

WPF Newsflash 24th November 2025



NEWSFLASH...

THE WELSH PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION

Undeb Ffotograffig Cymru

WPF Merit Awards Workshop

The Welsh Photographic Federation Merit Awards workshop takes place on Sunday 30th November 2025.

It starts at 9.00am (planned finish time 4.00pm) in Talbot Green Community Hall.

Everyone is welcome.

Teas and coffee will be provided but please bring your own lunch.

The awards have been put together at the club's request and we need members from the clubs to attend.



THE WELSH PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION
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Member of FIAP and the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain



WPF Merit Awards Workshop **(Pilot)**

30th November, 2025

9 am – 4 pm

Talbot Green Community Centre. CF72 8FE

WPF members are welcome as spectators.
Please bring a packed lunch.

Gareth Martin – WPF Publicity

The Memorial Trophies – Diary Date

The WPF Memorial Trophies event will take place on 21st February. More information will follow in due course.



Story of an Image

**I Want to Break Free by Paul James AWPf, CPAGB, EPSA, I.APS/B
Photographic Society of America Gold Medal – Agile Photographic Society, Bangladesh.**

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At first, we worked within restrictions, shooting on my patio with Sue's family as models. Later, Sue invested in her own studio lighting, and we were able to set up shoots at her home. One of these sessions produced 'I Want to Break Free'. Our model, Ffion – the granddaughter of a friend of Megan – kindly agreed to take part. The creative spark for this image came from Sue, who suggested the idea of Ffion breaking through a paper wall. With a bit of experimentation, we captured this striking shot, along with several others that day.

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Story of an image continued....

Back at home, as I edited the image, I was immediately taken with its impact. Still, you can never predict how a picture will fare in competition. To my delight, the very first salon I entered it into – in Bangladesh – awarded it the Photographic Society of America Gold Medal. It has since gained further recognition, including success as a monochrome version, but that PSA Gold remains the highlight so far.

As I write this, the mono version is also competing in our first open competition of the season at Bridgend and District Camera Club – a reminder that the journey of an image continues long after the shutter clicks.

For me, 'I Want to Break Free' is more than a successful photograph. It's a testament to the power of collaboration, to sharing knowledge, and to finding inspiration together. What began as me offering guidance has grown into creative partnerships that I truly value – and I look forward to many more photographic adventures with others in the future.

Paul James AWPf, CPAGB, EPSA, I.APS/B



The 80th Bristol Salon of Photography is open for entry

Three 3 print sections and three digital sections: Open Colour, Open Monochrome, Nature sections in each media.

We hope to award up to 300 Medals and Certificates.

FIAP Blue Badge for Best Entrant.

Engraved Glass Trophy for 'Best Image in Salon'.

Low entry Fees.

A4 printed catalogue available to every entrant

Closing Date - 01 February 2026

On-line entry system at <https://bristolsalon.co.uk/> More details: chairman@bristolsalon.co.uk

The Salon has the following International Patronages/Approvals FIAP / GPE / PAGB

Blaenavon Open Day 29th November

BLAENAVON CAMERA CLUB 29TH. NOV. KING STREET CHAPEL, BLAENAVON



FREE OPEN DAY

BLAENAVON CAMERA CLUB

Blaenavon Camera Club

welcomes you to their **FREE** open day

Saturday 29th November 2025

11:00AM-15:00PM.

KING STREET CHAPEL. 72 KING ST. BLAENAVON.

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- ✓ Free admission / refreshments
- ✓ Meet the members
- ✓ Slide shows from the members
- ✓ Blaenavon days gone by
- ✓ Meet new people

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Location: King Street Chapel
King street, Blaenavon

The Southampton International
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Southampton Camera Club presents
**SOUTHAMPTON
INTERNATIONAL**

***Exhibition of
Photography 2026***

(Now in our 112th year!)

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Sunday 16th November 2025

Closing date:
Sunday 1st February 2026

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2025: 'A Burst of Red' by David Lowe ARPS DPAGB EFIAP | Acceptance | England

www.southamptoninternationalexhibition.co.uk

Email enquiries: admin@southamptoninternationalexhibition.co.uk

9th Masters of Print Open for Entry – LAST CHANCE TO ENTER

Closing Date Online – 24 November 2025. Receipt of Prints by – 1st December 2025.

Click the image for further information

THE NINTH MASTERS OF PRINT IS NOW OPEN FOR ENTRY

5 pictures, any size but printed on A3 paper, or, **NOW**, you can enter just one, or more, through a **Club** entry.

3 SECTIONS to enter. Colour, Mono or Nature and you can distribute your 5 prints however you like across the Sections. Where do you have the best chance to WIN?

AT LEAST



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Two Club Awards
presnted by CEWE and Online Paper

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TO ENTER

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MASTERS OF PRINT

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. Email newsflash@thewpf.co.uk

For Sale – Posted 13th August 2025

I've decided to sell my **Fujifilm Ecosystem**, and am putting up the following for sale:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>
Fujifilm XF 56mm f/1.2 R	£450
Fujifilm XF 16-80mm f/4 R OIS WR	£400
Fujifilm XF 35mm f/1.4 R (no lens hood)	£400
Fujifilm X-S10 (Body Only) + 4 batteries	£750
Fujifilm XC 50-230mm f/4.5-6.7 OIS II	£200

The Fuji X-S10 is the equivalent to the X-T4, including IBIS, but uses a PASM dial and has a better grip!

All items are in very good working order, with some light marking consistent with age. Most will have original boxes. Happy to consider a deal to package all items together. Gareth Oakey oakey1979@yahoo.co.uk

PAGB E-News

We urge you to have a read of this PAGB newsletter as it contains a plethora of interesting articles, news and photographs. You can see the latest newsletters (as well as an archive of previous newsletters) [here](#).

Important Notice about email scams

Watch out for those tired old 'substitution' email scams, they are doing the rounds again.

What happens is that you get an email from someone pretending to be an officer of your club or your Federation and they are asking you for some kind of help, financial of course.

Note, **emails are not being hacked**. They just pretend to be someone else by covering the actual sending email address. Recent emails came from mailing79joo@gmail.com but a familiar name was used to disguise that bit.

Report all such emails by forwarding them to: report@phishing.gov.uk

Be vigilant. Don't open any suspicious attachments or follow unusual links.

We Want Your 'For Sale' items and Your News!

Newsflash relies on our member Clubs providing us with details of their forthcoming events, news or information.

Currently, we get very little sent to us. If you don't tell us, we can't publish!

Please send your Club news to newsflash@thewpf.co.uk giving full information and as much notice as possible. Include an appropriate photo if you have one.

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

We want to know about your news, advice, events, exhibitions, items for sale, photographic tips, ideas etc.

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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.

Items for Sale: **Please let us know if your item has sold (or not)** as items will be removed after about two months.

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