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Website News

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.



Bags and Shoes
Jo Allan
Stourbridge PS

MCPF Diary 2024

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

Date	Event	Contact Details/Venue
Jan 27 th	MidPhot AV Competition	Alastair Taylor: avchamp@mcpf.co.uk Venue: The Priory Centre, Burton on Trent DE13 0HE
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
Feb 17 th /18 th	MidPhot Judging	
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 Wed 5 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
Jul 1 st	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 21 st	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
Nov 17 th	General Seminar	Mike Sharples seminarsec@mcpf.co.uk Venue: Smethwick PS. The Old Schoolhouse, Oldbury B69 2AS Times to be announced

Contact

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Subscribe

To subscribe to the MCPF Newsletter for FREE please go to the MCPF website homepage where you will find a link to or click on this link <https://mcpf.co.uk/newsletter>

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

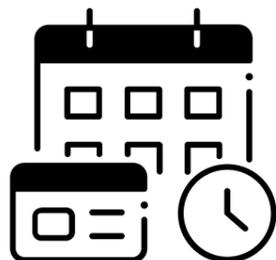
The newsletter is now available as a flip book and is responsive so should work on most mobile devices. Though it may still a bit of a struggle on the smallest devices, but you can zoom in. All the links should also be responsive as is the contents page.

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MCPF
Photographic Events

IMPORTANT NOTICES TO ALL MCPF CLUBS



Your 2024 MCPF Club Subscriptions are now due.

A letter has been sent to all club secretaries and Treasurers (where we have your contact details)

Please note that for 2024 only the MCPF will be subsidising the increase of £4 per club in the PAGB part of your subscription.

1 BACS to the federation bank account. The details are: -

Sort code: 40-43-54 Account Number: 71318675.

2 Payment via. PayPal. Payment can be made into our PayPal account: treasurer@mcpf.co.uk (please use the – send money to friends and family button)

If using either direct payment or PayPal, please make sure you identify your club in the detail box and e-mail the treasurer@mcpf.co.uk the breakdown of the amount paid so I can accurately record it in our accounts.

3 With your club/society's cheque made payable to Midland Counties Photographic Federation or MCPF.

Payment was due by
DECEMBER 31st 2023

Is your Club's PLI due for renewal?



Public Liability Insurance (PLI) and other club and equipment insurances are no longer with renewed via your Federation, you MUST deal directly with the Broker HIVE. You can either go to their website or go via the PAGB website and click on the link there or use the link below.

<https://stbinsurance.co.uk/pagb-apply/>



MCPF
Photographic Exhibitions

MidPhot 2024 Audio Visual Competitions

Entries are invited for the Audio Visual Competitions to be held on
Saturday 27th January 2024

To participate, visit: <https://www.mcpf.co.uk>

Judges

Alan Tyrer ARPS DPAGB/AV

Bev Tyrer

Adrian Battersby ARPS DPAGB/AV

The Competition is organised for the MCPF by Alastair, assisted by the friends from the Midlands AV Community.

Closing date for entries ~ Sunday 14th January 2024

Completed Entry Forms together with the Entry Fee should be sent to:

Alastair Taylor, Greendale, 9 Wood Lane,
Hinstock, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 2TA

Telephone 01952 550398 or 07989 737760

E-Mail midphotavcomp@gmail.com

Rules and entry form can be found on the MCPF website

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



Calling All Club Secretaries

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.

Warren Alani MPAGB

The Day I was awarded my MPAGB

I gained my MPAGB distinction after my first attempt in November 2023, however my application was in fact submitted two years earlier. The reason for the delay was because PAGB weren't able to run this distinction at the time due to lack of applications. It was well worth the wait! The distinction print day was held in Nottingham and was hosted by the East Midlands Federation. Although I knew the



On Your Bike



Point of View

MPAGB distinction panel wouldn't be judged until the afternoon, I set off from Northamptonshire early in the morning to ensure my print panel would be handed in before the 9:30am deadline. After handing in my panel, I wandered around Nottingham City Centre to distract myself with a cup of coffee.

I headed back to the Jubilee centre. While I felt relaxed and confident ahead of the judging, that feeling eroded once the scores starting to come in one by one. It quickly became apparent that prints

which had previously done well in past exhibitions weren't guaranteed to score highly in the MPAGB. In that moment, I worried if I should have selected different prints to submit to the panel. Of course, by this point, it was too late.

