

WPF Newsflash



13th February, 2015

AGM Reminder – Nominations Wanted

Dear Club Secretary

This is a reminder that your club's motions, nominations for the Executive Committee (including those for President and Vice-president) and any changes to your listed delegates should be with me by Sunday, so that I can circulate the updated documentation in good time.

All nominations are welcome; the more, the better! An actual election would be different – it's a very long time since we last appointed tellers!

Please remember that all nominees (apart from those for Secretary or Treasurer) and nominators must be on the list of delegates. Those members of the current WPF committee, who are not listed as retiring, would welcome nominations too, except that Jan Cawley already has a place as ex-officio Immediate Past-president.

I attach an <u>updated list of Delegates</u> and another copy of the Nomination form in <u>WORD</u> and <u>PDF</u>. I will be at the Ace of Clubs on Sunday, if you want to hand anything to me.

Jan Williams WPF Gen Sec

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.

Dave Mason at ABERTAWE

Sorry about the confusion. It seems there was a double booking.

It has now been sorted and Dave Mason will be at Abertawe on Tuesday next (17th February).

He will be at Rhondda in a few months (September 29th).

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 <u>here</u>.

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 <u>briphil49@btinternet.com</u>

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 <u>briphil49@btinternet.com</u>

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 <u>Johncooke574@btinternet.com</u>

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 <u>sponsored by Hornbill</u>.

Image categories are follows; 'Colour Open', 'Monochrome Open', 'Industry' and 'Nature. Entering is easy; either complete the convenient <u>Online Entry Form</u> and upload your images electronically or download the <u>Postal Entry</u> <u>Form</u> and mail the completed form with your digital images on a CDROM. Enter <u>here</u>. 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/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 - FINAL REMINDER

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

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 <u>here</u>.

Dave Mason at Llanelli

On February 18th, **Dave Mason** from London (<u>http://www.davemasonimages.com/</u>) 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 <u>http://www.llanelliphoto.co.uk</u> or contact Jason (<u>secretary@llanelliphoto.co.uk</u>).

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.

Photography News

If you missed the latest edition of Photography News, you can read it here.

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 & Mon25th 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.

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 <u>here</u>. Note, Ed has also produced a <u>suggested form</u> (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 - FINAL REMINDER

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 <u>here</u>. 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.

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.

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.



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 <u>photographyshow.com</u>. Use code **EOSTPS15 to get an exclusive discount on your ticket.** (Applies to adult tickets only and expires 18/03/2015).

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 <u>website</u>.

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.

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.

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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 6th February, 2015)

Leica X2 black - as new, still unused in the original box - unwanted first prize in a nature photography competition. £1,000ono. Contact Tommy on 07971229928 or e-mail: tommy@tommye.plus.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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