



Western Counties Photographic Federation 2024 AGM - Minutes, Officers Reports & Diary Dates

Saturday 5th October 2024 at 11.30am

Clyst St Mary Village Hall, Clyst St Mary, Exeter EX5 1AA

Agenda

1. Welcome and opening remarks
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the AGM 2023 – available on the WCPF website
4. Matters arising, not covered elsewhere on the agenda
5. Financial statement
6. Executive Committee reports – these will be circulated to clubs and made available on the WCPF website.
7. Election of Executive members
8. Any other business

Minutes

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The President, Helen Jones, welcomed all attending to the 2024 AGM.

There were 36 present, including 10 WCPF Exec members.

2. Apologies

Tony and Jenny Byram, Margaret Young, Linda Meaton, Ernie King, Sue Bishop, Dennis Knowles, Di Tilsley, Derek Stratton, Ann Owens, Peter Fry, Lorraine Robins, Heather Bodle

3. Minutes of the 2023 AGM

Acceptance of the minutes of the 2023 AGM held on 7 October 2023 was proposed by Ian Bateman and seconded by Chas Madge. All in agreement for the minutes to be signed as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

None

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5. Financial statement

Comments by the Treasurer to support the Finance Report.

The Treasurer, Christopher Marsham, presented the annual accounts, which had been examined by Phillipa Rabbits and Peter Weaver. The finances are in good shape and there is no proposal to increase the 2024 WCPF subscription for clubs affiliated to the Federation. Christopher commented that the subscriptions have not been increased during his time as Treasurer.

There was a question from the floor about the difference in losses incurred by the Members Exhibition in 2024 compared with 2023, Christopher stated that this was due to the increase in venue hire charges for 2024, compared with the Golf Club in 2023.

This was Christopher's last year as Treasurer, and he is handing over to Russell McGowan.

Acceptance proposed by Eddy Lane, seconded by Pedro Landers. All in agreement for the Financial Statement to be accepted.

6. Officers Reports

Additional Comments to reports previously published:

President - Helen summarized the mainly high and (few) low points of the last two years and thanked the Exec and the WCPF clubs for their support. Peter Tulloch made a vote of thanks for Helen's work during her term as President.

Directory - Bill emphasized the importance of clubs of informing him of any committee changes so he can keep their directory information up to date. On this note, he drew attention to his recent circulation of the Directory Form and put out a plea to those clubs who have yet to return their forms to do so as soon as possible.

Clubs with incorrect or out-of-date contact details may be missing important information that is circulated by email to all clubs. Also they may be unable to register to access the online WCPF Directory.

Existing Club Officer registrations for the Online WCPF Directory will be deleted soon, so Club officers will need to re-register to maintain their access. This is part of an annual cycle to ensure that only current club officers have access. Club registrations will be dealt with first, with Judges and Speakers to follow later.

Inter Club Championships - Entry for the 2025 Championships opens on 1 December 2024.

AV - The 2024 WCPF competition had the highest number of entries ever and was successfully run using remote judging for the first time, which reduced costs significantly. The 2025 competition opens in January, with the judge Howard Bagshaw of Stafford. Using a single judge for 2025 will allow more entries to be shown (less time will be needed for comments, compared with both judges commenting on every AV in 2024).

Members Exhibition - Pedro summarized the entry numbers for 2024 and wished to encourage more prints in 2025.

The 2025 exhibition will run at Uffculme for two weeks (over three weekends), but in 2026 it is planned to reduce this to one week (over two weekends).

All 2024 prints have now been returned to the clubs.

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Travelling Exhibition - Helen encouraged all clubs to sign up for the Travelling Exhibition in 2025-26 season. It's a great opportunity to view and discuss prints in the hand.

Kingswood and Knightshayes - Pam and Eddy are retiring from the Exec after twenty years in a range of positions, including the Members Exhibitions and with Eddy as President, before they took on the Kingswood, then the Knightshayes competitions.

The 2023 Kingswood Salver was a great success with an entertaining judge Leo Rich, who gave a wonderful talk in the afternoon. This was our last meeting at Bovey Tracy Golf Club.

The 2024 Knightshayes Trophy saw us move to West Monkton Village Hall, where Stephen and Helen judged the set subject "Water in all its forms", which produced photographs with a great variety of subject matter.

