazon and some retailers such as Argos, so if your pointer is more than a couple of years old, check the label on it. Such labels are not designed to be removed and if it doesn't have a label, then it is almost certainly not compliant to current regulations and its use should be discontinued immediately. Correctly configured LASER pointers are perfectly safe when used responsibly.

Obviously, they should never be pointed at eyes or indeed cameras, both of which can be seriously damaged by LASERS.

The British and European Safety Standards (BS EN60825-1:2007) can be found online at <http://goo.gl/AF7WI6>

Thanks to **Andy Leslie** of Abertawe for this information.

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.

Half price subscription to f2 Freelance Photographer

We have received this from David Kilpatrick at Icon Publications:

*At the end of 2014, Archant shut down the printed editions of **Professional Photographer** and **Photography Monthly**. Because of the substantial hole this leaves in the market, we are promoting **f2 Freelance Photographer** to attract former PP/PM readers. This obviously involves offering discounted subs, trial issues, and so on.*

To be fair to former f2 subscribers, we have an unpublicised (not impossible to find though) special deal for a maximum of 500 subscriptions to f2, one year only not continuing, at half price of £14.85. Our target is to pull enough new or returning subscribers in to enter a higher discount band on postage, which increases again on March 30th and has hit us badly as our super-quality print weighs 70% more than typical news-stand mags.

You can find this offer [here](#).

Memorial to Inn Focus

This year New Quay Camera Club offered to host the competition. Our CELO, Dave Paskin, organised everything with Margaret Jones, Chairman of New Quay. We started off the weekend on Saturday evening. Three members of the Exec Committee travelled to New Quay to share a fish and chip supper with club members and view a lecture from Margaret Salisbury, our judge for the event. It was a great evening and psyched us up for the main event.

The Hall in New Quay was amazing, very warm and cosy and just perfect for the event. It is run by a group of volunteers from New Quay..

Margaret Jones and her Club members provided the most spectacular buffet, and teas and coffees were available all day for workers and guests. Chairs, tables and print stands were quickly sorted and all was ready. About 80 members turned up and most of them were wandering around New Quay with long lenses all morning. The locals must have wondered what was going on! The weather was pretty good all weekend so we were very lucky.

The judge for the day was Margaret Salisbury **FRPS, FIPF, MFIAP, APAGB AWPF** .

She gave a virtuoso performance of judging showing us how it should be done. She also has a wicked sense of humour until you give her a photo of a spider to judge! Her comments were just right. The team from Inn Focus Group were very worthy winners with an excellent panel of prints, but the quality of all work entered was extremely good. The WPF President thanked all concerned for the day especially Dave Paskin for all his hard work, and then presented the awards.

Winner of the Memorial Trophy 2015 – Inn Focus Group
Best Monochrome image – Nick Walton of Inn Focus with ‘The Great Lament’.
Best Colour Image – Heidi Stewart of Gwynfa with ‘The Storm Chaser’.

It was a great day and many thanks go to everyone involved in the event. Did I mention the buffet? The sausage and cranberry roll was wonderful! Recipe please?

The individual scores can be found [here](#) and the overall finishing positions can be found [here](#). Thanks to Dave Paskin for the information and to Jan Cawley for the write-up.

Thanks from New Quay

Despite the threat of snow **New Quay Camera Club** had a very successful Day on Sunday 18th January when they hosted The Welsh Photographic Federation's **Memorial Trophy** at New Quay Memorial Hall.

The Club would like to thank everyone that attended and members for their hard work in making the event so enjoyable. The judge **Margaret Salisbury FRPS, FIPF, MFIAP, APAGB AWPF** gave the audience a breakdown of each photograph and the reasons for her scores. The photos were then displayed in the hall for everyone to enjoy. The event was accompanied by an extensive buffet and lots of raffle prizes.

For competition results see [here](#). For more info regarding New Quay Camera Club please see flickr / facebook.

Guidelines for Judges and Clubs

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.

Bridgend CC 5 to 8 PhotoHarmony Competition

Entries are now being accepted for this year's 5 to 8 Competition for digital AV Sequences. Full details including revised rules and entry forms can be found [here](#). The closing date for entries is **16th February 2015**, entries are accepted from individuals, groups and clubs. The Judge this year is **Malcolm Imhoff FRPS** and the top sequences will be shown on Monday 23rd March, all are welcome.

Photography News

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

Welsh Salon of Photography 2015

You may wish to start thinking about the photographs you wish to enter in the 2015 Welsh Salon of Photography. The entry deadline will probably be in early March.

Pembrey & Burry Port PS has moved

Pembrey & Burry Port Photographic Society has now moved to Hermon Chapel , Waun Deri, Pembrey.

They are also holding an exhibition at their new venue and opening times will be 11:00am-6.30pm Monday to Saturday from Saturday **10th January 2015** until **Saturday 24th January 2015**.

The directions to their new venue can be found [here](#). There will be tea, coffee and cakes available to purchase plus a raffle. All are welcome and they look forward to seeing you there.

