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SPEAKERS:

Steve Varman LRPS (creative)	Caroline Preece LRPS (street)	Ralph Snook ARPS DPAGB EFIAP/s (nature)
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An eclectic and experimental approach to different genres (creative photography)

Caroline Preece LRPS
Exploring the world camera in hand (street photography)

Ralph Snook ARPS DPAGB EFIAP/s
Capturing the behaviour and interaction of animal species (nature photography)

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I have always been interested in the outdoors and nature and have capturing nature images for around 50 years. Lucky enough to have travelled to many locations to see and capture some of the huge variety of environments and species across our globe.

I am interested mostly in recording behaviour and interaction of species but of course there are many 'record' shots in my collections. Additionally I often try to produce more creative images using techniques such as slow shutter speeds, or high key to emphasise certain characteristics of the subject or sometimes to just 'artify' an image.

My talks only ever have one title 'Wildlife Snaps from my Travels'. The content varies each time varying the locations and subject matter. Although the content varies, the talk will almost always include images from Africa, somewhere I consider my 'spiritual home'. A continent I have worked in and travelled to many times, and I still try to return to every year.

There are always anecdotes and information about the images I display and hopefully this makes a presentation more interesting and informative.



Ralph Snook



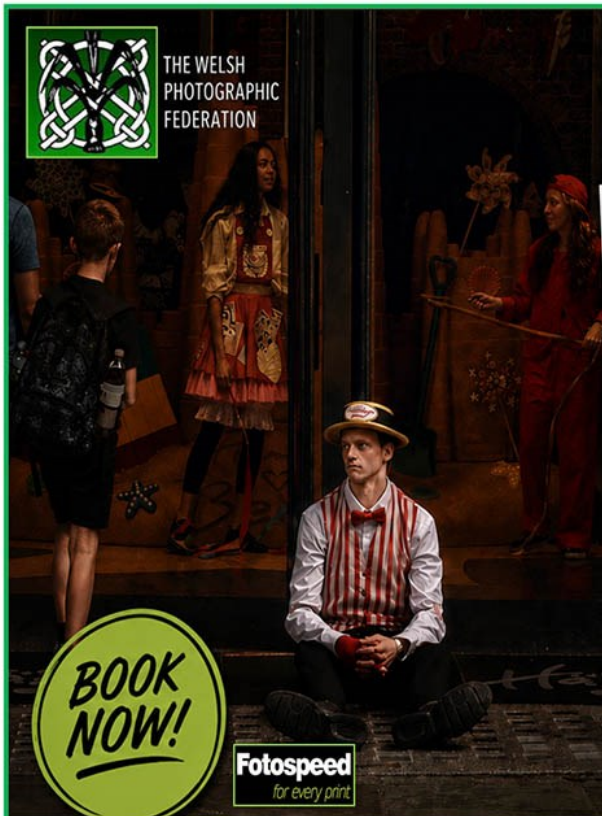
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Caroline Preece



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Although I did not pick up a camera until 2013, I grew up surrounded by photo books by the likes of Michael Kenna, Brassai, Henri Cartier-Bresson and they have influenced how I see the world today. Simplicity, balance, storytelling.

A relationship break-up was the push that finally got me started in photography. What began as a distraction quickly turned into a passion.

Photographically I describe myself as exploring the world camera in hand – whilst I do a lot of street photography I will photograph anything that interests and inspires me.

My work has been recognised in competitions including the Lisbon Street Photography Fest, The International Photography Awards (IPA), the British Photography Awards, the London Photography Awards, and the London Salon. It's also appeared in FRAMES Magazine and has been exhibited at the Mall Galleries in London.

I'm a member of Chichester and Loughton Camera Clubs, and a judge for the SCPF and EAF. I give talks in the UK and overseas and enjoy nothing more than meeting other photographers and sharing ideas.

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STEVE VARMAN

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Steve Varman LRPS, Creative Photography

An award-winning Gloucestershire-based photographer and member of the RPS Creative Eye Group. With an eclectic approach to photography, he enjoys experimenting with different genres and techniques, with a particular interest in creating something unusual from the everyday.

In Creative Photography, Steve covers a wide range of genres – exploring unusual ways to photograph food, personal projects and experimenting with different techniques to create something unique and interesting.

The talk also includes some of the software and post-processing techniques used, along with behind-the-scenes images and set-ups.