After going through an emotional rollercoaster: optimism, pessimism, happiness, and anxiousness combined, the result was announced. The prints I had chosen for the panel had been the right choice after all, and I had been awarded the MPAGB.



Class Mates



Remembering Che

That one moment represented the culmination of nearly 10 years of hard work, and I don't think the realisation of achieving the distinction really sank in until a few days later. Gaining this important milestone in my photography career was one of my happiest and proudest moments, and I would encourage anyone that is thinking of entering to have the confidence to put themselves forward.



In Tandem

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:

Badge	£52.50	Re-Submission	£42.50
Credit	£75.00	Re-Submission	£65.00
Distinction	£112.50	Re-Submission	£102.50
Excellence	£112.50	Re-Submission	£102.50
Master	£150.00	Re-Submission	£140.00

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

Lilliana Alani
Warren Alan
Paul Hassell

Brian Dicks
Angie Tucker
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.

MidPhot 2024

Open Mono Prints
Open Colour Prints
Open Projected Images
Nature Prints
Nature Projected Images

Closing date for entries: Feb 10th 2024
(General Meeting day)

Opens for entries December 11th
Rules and link to the online entry system are on the MCPF website.

General Sections
Linda Bell LRPS DPAGB AWPB BPE5 EFIAP GPU2
Martin Fry FRPS EFIAP/D2 AV-EFIAP/b ABPE
Graham Walton DPAGB

Nature Sections:
Susan Wilson DPAGB BPE3
Darron Matthews FRPS, DPAGB, EFIAP, BPE5
Gianpiero Ferrari FRPS DPAGB FBPE EFIAP

EXHIBITION DATES

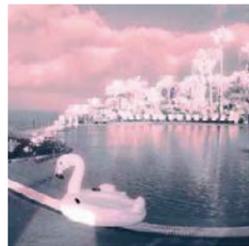
March 20th to 24th

The Old Schoolhouse, Churchbridge,
Oldbury



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PHOTOGRAPHERS FROM THE SOUTH

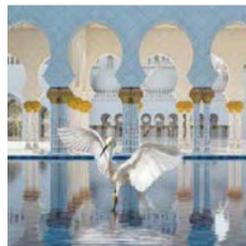
Photography Seminar 2024



BARRY BARKER



JEREMY WALKER



KAREN KNORR



DEE YAWETZ



MARY TURNER



SIMON ROBERTS

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
- Monochrome Images
- Natural History 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, Monochrome and Natural History

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

Graham Walton DPAGB – Colour, Monochrome and Experimental



Exhibition Website opens for entries 1st January 2024

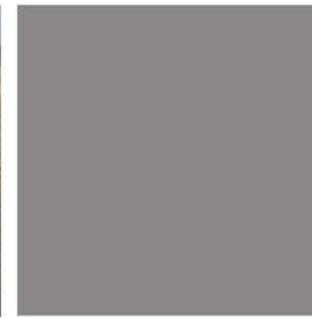
KEY DATES:-

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.



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

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/>

SPS 49th SMETHWICK INTERNATIONAL

6th to 14th January 2024
The Old Schoolhouse, Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 2AS



Make a Great Start to 2024 with a visit to the Exhibition
Full Programme Details Attached
www.smethwickinternational.com

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DOORS OPEN ONE HOUR BEFORE PROJECTED IMAGE SHOWINGS

Day	Date	Time	Programme
Saturday	6 th	2pm	Official Opening – Pictorial Colour & Mono plus Nature Projected Images
Sunday	7 th	2pm	Pictorial Colour & Mono plus Nature Projected Images
Monday	8 th		Closed
Tuesday	9 th	8pm	Pictorial Colour & Mono plus Nature Projected Images
Wednesday	10 th	8 pm	Pictorial Colour & Mono plus Nature Projected Images
Thursday	11 th	8pm	Pictorial Colour & Mono plus Nature Projected Images
Friday	12 th		Closed
Saturday	13 th	2pm	Pictorial Colour & Mono plus Nature Projected Images
Sunday	14 th	2pm	Pictorial–Colour & Mono plus Nature Projected Images