Pam and Eddy will remain involved as Area/Assistant Exhibition Secretaries and as Life Vice Presidents. Thanks were expressed by those present for their many years in support of the WCPF.

Stephen and Helen will take on the Kingswood Salver for 2024, which will be judged by Gareth Martin from Afan Nedd & Cymru Monochrome.

The Knightshayes Trophy will be handed over to Lorraine Robins. Pedro's set subject for 2025 will be "Two, Double, Twin".

Webmaster - Nick emphasized Bill's statements that clubs need to keep their directory information up to date; also the requirement to renew directory registration on an annual basis.

PAGB Awards - The number of applicants is now picking up. Five applications were received for the next adjudication in November (Winsford, Cheshire). Applications for November are now closed, but members are encouraged to apply for the next event, which will be on 25/26 April in the Surrey Federation.

Judging Panel - The Chair of the Judging Panel, John Tilsley gave a short statement and announced his retirement after 21 years in post. He emphasized the continuing need for new judges to replace those who retire. He had been seeking a replacement but stated that nobody had come forward. As an interim solution, the panel will manage its business without a chair, with individual members sharing the duties in rotation. John has booked the next Seminar and will manage the registration of candidate judges. He stated his intention to retire from the Judging Panel immediately following the Seminar. John has circulated detailed information to panel members and others who may be involved.

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7. Election of Executive Members

Nominations for Executive have been received as follows:

President - Pedro Landers
Vice President - Peter Fry
Treasurer - Russell McGowan
Secretary - Helen Moore
Directory Secretary - Bill Aven
Inter-Club Championship Secretary - Sandie Cox & Ralph Snook
AV Secretary - Ian Bateman
Members Exhibition Secretary - Pedro Landers
Travelling Exhibition - Sue Bishop
Knightshayes Trophy Secretary - Lorraine Robins
Kingswood Salver Secretaries - Stephen and Helen Jones
PAGB Representative - Peter Fry
PAGB Awards Officer - Ann Owens
Publicity - Linda Meaton
Webmaster - Nick Bodle
Archivist - Dennis Knowles
Member - Chris Marsham

En Bloc nomination proposed by Chas Madge, seconded by Peter Tulloch. All in agreement

8. Any Other Business

LVPs - As outgoing president, Helen Jones, made two nominations for Life Vice President of the WCPF: Sheila Haycox of Exmouth PG and Di Tilsley of Dorchester Camera Club. Both had provided many years of support to the WCPF and its clubs, often quietly behind the scenes. The nominations recognize the valuable contributions that they have made and were warmly received by those present.

Pedro accepted the presidency and took the opportunity to encourage more club members to step forward to support the WCPF Exec, formally or informally.

In answer to a question from the floor, John Tilsley stated that the Job Description for the Chair of the Judging Panel was sent to all clubs.

WCPF Centenary - The WCPF was founded 93 years ago and Ian Bateman proposed that we consider advance plans for an event to mark our centenary.

Facebook - The WCPF has a closed Facebook page and Eddy reminded everyone that it is a very useful way of finding out what is happening in the WCPF and can be used by clubs to promote their activities. Eddy encouraged all club members to join.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm

Signed:

Date:

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WCPF Summary of Income/Expenditure to Budget FINANCE REPORT YEAR END 2024

