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Website News

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All the clubs who have websites should have the www icon next to their names in the "Find a Club" on the MCPF website. If for whatever reason you change the address please ensure that you update your details on our database.

Whilst going through and checking I did notice a couple of clubs have changed their venue address but have not updated this on our database. Help us to help you by keeping your details up to date with us.



Ketan Shah Duston CC Its Hotting Up

MCPF Diary 2024

More details about each of the events can be found at www.mcpf.co.uk

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Date	Event	Contact Details/Venue						
Jan 27 th	MidPhot AV Competition	Alastair Taylor: avchamp@mcpf.co.uk Venue: The Priory Centre, Burton on Trent DEI3 (
Feb 10 th	General Meeting 2.30pm	Christine Lovatt, sec@mcpf.co.uk Venue : Smethwick PS. The Old Schoolhouse, Oldbury B69 2AS						
Feb 10 th	Closing date MidPhot 2024	Ralph and Lu Duckett midphot@mcpf.co.uk						
Mar Wed 20 th ~ Sun 24 th closed Fri 22 nd	MidPhot Exhibition	Ralph and Lu Duckett midphot@mcpf.co.uk Venue: Smethwick PS. The Old Schoolhouse, Oldbury B69 2AS Days and times to be announced						
Apr 20 th	Print and PDI Championships	Alan Lovatt, mcpfchampionship@mcpf.co.uk Venue: Braunstone Civic Centre, Braunstone						
May 6 th	Closing date Photofolio 2024							
May 12 th	Photofolio Judging							
Jun Wed5 th ~ Sat 8 th	Photofolio Exhibition	Judith Parry: photofolio@mcpf.co.uk Venue : Smethwick PS. The Old Schoolhouse, Oldbury B69 2AS Days and times to be announced						
Jun 8 th	MCPF Annual General Meeting	Christine Lovatt, sec@mcpf.co.uk Venue : Smethwick PS. The Old Schoolhouse, Oldbury B69 2AS						
TBA	Midland Salon	Midland Salon Closing date						
Aug 10 th –17 th	Midland Salon Exhibition	Judith Parry: chairman@midland-salon.com Venue: Smethwick PS. The Old Schoolhouse, Oldbury B69 2AS Days and times to be announced						
Sep 21 st	General Meeting	Christine Lovatt, sec@mcpf.co.uk Venue : Smethwick PS. The Old Schoolhouse, Oldbury B69 2AS						
Sep 21st	Closing Date MidPhot Panels							
TBA	Panel Exhibition and Presentation	Ralph and Lu Duckett midphot@mcpf.co.uk Venue: Smethwick PS. The Old Schoolhouse,						

Oldbury B69 2AS Times to be announced

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Mike Sharples <u>seminarsec@mcpf.co.uk</u> Venue: Smethwick PS. The Old Schoolhouse, Oldbury B69 2AS

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Nov 17th

General Seminar

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Articles and Club Adverts

Send your club event, exhibition or news to: newsletter@mcpf.co.uk

Please send it in text format along with an image and a poster. All this information will be forwarded to the Webmaster for inclusion on the MCPF website.

Closing date for submissions is 28th of each month. The editor reserves the right to withhold any submitted article if it is deemed inappropriate for this publication and to postpone publication if required.

Editorial Notes

As you can see I am trying to use as many images as possible in the newsletter. I hope I am not upsetting anyone by not contacting them directly for permission, but I would like to point out that they are of low resolution and as part of the rules for our Exhibition rules, we can use your images to promote the MCPF and it's member clubs.

Other news

The newsletter is now available as a flip book and is responsive so should work on most mobile devices. Though it may still a bit of a struggle on the smallest devices, but you can zoom in. All the links should also be responsive as is the contents page.

Any opinions expressed are not necessarily the opinions of Midland Counties Photographic Federation and neither the Editor nor the MCPF accepts any liability for any content. Any mention of products or services in e-news does not constitute an endorsement or approval of those items



IMPORTANT NOTICES TO ALL MCPF CLUBS

MIDLAND COUNTIES PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION

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GENERAL MEETING 10th February 2024

Your invitation to attend the next MCPF General Meeting.

TO BE HELD AT

The Old Schoolhouse, Churchbridge, Oldbury, West Midlands B69 2AS

The doors will open at 1.30pm
The Meeting will commence at 2.30pm

In order to save time at the meeting, it would be helpful if apologies and amendments to the minutes of the General Meeting held on the 23RD September 2023 could be sent to the Secretary in advance of the meeting. All club members are most welcome to attend, but only delegates have the power to vote.