TICKETS £4.00 (ALL DAYS)
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Make a Date in Your Diary to Visit this Great International Exhibition of Photography
ADVANCE BOOKING (GUARANTEED SEATS) (Essential on Opening Day)

www.smethwickinternational.com

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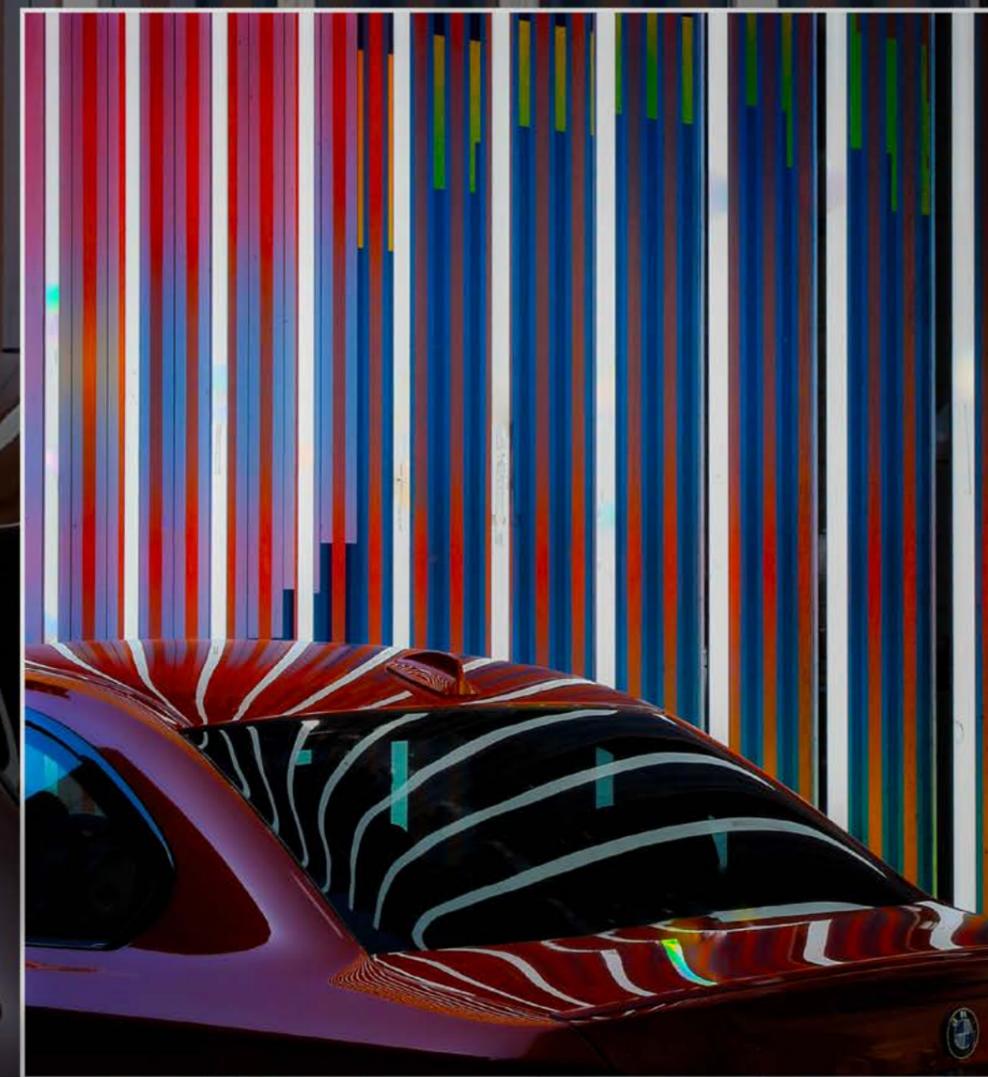


Leicester & Leicestershire
Photographic Society



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

Do we have your Club's correct contact details on our database?

Communication between the MCPF and it's Member Clubs relies us having the most up to date information about your club and it's Committee

When we send out the request form for clubs to check their details we hold on our database, please make sure that these are correct. If they need updating your secretary can do this themselves, using the unique log-in issued to each club's secretary or by contacting either the General Secretary or the Webmaster. If you have lost your log-in details then again contact the General Secretary or webmaster and they can send them to you.

Believe it or not we have had an incidence of a Club changing it's meeting place and not informing us but the most common one is not updating or informing us of changes in Committee and email addresses.

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*“You don't take a photograph, you make it.”
— Ansel Adams*