

# WPF Newsflash 1st January 2026



# NEWSFLASH...

## THE WELSH PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION

Undeb Ffotograffig Cymru

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### Entries Invited for the Memorial Trophies

Entries are now invited for the 2026 Memorial Trophy competitions which will take place at Dingestow Village Hall. Nr Monmouth on Saturday 21st February 2026. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The closing date for your entries is 15 February 2026 and all the information you need can be found in the attachments below.

[Invitation](#)

[Conditions of Entry](#)

[Entry Form – Walter Morgan](#)

[Entry Form – Gwyn Morgan](#)

[Entry Form – Past Presidents](#)



### Masters of Print Grand Opening

The Grand Opening of the Ninth Masters of Print – Saturday 7 February 2026 at St Martin in the Bull Ring, Birmingham from 1.00pm, with a formal opening at 2.00pm.

## WPF Presidents Quarterly Update

Here is the first edition of the new WPF Presidents Quarterly Update.

This is also available in larger text [here](#).

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Member of FIAP and the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain 

**WPF PRESIDENT'S QUARTERLY UPDATE**

**Merry Christmas to Everyone from your WPF Executive Team.**

This is the first of what I hope will become a regular feature in Newsflash and on our Social Media pages. I would like to use this space as an opportunity to talk to our membership about issues that affect our Clubs and update you on upcoming events, exhibitions, workshops, Awards and Distinctions and celebrating recent members successes.

**What's on the Agenda?**

**Communications:** The WPF Executive pledged back in 2024 to increase its reach by engaging more with its membership. We took the time out last year to reflect, ask members and reassess what we do which led to our strategy as signed off at the 2025 AGM. More effective Communication was one of the key priorities our members asked for and this is our first step to making that happen.

**Events:** September saw our 2025 One Day Convention take place which was a huge success, turning a profit which will be put towards running our event next year - Congratulations and thanks go to Gareth Martin - roll on 2026. In October Monmouth Photographic Club successfully represented the WPF at the PAGB Inter-Club Print Championships and were placed 24th in the Plate Competition. Many congratulations to the Club members.

**Exhibitions:** Work is underway for the Welsh Salon Exhibition in 2026 with more information available soon.

**Workshops & Adjudications:** November saw our AWPF Adjudication event - another very successful event run by Dave Lewis for the final time as he hands over the reins to Roger Harrison. Thank you, Dave, for your diligence and determination to encourage and support so many people through their applications over the years. The new WPF Merit Awards Workshop was piloted in November - huge thanks to all our volunteers for their input to ensuring we have a viable proposition going forward. The Adjudication Day will be announced soon.

**Distinctions & Awards:** For the AWPF Adjudication there were 22 entries with 17 candidates successfully achieving their AWPF. Congratulations to all the successful applicants. We look forward to hearing and sharing some of your journeys to achieving this award over the coming months.

**Upcoming & Save the Date:** Work is already underway for the Memorials Trophy taking place on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026 and I would like to thank Monmouth Photographic Club - Keith Sharples and his team, for volunteering to host and run this prestigious event once again in 2026. More details on applying will be available shortly.

**Volunteering:** We currently have nine volunteers on the Executive team, generously giving their time to help run the WPF and with the support of our Club Members we are able to provide a limited number of events - think what we could do with more involvement from more volunteers and Clubs! You will have seen the recent advertisement for more members to join the Executive so please, if you are interested in knowing more, contact either myself or your Vice President David Jones.

Thank you for taking the time out to read the first of my updates. Any thoughts or ideas are welcomed as always.

Ron Lines WPF President December 2025





Gareth Martin – WPF Publicity

## Bristol Salon Open for Entries

The 80<sup>th</sup> Bristol Salon is open for entries, closing date 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026.

Colour, Mono, and Nature sections in both PRINT and PDI. Prints can be forwarded to the Midland Salon.

Entry via the Salon website at <https://bristolsalon.co.uk>

We expect to make 200 + awards, would appreciate your support, and look forward to receiving your entries.

**Bristol International Salon 2026**  
**FIAP, GPU & PAGB Patronages**

## **Story of an Image – Busy Day Sacre Coeur**

Like many of you I have thousands of images stored on a number of external hard drives and yes, even on CD's ! Recently I have been looking through some of these and discovering that some captures which I have overlooked, but not sent to the recycle bin, that are worthy of further work. This often because over the 20 plus years since I started digital photography with Photoshop 5.5 massive improvements have been made and so many more useful plug-ins and alternative systems are available for us to use.

This image was taken 10 years ago when we spent a few days in Paris. I was using a Nikon V1 camera converted to Infra-red with exposure 1/800 sec, f5, ISO 200. Bringing it into my current version of Photoshop I was able to apply a few tweaks especially to darken the sky. I entered this into the Photo Travel section of a PSA recognised Salon in Bangladesh where it scored top points and was awarded a gold medal. The image was also accepted in the 2025 PSA International.