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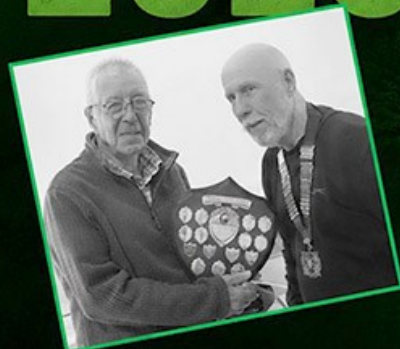
Print Competition

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Caroline Preece



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2025's winner of the WPF Convention print trophy, **Peter Wyles** LRPS, AWPf, AFIAP, DPAGB, BPE3, of Monmouth Photographic Club

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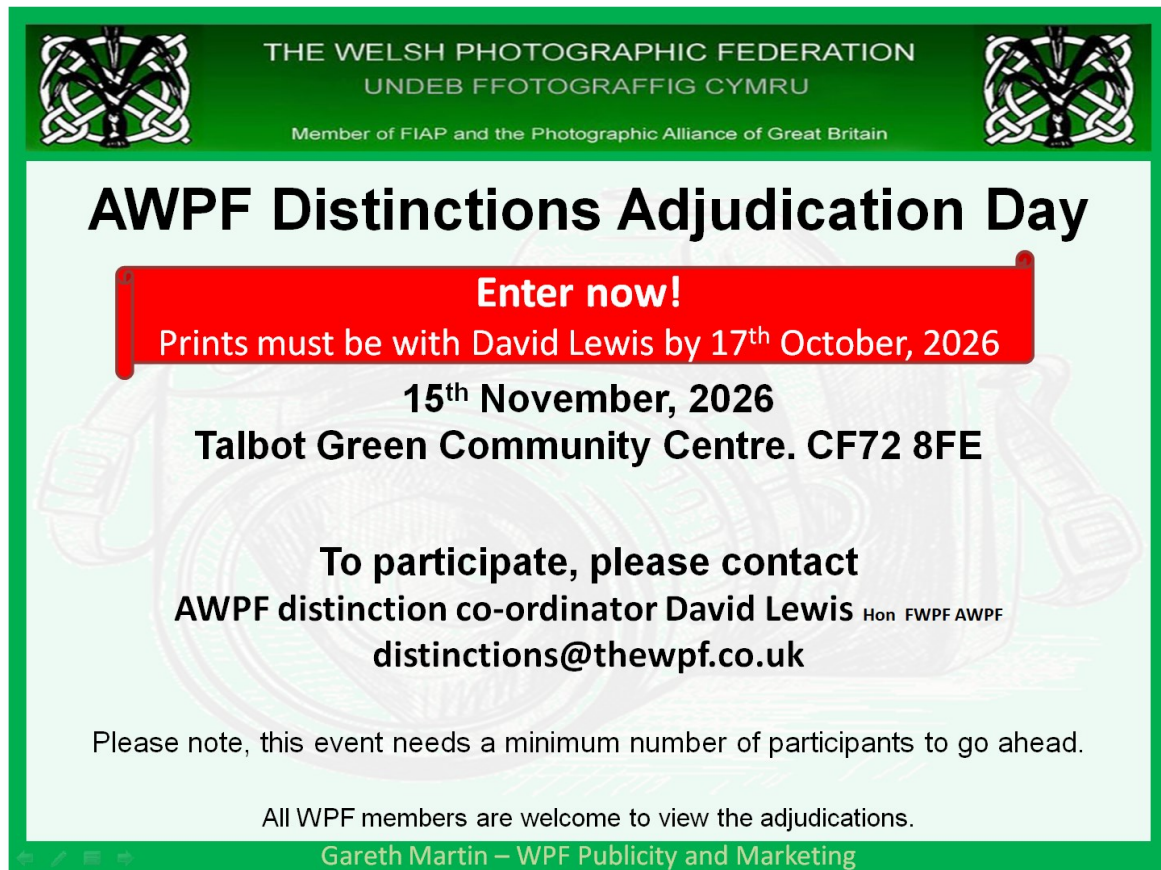
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AWPF Adjudication Day