This is the perfect opportunity to bring in your entries for MidPhot.

Please do your best to attend.

Christine Lovatt

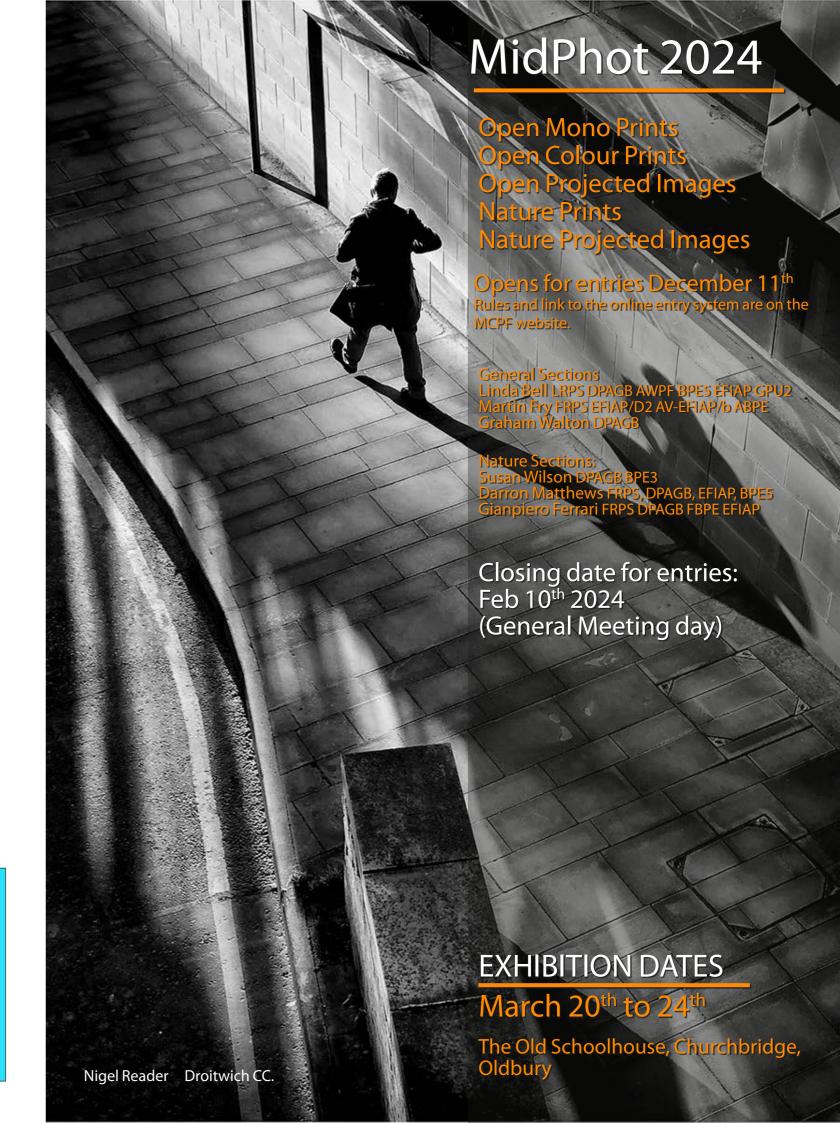
MCPF General Secretary.

MidPhot 2024 Closing date Feb 10th

Please forward any information that is emailed to you from the MCPF about; exhibitions, entry forms, and events, including the Newsletter cover letter to all your club members.



Calling All Club Secretaries



MCPF Travelling Portfolio Now open for 2024 - 2025 bookings

MCPF Travelling Portfolio

The Travelling portfolio is available to all MCPF affiliated clubs to show from September 2024

A booking fee of £12 is payable when making the booking.

To make your booking please complete the attached booking form and email to:

portfoliosec@mcpf.co.uk

A showcase of Midlands
Photography available
as a PDi presentation
(MP4 format) or
complete with a set
of original prints from
the 2024 Photofolio
Exhibition



Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition

Herbert Art Gallery & Museum Jordan Well, Coventry CV1 5QP Friday 27 October 2023–Monday 1 April 2024 10am to 4pm The world-renowned Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition is on loan from the Natural History Museum in London.