Budget Code	Budget Item	2023-24			2022-23	Remarks
		Income £	Exp. £	Net Profit/Cost £	Net/Profit Cost £	
0	BANK CHARGES		-68.80	-68.80	-69.60	Min Monthly charge of £5.00
1	INTEREST	233.88	0.00	233.88	98.21	
2	Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	AGM	0.00	-580.40	-580.40	-858.11	
4	AV Day	543.00	-294.79	248.21	-86.47	
5	Awards Officer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Council Meeting	0.00	-475.40	-475.40	-202.05	
7	DPIC	2,257.65	-2675.98	-418.33	72.44	
8	Directory	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.35	
9	Equipment Hire	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
10	Executive Meetings	0.00	-117.90	-117.90	-149.40	
11	Judging Seminars	249.00	-243.00	6.00	-188.88	
12	Knightshayes Trophy	0.00	-158.50	-158.50	-219.34	
13	Kingswood Salver	465.00	-964.45	-499.45	-482.93	
14	Manual	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
15	Fotospeed Prints Days	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
16	Newsletter	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
17	PAGB AGM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
18	PAGB Competitions/Exhibitions	0.00	-672.46	-672.46	-1175.29	Reimburse club's travel/accom costs
20	PAGB Subs	3,024.00	-3024.00	0.00	220.00	
21	PAGB Handbooks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
23	Secretary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
24	Subscriptions	3,340.91	0.00	3,340.91	3442.10	
25	Travelling Critique	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
26	Travelling Members Exhibition	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
27	Treasurer	0.00	-227.29	-227.29	-191.53	Mainly auditors' expenses
28	Web Site	0.00	-486.00	-486.00	-33.60	Covers 3 years
29	WCPF Equipment Insurance and PLI	0.00	-293.57	-293.57	-270.19	Zoom license
30	Special Events	0.00	-143.88	-143.88	-143.88	
31	Capital Equipment	0.00	-71.22	-71.22	-94.95	
33	AV Workshop	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
34	PAGB Awards	0.00	-15.00	-15.00	-13.29	
35	Interclub Print Comp	0.00	0.00	0.00	-58.50	Now combined with DPIC
36	Members' Print & DI Exhibition	3,439.52	-4467.95	-1,028.43	-550.42	Includes hire of halls
37	APM Adjudication	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	TOTALS	13,552.96	-14,980.59	-1,427.63	-947.33	
			2023-24	2022-23		
	Current Account		2661.04	4365.93		
	Uncleared/Unpresented Cheques Etc.		0.00	0.00		
	BMM Account		12409.24	12175.36		
	Unresolved difference		43.88			
	Cash		38.22	38.22		
	Balance		15152.38	16579.51		

2023-24

Income/expenses have remained relatively stable, in spite of higher lecture fees. No invoice has been received from Bovey Golf Club for the use of the premises in 2023. £1,225 was paid for the hire of Seale Hayne and Uffculme Village Hall for the Members' Exhibition. Fotospeed has not as yet paid any sponsorship for 2023 or 2024. An invoice for £1,000 has been sent.

Given that there is a healthy balance in the deposit account I see no reason to raise the WCPF subscription.

This will be my last report as Treasurer and thanks to Russell McGowan for taking over the challenge.

N.B. I am delighted to say that since the audit, Fotospeed has very generously paid £1,000.

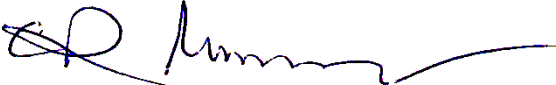
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FINANCE REPORT YEAR END 2024

Starting Balance:	
Current Account	4365.93
BMM Account	12175.36
Cash	38.22
Uncleared/Unpresented Cheques	0.00
Income	13,552.96
Expenditure	-14,980.59
Net Income/Loss	-1427.63
Closing Balance:	
Current Account	2,661.04
BMM Account	12,409.24
Unresolved difference	43.38
Cash	38.22
Uncleared/Unpresented Cheques	0.00
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Signed 

Christopher Marsham (Hon Treasurer)

Examined by 
Phillipa Rabbitts LRPS

Examined by 
Peter Weaver LRPS, CPAGB

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Officer Reports

President - Helen Jones

So, the time has come for my final duty as president.

It's been a busy and challenging two years – especially as Stephen took on the role of Secretary to support me so our home life has tended to be dominated by the WCPF! Luckily, we have an excellent Exec working alongside us.

It's been a year of mixed fortunes for clubs – some have really gone from strength to strength, adapting well to the post-covid world and attracting new members. Others, through no fault of their own, are struggling. A few clubs which were having problems a year ago are starting to bounce back, which is great to hear.

Our season started, as always, with the Kingswood Salver judged by Leo Rich – and Leo gave us a highly entertaining talk afterwards. Thank you to Pam & Eddy for organising this. It was really well-attended – which brought its own problems because the Golf Club decided that they no longer had the space to accommodate our growing numbers, and we were left to find new venues at short notice.

In February we held the Inter Club Championships, using the same format as the 2023 digital and print competitions with a few tweaks. We are making further changes next year, to resolve a couple of issues we had this year. We were able to display more prints – I know it was a little bit dark and I know we couldn't display everything, but we had to work with space we had available, and it was lovely to see so much wonderful work on display. Thank you to our team of Ralph Snook, Sandie Cox, Bill Aven, Stephen Jones, Lorraine Robbins and to all those who helped on the day, especially John Tilsley who organised the print display and Di Tilsley who read the titles of all the prints and digital images with her usual great aplomb!