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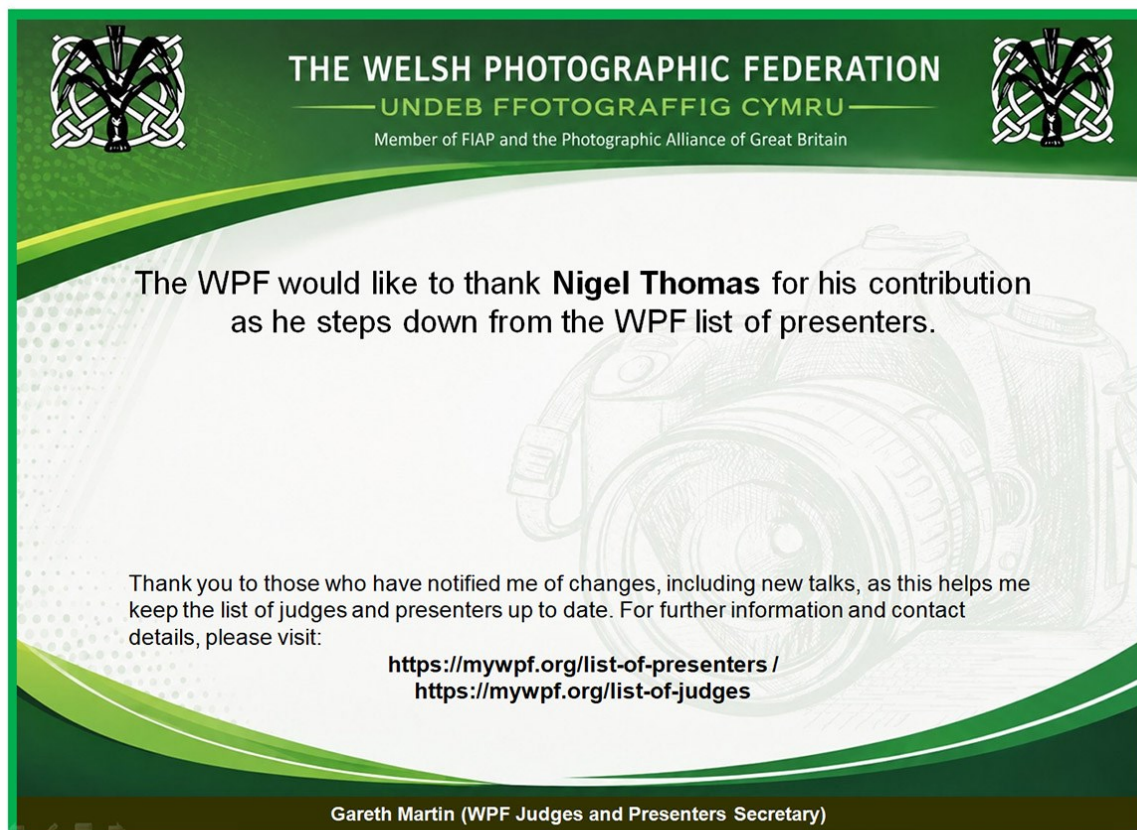
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Gareth Martin – WPF Publicity and Marketing

WPF Presenter Information



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Gareth Martin (WPF Judges and Presenters Secretary)

PSA Story of an Image – ‘Burned & Abandoned’ & ‘Dreaming’ by Sian Davies

We've received this story from Sian Davies via Gary Shinner, PSA CMD for Wales.

Because of a recent illness I haven't been out with my camera for two years and I needed images to try and get some Galaxy awards. Looking through my archive, I came up with two unused shots. 'Burned and Abandoned', which was taken in Oradour, and 'Dreaming' which was taken just before my illness was diagnosed.

As I particularly needed mono images, I converted them and was later very please and surprised they both received gold medals; "Burned and Abandoned" in the multi-national Amazshots Circuit and "Dreaming" in the Bangladesh Awards Circuit.



Watch the AV APM on ZOOM – 20th September 9.30am

Click the image below to be connected to the zoom meeting.



**AN ADJUDICATION
for
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MERIT IN
AUDIO VISUAL**

20 September 2026, 09:30 AM

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Tune in to hear what our Adjudicators have to say about lots of exciting Audio Visual Sequences, all striving to achieve these Awards for Photographic Merit

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52nd Smethwick International Open for Entries

Closing Date: 26th October 2026 (prints should arrive by 30th Oct).

Patronage: FIAP 2026/318, GPU L260072, PAGB 2027-007

3 Print Sections: Open Colour, Open Monochrome, Nature. (Prints can be forwarded to Southampton international).

3 Projected Image Sections: Open Colour, Open Monochrome, Nature,

On-line entry system **NOW OPEN** at www.smethwickinternational.com

150 Medals and Ribbons to be won. Online Catalogue to all entrants. A4 printed colour catalogue to each UK entrant. Overseas entrant can order printed catalogue. Low entry fees. Only pay for each section entered.

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Adverts will automatically be deleted after about two months unless otherwise advised. Email newsflash@thewpf.co.uk

For Sale – Posted 30th July 2026

Manfrotto professional tripod ART 058B plus fluid head ART 136. Purchased for a project which never happened and therefore the tripod has never been used. A few small storage marks on the legs but as new and fully working. List price when purchased £600, bargain price £295. Collection only from Newport. Contact: Carlton Jones, T: 01633 891584 E: carltonjjones@hotmail.com



For Sale – Posted 28th June 2026

DJI Mavic 2 Zoom with Smart Controller 16GB. 2 spare sets of Low-Noise Propellers. In-Car Charger. Mini Pelican Case for Accessories. All In immaculate condition (only flown twice). A foolish purchase!

Price reduced to £450

Kevin Thomas, Tyrcae, Llangathen, Carmarthen, SA32 8QF. M: 07771 853227 kevinthomasphoto@btinternet.com



For Sale – Posted 10th August 2026

OM System 100-400mm lens Mark 11. Bought it in October 2025 from E-Infinity for £849. Only used it once, it's immaculate (and boxed). **Looking for £600 ono.....can be posted at cost!**
All enquiries direct to Dave Astins Tel: 07766 911069 or email david.astins@gmail.com



Trophy Engraving Service

Mal Durbin of the Rhondda Camera Club has started engraving glass trophies for £25 each. They can be customised at no extra charge. If any club is interested, please email him at mal.durbin@gmail.com

He will endeavour to reply to all emails within 24 hours. If it is urgent please call his mobile 07484 120071

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. A recent email to me 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.

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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.

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