So, do you have gold lurking away in folders on your hard drives. I recommend having a look through and see what you can find you may be pleasantly surprised.

Ian Ledgard, GPMSA/b



## **WPF Club Registration Forms for 2026**

Club registration and data forms have been sent to the Secretaries of all WPF clubs. If you have not received them, please contact Dave Condon by emailing [treasurer@thewpf.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@thewpf.co.uk).

Here are copies of the documents: [Club Data Sheet 2026](#) [Registration form 2026](#)

## Entries Invited for the GB Trophy & Cup

A Club entry requires a personal CES account with Club Officer approval - [see here](#).



# *GB Trophy and GB Cup*

sponsored by Epson and Paper Spectrum

**OPEN FOR ENTRY NOW UNTIL 1st March 2026**

We are pleased to announce that the GB Cup and the GB Trophy are now open.

The GB Trophy for Prints remains free of charge to encourage you to print more and we will accept both A3 and A4. There are two categories, Open and Nature.

The GB Cup for PDI is charged at 60p per image and has the following categories, Open, Nature and Limited Eligibility, designed especially for smaller clubs.

Full details of these competitions can be found on our Central Management System (CMS)



In previous years the GB Trophy Prints were only exhibited in folders at The Photography Show but now they are formed into an exciting travelling portfolio which is available to view "in YOUR hands" at YOUR Club. This is a great opportunity to view, handle and discuss the Accepted Prints.

Another great reason for your Club to enter as your prints will be seen by other club members all over the UK. And, of course, you can have it too!

The portfolio is **FREE** to hire but Clubs are required to pay the postage to its next location and perhaps from its current location unless this is another Club.

**To book, please e-mail the RLS Secretary, Peter Fry, at**  
[lectures@thepagb.org.uk](mailto:lectures@thepagb.org.uk)

## The Southampton International

Click the image for more details...

Southampton Camera Club presents

# **SOUTHAMPTON INTERNATIONAL**

## ***Exhibition of Photography 2026***

*(Now in our 112<sup>th</sup> year!)*

Competition Open from:  
**Sunday 16th November 2025**

Closing date:

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026**

- Over 150 awards including  
medals, ribbons and certificates
- 3 International judges
- Free Digital catalogue  
(printed version now optional)



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

**[www.southamptoninternationalexhibition.co.uk](http://www.southamptoninternationalexhibition.co.uk)**

Email enquiries: [admin@southamptoninternationalexhibition.co.uk](mailto:admin@southamptoninternationalexhibition.co.uk)

## **PSA Successes July to October 2025**

Below is the list of people who achieved PSA successes from July 2025 to the end of October 2025.

- Ian Ledgard – Gold Medal x6, Silver x2, Jury Choice x1, Chairman's Award x1, Merit x1, Diploma x2 & 11 HM's
- Tont Grubb 2 Star Colour Print Level Achieved
- Paul James – Gold Medal x1, Merit x1, & HM's x4
- Rhodri Phillips – Best Portrait Award & Ribbon Award.
- Gary Shinner – Gold Medal x1, HM x1.

Congratulations to all members listed above, who reported back to me with their recent awards, medals and other successes in the PSA affiliated salons. If there are any other members of the PSA have some successes – then please e-mail me directly – [gary\\_shinnerlrps@sky.com](mailto:gary_shinnerlrps@sky.com) (Note the underscore)

Anyone out there wants to find out any more about the PSA, please again contact me, I'll do my best to help you. However, you can also go to their [website](#). Good luck to everyone with their photographic journeys.

I wish 'everyone' reading this letter, Compliments of the Festive Season, and also a happy, healthy & prosperous New Year in 2026.

Gary (Email [gary\\_shinnerlrps@sky.com](mailto:gary_shinnerlrps@sky.com))

## **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](mailto:newsflash@thewpf.co.uk)**

### **For Sale – Posted 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025**

Item One - Lowepro sling back cross body rucksack £15.

Item Two - Sigma 105mm 1.28 EX DG Macro lens Nikon Mount with skylight filter £160. Only used a couple of times.

See photos below. Contact: Kathy Edwards 07929 715995



## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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 it 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.**

**Send them to [newsflash@thewpf.co.uk](mailto:newsflash@thewpf.co.uk) or [leigh.woolford@gwynfa.org.uk](mailto:leigh.woolford@gwynfa.org.uk) giving full information and as much notice as possible. Please format your text it so it is easy to copy & paste as we wish to avoid lengthy rewrites.**

**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. To **subscribe** to Newsflash, or if you e-mail address has changed, please email [webmanager@thewpf.co.uk](mailto:webmanager@thewpf.co.uk) If you wish to **unsubscribe** please send an email to [leigh.woolford@btinternet.com](mailto:leigh.woolford@btinternet.com)

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