Just a month later we were again admiring prints for the Knightshayes Trophy, returning to a hall we have used in the past at West Monkton. The subject was 'Water in All Its Forms' and Stephen and I thoroughly enjoyed judging this. Thank you again to Pam and Eddy for organising this and also for their excellent and emotional afternoon talk. It was a bittersweet day as this was Pam and Eddy's last WCPF event prior to their retirement from the Exec. Their many years of service was recognised with the honour of WCPF Life Membership.

Three weeks later we held our Members Exhibition Selection Weekend organised by Pedro Landers and hosted by Christopher Marsham. This was followed by our annual exhibition in a two-centre location – Uffculme Village Hall and Seale Hayne. It proved very hard to find a location that could host us for a fortnight at a price we could afford at such short notice, hence the two venues. Pedro worked exceptionally hard both in finding these venues and in the mammoth task of setting up and taking down two exhibitions in a very short space of time and I would like to thank him for this on behalf of the WCPF.

Ian Bateman organised our annual AV competition in early April. It took place at Woodbury Village Hall but was judged by zoom. AV making is becoming increasingly popular and Ian had a record number of entries. Thank you, Ian for both organising this event and encouraging people to have a go at creating AVs.

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Our entries for the PAGB Inter Federation Competitions were selected from the awarded and accepted prints in the Members Exhibition. Scoring was very low, but it was the same for all the federations and there was only a handful of points between clubs. The Western Counties were ranked 10th for Colour Prints, 7th for Mono Prints and 6th for Nature Prints.

Sue Bishop, assisted by Pedro, has organised the Travelling Exhibition which is already making its way round the clubs. Preparing and managing this takes a lot of work and we are very grateful to Sue and Pedro for their work with this. It has been particularly challenging this year because so many of our nature and mono prints were mislaid by Evri but I know they have still been able to put together an excellent Travelling Exhibition.

John Tilsley organised very successful judging seminar in Bridgewater in April and as a result we have 5 new judges and one experienced judge who re-qualified. John has now retired as Chair of the Judging Panel - so we offer him a huge thank you. John has organised these Seminars for 25 years, ensuring that we always have a great selection of qualified judges within our Federation. John will be greatly missed as his work has been invaluable. He is assisted by a team of the Federation's most experienced judges – thank you to them – but we are looking for a new Chair of the Judging Panel to shadow John this year with a view to taking over the role in 25/26.

Nick Bodle continues to work hard to maintain a very informative website and Bill Aven to maintain an up-date directory of clubs, judges and lecturers. They work together to maintain our excellent online directory – a demanding task – but they do rely on you to tell them if your club officials change. Please let Bill know of any changes to officers or to email addresses.

Ann Owens is our PAGB Officer, and she is your first port of call if you are thinking about working for a PAGB Distinction. It looks like people are starting to work towards these again after a quiet couple of years since Covid. It really is a great way to improve your photography- so do consider it. If you are thinking of working for a Distinction in AVs, chat to Ian.

Thank you to our PAGB Rep, Peter Fry who is our link with the PAGB and takes any PAGB matters we raise to the PAGB Exec. He is always very quick to voice any concerns or raise any questions we may have. Next season he will be taking on the role of Vice President as well.

We were delighted when Linda Meaton took over the vacant role of Publicity Secretary and she has great plans going forwards to bring us up to date on social media so that we can all publicise our events more effectively.

Lorraine Robins always works hard behind the scenes, helping out at all our events, and has now taken on two responsibilities within the Exec. She will be our new Knightshayes Trophy Secretary and is also assisting Pedro with the Members' Exhibition.

Finally, I must thank two Officers with very demanding Exec posts who are standing down from these positions but who are remaining on the Exec.

Stephen Jones took on the role of Secretary to support me while I was President, for which I am very grateful even though we don't agree on everything! It probably wouldn't be his role of choice, but it's been an interesting experience, and he has really got to know how the WCPF works, also updating many of our policies and our forms over the last two years which has involved a lot of hard and sometimes tedious work. For many of you he has been your first port of call for any WCPF related questions via the club Gmail. He isn't going far – he and I will be the new Kingswood Salver Secretaries; we are both involved with the Championship and the Members' Exhibition and

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between us we will continue to administer the Facebook page. Stephen will be handing over the role of Secretary to Helen Moore and we are delighted to welcome Helen to the Exec.