The 59th edition of this annual exhibition will once again feature exceptional images which capture fascinating animal behaviour, spectacular species and the breathtaking diversity of the natural world. Using photography's unique emotive power to engage and inspire audiences, the images shine a light on stories and species around the world and encourage a future of advocating for the planet.

Wildlife Photographer of the Year is the most prestigious photography event of its kind, providing a global platform that showcases some of the best photography talent from around the world for over 55 years. Launching in 1965, today the competition receives entries from over 90 countries all over the world, highlighting its enduring appeal. (extracted from the herbert website)

https://www.theherbert.org/whats-on/1765/wildlife-photographer-of-the-year For more details

Other National and International Exhibitions

Southport Photographic Society 77th National Open Exhibition–Closes for Entries 12th Jan Southampton International–Closes for entries 11th Feb for details visit their website

to see all the BPE exhibitions visit https://www.britishphotographicexhibitions.org.uk/















22nd - 24th March 2024

Riviera Hotel, Burnaby Road Alum Chine, Bournemouth BH4 8JF

www.arenaphotographers.com

Vale of Evesham Camera Club - National Digital Internet Exhibition Photo2024

Accepted images on website from 12th April 2024

Vale of Evesham Camera Club proudly announces the staging of our 35th Annual and 26th National Exhibition www.photo2024.net which has both BPE and PAGB patronage (No. 2024-014).

The Exhibition is open to 4 Digital Categories:-

Colour Images **Experimental/Creative** Images **Natural History** Images Monochrome Images

NOTE: The exhibition uses the size format 1600x1200 pixels.

SELECTORS:-

John Chamberlin FRPS, APAGB, MFIAP, FBPE - Colour, Monochrome and Natural History

David Gibbins ARPS, APAGB, EFIAP/b, BPE5- Experimental,

and Natural History Andrea Hargreaves MPAGB, FIPF, AWPS, BPE4 Colour, Experimental

and Natural History

Graham Walton DPAGB - Colour, Monochrome and Experimental

Nationa

Exhibition Website opens for entries 1st January 2024 KEY DATES:-Last date for Entries: **Thursday 29th February 2024**

Selection: Sat 9th and Sun 10th March 2024 Accepted images will be viewable on the exhibition website www.photo2024.net from 12th April 2024 until the following years' exhibition.

Entry can be made easily online at www.photo2024.net. Every entrant receives a Printed A4 Colour Catalogue.

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South Birmingham Photographic Society **IMAGE 24 EXHIBITION**

Opens for entries 4th January Closes for entries 25th February Selection of images 2nd-3rd March Notification of results 4th March Exhibition (via website) 28th April











www.southbirminghamphotographicsociety.co.uk/exhibition

PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit

The PAGB have announced that there will be an increase in the fees for all applications for Awards distinctions as from 1 January 2024, as listed below:

£52.50	Re-Submission	£42.50
£75.00	Re-Submission	£65.00
£112.50	Re-Submission	£102.50
£112.50	Re-Submission	£102.50
£150.00	Re-Submission	£140.00
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Any applications dated to the end of December 2023 will be processed at the present fees.

Application Forms for the Awards for Photographic Merit can be obtained from the Awards Secretary at apmsecretary@mcpf.co.uk.

Congratulations

The following MCPF Photographers have gained an acceptance into the 2024 PAGB Masters of Prints Exhibition, which will be on display at St. Martins in the Field, The Bullring, Birmingham from Feb 3rd to 29th

Brian Dicks Lilliana Alani Warren Alan Angie Tucker Paul Hassell Jennifer Webster

Apologies if I have missed off any other MCPF members but I only get to see the list on the PAGB newsletter and I may not recognise your name.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION 2024

Leicester & Leicestershire
Photographic Society



INVITATION TO ENTER

Date of Exhibition 10th May and 11th May 2024 to be held at CHRISTCHURCH, Clarendon Park Rd, Leicester LE2 3AH



Entry Form & Details on www.landlps.org.uk

Entries open Fri 2 February 2024 and closing date Sat 23rd March 2024



FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE L'ART PHOTOGRAPHIQUE The International Federation of Photographic Art 18th FIAP World Cup for Clubs

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	9	Honourable MenVon 5 for Club	Wildlife Forum (WLF)		ZA	340
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The Winner of the "Maurice Dorikens Trophy", for having achieved the best results in the past 5 consecuVve FIAP World Cups (from 2019-2023), is WIGAN 10 FOTO CLUB