Some Changes at Gwent

Gwent Photographic society have had a change of committee, as follows. Club Chairman - Stephen James, Club Secretary - Shane Hopkins, Publicity - Bob Davies, Syllabus Secretary - Barbara McLoughlin. Competition Secretary remains with Angela DeRoy-Jones. The contact email remains the same gwentphotographic@gmail.com

Chilterns become CACC

Chilterns Association of Camera Clubs has moved its website from www.chilternsassociationofcameraclubs.co.uk to www.thecacc.org.uk

FSC Courses

The **Field Studies Council** is currently advertising a couple of photography courses based at Margam Country Park.

One is '[How to be a better landscape photographer](#)' (February 2015) and the other is '[Autumn Wildlife and Landscape Photography](#)' (October 2015). Click the links for details.

Some changes at Llanelli

Following Llanelli Photographic Society's AGM of 28th January 2015, Jay Harris has taken on the role of External Comps Secretary (extcomps@llanelliphoto.co.uk) and Tony Collis has taken on the role of Internal Comps Secretary (intcomps@llanelliphoto.co.uk). Ray Rees (Chairman), Jason Dale (Secretary) and John Ellis (Treasurer) continue in their roles with Steve Milton joining as Minutes Secretary. Enquiries to LPS can be made to Jason via secretary@llanelliphoto.co.uk.

Garth Maelwg go Purple

Garth Maelwg Photographic Club has changed name to "**Purple Pix**".

Beyond the Bounds - An insight in to the photography of the Inn Focus Group.

Exhibition in the Art Gallery at Norwegian Church, Cardiff Bay from Monday the 16th February to Sunday the 22nd February. Please come along and have a look and an informal chat.



An Insight Into
The
Photography
Of
Inn Focus Group



Inn Focus Group is group of friends who enjoy exploring new ideas within the bounds of photography. Founded in South Wales they have become the most successful club in Wales and have won a significant amount of awards individually as well as a club.



February 16th to 22nd
Daily 11.00 - 16.00
Norwegian Church
Arts Centre
Harbour Drive,
CF10 4PA Cardiff
T: 029 2087 7959

Freespirit Launches New Website

Nick Jenkins, Welsh photographer and owner of Freespirit Images has launched a new [website](#).

Designed by [Cardiff Creative Web Design & Media Services](#) (who also did the Gwynfa website), it contains details of all his forthcoming workshops as well as many examples of Nick's work that can be purchased on canvas or on print. Nick says that the new site is "hopefully simpler and easy to follow and enjoy". So if you are looking to enjoy a photography workshop or need some 1-2-1 help or advice, why not have a look?

Pembrokeshire Photography Holiday with Freespirit Images

This from Nick Jenkins at Freespirit Images

Arrangements are now in hand for a great photography holiday on the Pembrokeshire Coast in 2015. Why not join us when you will be able to photograph sunrises, stunning coastlines, wild flowers and the rest of the National Park at its very best? Details are as follows:-

Arrival – Monday 4th May – 5pm

Depart – Friday 8th May – after breakfast

The break includes 4 nights accommodation, 4 evening meals and 3 full days of photography in this beautiful location.

Our base will be The [Fishguard Bay Hotel](#) in Goodwick at it will be the fourth time we will have used this hotel – we are always VERY well looked after and the meals are first class and the facilities perfectly located for our workshop.

The cost of the break is £520.00 (which compares very favourably indeed with other, similar workshops). This includes: dinner, bed & breakfast, a set of 'Nick Notes', travel to and from locations and all the tuition you need to really help you improve your work. All levels of skill and knowledge are catered for. The cost does not include: travel to and from Fishguard, holiday/camera gear insurance and bar/room phone bills. Note that packed lunches are available as a 'paid for' option (added to your room bill), or there is a supermarket nearby.

The north Pembrokeshire coast around Fishguard has some of the most fantastic photo opportunities. We will visit Porthgain, Aberiddy, and Strumble Head amongst other spots. May also provides us with some superb wildflowers along the coast.

The format of the break will be as follows: as much time as possible will be spent working locations, with group reviews of work done each evening. We will have our own meeting room and projection facilities in the event of rain. A reasonable degree of fitness is required. We will not be yomping for miles but there will be some walking to the chosen locations.

Booking requests can be placed now for this break. Further details will be sent to attendees a bit nearer the time. Please note that a £75.00 non refundable deposit will secure your booking. On receipt of the deposit, your place will be secured and an invoice sent out showing the total balance due, and by when, less the deposit paid. The previous breaks here filled up very quickly, so if you are interested, I suggest you let me know soon. The break will also be posted on my web and Facebook pages very soon.

Contact nick@freespiritimages.com

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).

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

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

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](#).

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.

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](#).

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** at Bedwas OAP Hall, St. Mary Street, Bedwas, Caerphilly, CF83 8EE.

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.

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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

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

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

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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