Last but certainly by no means least, a very big thank you is owed to Christopher Marsham who is standing down as our Treasurer after 11 years in this very responsible role. Chris also does a huge amount of work behind the scenes, and we are very glad that he is remaining on the Exec. The Treasurer's role will be taken on by Russell McGowan, another very long-standing Exec member. Thank you, Christopher, for all you have done.

As we go into a new season, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone on the Exec for all their hard work this season and wish Pedro every success in his coming two years as WCPF President.

Helen Jones, WCPF President

Finance - Christopher Marsham

See Financial Report (above)

Directory Secretary - Bill Aven

It is good to see the number of clubs accessing the on-line directory which is now two years old but updated regularly. To keep it that way I have already sent out new forms (1st September) for you to confirm the details we have are correct and would appreciate a reply whether or not any changes have occurred. It also helps us to keep our DATA protection list accurate.

The forms were sent out offering you the choice of replying via Mac or Word for your convenience.

As mentioned in my letter, following the WCPF AGM, everyone will be removed from the members area and all committee members who require access will need to sign up again, as we need to remove contacts that no longer require that facility.

One other change is that the system will no longer allow 'Generic' email addresses as we have experienced outgoing committee members not always removing themselves when relinquishing their positions. Of course generic addresses are absolutely fine for any other means of communication.

Any questions please ask.

Bill Aven directory.wcpf@gmail.com

Inter-Club Championships - Ralph Snook & Sandie Cox

The 2024 Inter-Club Championships was successfully run at the Exeter Corn Exchange on February 4th 2024. There was a good entry of 25 clubs for the Print Championship and 47 for the Digital Championship.

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We continued the approach of pre-judging before the public ICC Event held at the Corn Exchange. This was held at Bristol Photographic. The judges were briefed that this was a Federation club event and not a Salon, and the scoring followed those guidelines with a good range of both high and moderate scores recorded.

The event at the Corn Exchange was well received the attendance was up on 2023 (but could still be better). This year we managed to show a lot more prints at the Corn Exchange, and this was appreciated by the attendees. As always the success of the event is down to the help received from the members of the WCPF Executive and beyond. Particular thanks to Bill Aven for acting as receiver for the print entry, Pedro Landers for transporting the print stands to and from the Corn Exchange, John Tilsley and Stephen Jones for displaying and changing the prints at the Corn Exchange, Lorraine Robins for doing an excellent job organising and running the raffle, and of course Di Tilsley for announcing the titles (1200+).

The results of the ICC are viewable from the WCPF website and shows of the scoring and awards are available on the WCPF Dropbox.

The 2025 event planning is well in hand. A date for the judging is set, once again at Bristol Photographic, and the judges are booked. The Corn Exchange is also booked for Sunday 2nd February 2025. We look forward to seeing your entries next year.

Ralph Snook and Sandie Cox. Inter-Club Championship Secretaries

AV Secretary - Ian Bateman

There was a terrific response to this year's AV Competition, with 45 entries – our highest ever! – with entries from clubs stretching from Stroud in the north, Dorchester in the east and St Austell in the west. It was held at Woodbury Village Hall on 6th April 2024, and was an experiment to see if we could bring the two judges into the hall from their home in North Wales, thereby overcoming the travel and accommodation costs which have plagued the competition in recent years.

The event attracted audience members from all over the WCPF, and the Southern Federation even sent a delegate along to see how it worked out!

The technique of projecting the judges live into the hall worked beautifully, so the audience could see the AVs on the big screen and immediately see and hear what the judges thought. There was also a small audience on Zoom who could also see and hear the competition, though we did have an occasional glitch where Zoom dropped the audio for a while.

An Exhibition of the AVs is now available to download on request from the AV Secretary. The download includes all of the entries, with a selection of about 90 minutes worth marked out for showing on a club evening.

Now that the Zoom technique has been proven, it will be a useful way of utilising distant judges without the costs of transport and accommodation, so we will again use this method next year.