Individual Awards				
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FIAP Silver Medal	Esengül Alici	Ani Yakala	TR	Fisherman on frozen lake
FIAP Silver Medal	Mehmet CeVn	Fotografmetre	TR	FaVh Camii
FIAP Bronze Medal	Margit Malatschnig	FOTOKLUB GRAZ der OeBB	AT	Beach Area
FIAP Bronze Medal	Sergei Kolyaskin	New World	RU	The game of shadows
FIAP Bronze Medal	Terry Carew	Wildlife Forum (WLF)	ZA	Cheetah Chase
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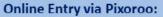
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Midphot AV Competition 2024

year's event which took place on Saturday 27 January has many memorable third images with brilliant 2024 was no expectation with 60 attendees enjoying photography throughout. It certainly challenges a day of good quality Audio-visuals from AV producers our thinking on what art actually is. Martin Addison from across the MCPF region. Audience members from Worcester Camera Club was runner-up with his joined from as far afield as Cardiff and Manchester with wonderful production "Ashore" which showcases the a good number from the Worcester and Malvern area wonderful shapes we see in sand and waves on the where AV has a strong following.

authors with entries from 12 different clubs and with five entries.

Competition organiser Alastair Taylor ran the day with his usual great team of helpers and supporters Malcolm Imhoff in charge of projection and superb sound through Alastair's high-quality sound system, screen made for an impressive visual spectacular.

With Chris and Alan Lovatt on the door selling entry tickets and promoting the raffle, there was a wellmanaged and welcoming experience for all attendees. Linda Taylor looked after the refreshments with help from Pat and Jeff Mansell from Blythe Bridge – there were many donations of cakes and treats which were well received by the audience. Keith Watson looked after erecting the screen and then took some wonderful images of the occasion.

Lu and Ralph Duckett (or Mrs and Mr Midphot as many wonderful Priory Centre venue in the Stretton corner end of the event.

The three judges were able to view the AV entries in advance and that helped them to form their comments and feedback although the final judging took place on In wrapping up the day, Alastair Taylor commented received by the audience where the vast majority of can do to make that an extra special event" entrants were physically present.

The judges commented on the high standard of entries in 2024 although they agreed unanimously on the results.

The Photo Harmony section was won by Bob Colman from Newport Photography Club with his enjoyable production "What is Art?" which explores what we

The Midphot AV Competition is a popular event and this see in the architecture and world around us. The AV shoreline.

There were 39 entries in total with 15 in Photo Harmony The Open section was won by Richard Brown from and 24 in the Open section. There were 26 different Sutton Coldfield Photographic Society with his AV"The Tiny World of Walter Zap" which follows the story of the societies. The Worcestershire AV Group was particularly inventor of the Minox miniature camera with some well represented as was Newport Photographic Club interesting cameos from Richard himself. This is an informative and engaging production which despite being almost 12 minutes long, keeps your attention until the very end.

without which the day would not be as successful. With Runner up in the Open section (and winner of the much coveted Audience Vote award won by Jeff Mansell from Blythe Bridge Camera Club and Howard Bagshaw from the projection onto the East Midlands AV Group's large Stafford Photographic Society for their excellent AV "Dancing with Dandelions" which tells the story of the wonderful artwork of fairies and dandelions statues which can be seen in Trentham Gardens. This is an enjoyable personal story of the artist behind these statues and the V can be viewed on his social media channels. This shows the true impact of good quality

> A selection of the main winners and Highly Commended AV productions will be shown at the main Midphot exhibition on the weekend of 23/24 March 2024. Attendance is highly recommended.

people call them) were ever present looking after the It was particularly nice that the various awards were able to be presented by their originators, Martin Fry; of Burton upon Trent. With the MCPF President unable the Audience Vote trophy, Howard and Carole Bagshaw to attend, Ralph looked after the presentations at the the Photo Harmony award and Andrew Gagg for the best in narrative, including writing, delivery, fluency and expressiveness. (see previous page for all award

the day. As head judge Alan Tyrer pointed out "Things" "What a wonder day we have had and so great to see a always look better on a big screen with big sound". The live audience at a live event. It is extra special to have judges, Alan and Bev Tyrer from Cleethorpes, together all of the winning authors in the audience so they can with Adrian Battersby from Warrington were able to receive their awards in person. As we approach the 50th make comments after each entry which was well anniversary of the AV Competition, let us see what we



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