The 2025 AV Competition will be held at Woodbury Village Hall on Saturday 26th April, and the judge will be Howard Bagshaw from Midland Counties Photographic Federation. Full details will be on the website in due course.

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Members Exhibition - Pedro Landers

The 2024 Members' Exhibition gave us a great diversity of strong images. Each set of selectors brings their own "feel" to the exhibition so it stays fresh year to year. We had 2459 entries from 223 members with 517 being selected (21%). 981 print and 1478 digital entries – more print please! The selection can be viewed at <http://photoexhib.com/wcpfex/results-2024/results.htm>. As always a set of slideshows are available for download from the WCPF Dropbox (email me for a link).

The return of prints is delayed this year as I work with the PAGB for locate one box of prints sent to the Inter-Federation competition which has gone missing on its way back to us.

The two site MX seemed to work OK although the attendance at Seale Hayne was rather disappointing. The effort involved in moving between venues was quite significant so, despite the benefits, I will not continue with two venues. We are booked at Uffculme for the 2025 exhibition – we have the second room booked for the presentation day so we can spread the prints out more for the ongoing exhibition.

While I am happy to continue running the Members' Exhibition I would welcome the opportunity to pass this fascinating role on to anyone who is interested – you get to work with a wonderful set of images each year.

Pedro

Travelling Exhibition - Sue Bishop

The circulation of the 2023 - 24 prints ended in June, and the prints are being returned to the photographers together with any returns from the Members Exhibition 2024.

Because there was a larger number of prints selected this year it has not been possible to include a print from all photographers who had an acceptance. I have selected around a third of the selected prints in each category, resulting in 71 prints to be included in the TE.

Unfortunately this year the selection was made more difficult by the fact that the prints being returned from the PAGB Interfed print competition were entrusted to Evri, who managed to lose one box. Regrettably that box contained all the nature prints, and most of the monochrome prints so for this year I have not been able to include any of the high scoring or awarded nature prints. As I wrote this in August 2024 efforts were still continuing to trace the missing box of prints. All affected photographers have been contacted by Pedro Landers, Members Exhibition Secretary.

The Travelling Exhibition started its journey in late August, and will follow the established route round the Federation until June 2025.

Sue Bishop, TE Exhibition Secretary

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Kingswood Salver and Knightshayes Trophy - Pam & Eddy Lane

2024 Knightshayes Trophy Competition - Sunday 3rd March 2024, West Monkton - This was Judged by Helen Jones ARPS DPAGB President WCPF in a double act with Stephen Jones - DPAGB, LRPS, EFIAP BPE3*. Set subject was "Water in all its Forms" to win the Superb Knightshayes Trophy for a year. We had 127 prints entered, which were all accommodated on the Print stands, kindly brought by Pedro. The Judges commented in detail on many of the entries before awarding Carolyn Moore of Mid Somerset the Trophy with "Wave Break". Second and Third place, six Highly Commended and six Commended Awards were also presented. Three Junior choices were also selected by the grandchildren with special chocolate prizes – overall a very thorough and enjoyable live judging of some great prints

Afternoon Talk "Arctica" by Pam and Eddy Lane both ARPS DPAGB EFIAP APAGB - This presented the best moments from their multiple Expeditions to the Arctic and Antarctic, including the Wildlife, History, Landscape and Environment of these Polar Regions. As well as Award Winning photographs, it included AV and Video that brought their experiences to life. It detailed the common features, but also surprising differences of two continents Poles Apart. The Talk was accompanied by an Exhibition of more than 80 of their favourite prints

2023 Kingswood Salver - Saturday 11th November 2023, Bovey Tracey - This Annual Club Competition for panels of five prints was held at Bovey Tracey on Saturday 11th November. Past President of the PAGB and old friend of the WCPF Leo Rich ARPS DPAGB Hon PAGB EFIAP was the judge and the lecturer for the afternoon. The Salver was won by Dorchester Camera Club with their entry 'Fast & Furious', the individual Vivien Croucher Plate was won by Graham Hutchinson of St Austell Camera Club for 'Esra'

The event was very successful and attended by so many that we have outgrown the Golf Club and seek an alternative home, hence the new venue for the Knightshayes Trophy.

Retirement - We have served for nearly 20 years on the WCPF Executive, initially organising the Members Exhibition with Eddy then appointed President whilst Pam ran the PAGB advisory days. In 2014 we became Kingswood Salver and Knightshayes Trophy Secretaries but after ten successful years in these two roles the time has come to stand down from the Executive at the AGM in October and let younger hands take over. We have thoroughly enjoyed every bit of our twenty years and will remain as AES for our area coordinating prints for the Members Exhibition. Our thanks to the many members of the Exec for their enormous help and support over the years. We wish the WCPF all the best for the future and will keep in touch with events and be available to assist when we are around

Eddy and Pam Lane, Kingswood Salver & Knightshayes Trophy Secretaries (RETIRED)

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Webmaster - Nick Bodle

The Website is up to date with the information I have been provided with for 2024/2025.

There has been issue regarding people signing up to the members area and I am not sure how to get around this one as the system takes you through a step by step process and it is just a matter of signing up and waiting for approval which will be given if the club has notified Bill our directory secretary of the clubs committee. Via the form he sends out every year to each club.

After the WCPF AGM everyone will be deleted from the members area and will need to sign up once again. This is to stay with the data protection laws and it allows us to remove those who should no longer have access due to changes within the club's committees, and also lecturers and judges who have stopped judging and lecturing. Clubs, judges and lecturers do not necessarily notify us of these changes throughout the year.

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PAGB Awards - Ann Owens

At the time of writing this report - 15th August - there were still a few space for further entries in the APM Adjudication due to take place over the weekend of 23/24 November in Winsford, Cheshire.

Applications must to be received and paid for by the end of August for the next Adjudications, in November in Cheshire.

Five applicants within the WCPF have been received - three in prints (1 Badge and 2 Distinctions) 2 PDIs both for Credits.

Miss this Adjudication? The next one will be on 25/26 April 2025 with the Surrey Photographic Association.

After a slow few months where applications have been concerned, there now seems to be a slow return to applications. Hopefully, by November, there should be good news from these applicants.

Archivist - Dennis Knowles

I have received some material this and this is being prepared to go into drop box in the next couple of months

It is taking a little time to arrange a some of the copy is in various forms le needs to be scanned and collated.

But overall, things have moved on from the Covid days so long may it continue.

Dennis Knowles

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WCPF Diary 2024-25 - Correct 6 October 2024

Date	Event	Venue
5 Oct 2024	AGM with Afternoon Speaker Paul Mitchell 6th PAGB Masters of Print Exhibition	Clyst St Mary Village Hall (booked)
5 Oct 2024	Closing date / Hand in for Kingswood Salver	Clyst St Mary Village Hall (booked)
9 Nov 2024	Kingswood Salver Afternoon speaker: Gareth Martin	West Monkton Village Hall (booked)
1 Dec 2024	Inter-Club Championships Open for Entries	-
4 Jan 2025	Members Exhibition Open for Entries	-
6 Jan 2025	Inter-Club Championships - Closing date for Print entries	-
12 Jan 2025	Inter-Club Championships - Closing date for Digital entries	-
19 January	Inter-Club Championships - Selection Day	Closed Session
Jan 2025 (TBC)	Executive Meeting	Via Zoom Closed Session
2 Feb 2025	Closing date / Hand in for Knightshayes Trophy Prints	Exeter Corn Exchange (booked)
2 Feb 2025	Western Counties Inter-Club Championships	Exeter Corn Exchange (booked)
9 Mar 2025	Council Meeting / Knightshayes Trophy Afternoon speaker: ???	Magelake Hall, Uffculme (booked)
9 Mar 2025	Closing date for entries to Members Exhibition	
29/30 Mar 2025	Members Exhibition - Selection Weekend	Closed Session
26 Apr 2025	WCPF AV Competition	Woodbury Village Hall (booked)
26 Apr 2025	Judging Seminar	Brislington, Bristol
3 May - 17 May 2025	Members Exhibition (presentations 3 May)	Magelake Hall, Uffculme (booked)
Jul/Aug 2025 TBC	Executive Meeting	Via Zoom Closed Session
11 Oct 2025	AGM with Afternoon Speaker ???	Clyst St Mary Village Hall (booked)
11 Oct 2025	Closing date / Hand in for Kingswood Salver	Clyst St Mary Village Hall
15 Nov 2025	Kingswood Salver Afternoon speaker: ???	Clyst St Mary Village Hall (booked)