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# Western Counties Photographic Federation Agenda and Reports for 2024 AGM Saturday 5th October 2024 at 11am for an 11.30 start

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

During the day, you will have an opportunity to view the successful prints from the **6th PAGB Masters of Print Exhibition** 

#### The afternoon talk "The Seeing Eye" will be given by Paul Mitchell FRPS:

Paul talks about looking beyond the obvious and includes exploring details, textures and shapes found in both nature and man made objects. He will also explain various creative techniques such as intentional camera movement, multiple exposures through to the use of creative lenses and filters. Paul's talk is fully illustrated with digitally projected images.

Born in East Yorkshire, Paul's interest for photography began at school. He then studied graphic design at art college before taking up a career in design, but remained active in photography. He now lives in East Dorset as a professional landscape photographer and specialist book designer. He is a Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society and is the current Chair of the Landscape Distinctions panel.

There will be no charge for the afternoon talk

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#### **WCPF Executive Members**

As always the Executive would welcome new members, if you are interested, or would like to know more please contact me or another member of the Executive. Don't worry, you won't be pushed into taking on a specific role - unless you want to.

The nominated members of the Executive for 2024-25 are listed below with a note of any nomination changes.

President - Pedro Landers (replaces Helen Jones)

Vice President - Peter Fry (replaces Pedro Landers)

Treasurer - Russell McGowan (replaces Christopher Marsham)

Secretary - Helen Moore (replaces Stephen Jones)

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 (replaces Eddy & Pam Lane)

Kingswood Salver Secretaries - Stephen and Helen Jones (replace Eddy & Pam Lane)

PAGB Representative - Peter Fry

PAGB Awards Officer - Ann Owens

**Publicity - Linda Meaton** 

Webmaster - Nick Bodle

**Archivist - Dennis Knowles** 

Member - Chris Marsham

Stephen Jones WCPF Secretary secretary.wcpf@gmail.com

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

		2023-24			2022-23	
Budget	Durdont thorn	14402240	20.5	Net	Net/Profit	Para ada
Code	Budget Item	Income	Exp.	Profit/Cost	Cost	# Remarks
		£	£	£	£	
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	
	Equipment Hire	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
10	Executive Meetings	0.00	-117.90	-117.90	-149.40	_
	Judging Seminars	249.00	-243.00	6.00	-188.88	
	Knightshaves Trophy	0.00	-158.50	-158.50	-219.34	
	Kingswood Salver	465.00	-964.45	-499.45	-482.93	/
	Manual	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<u> </u>
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	Newsletter	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	_
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	PAGB Handbooks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	:
	Secretary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
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	Travelling Critique	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<u> </u>
	Travelling Members Exhibition	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Treasurer	0.00	-227.29			
	Web Site		-227.2 <del>9</del> -486.00	-227.29		Mainly auditors' expenses
		0.00		-486.00		Covers 3 years
	WCPF Equipment Insurance and PLI	0.00	-293.57	-293.57	-270.19	<u> </u>
	Special Events	0.00	-143.88	-143.88		Zoom license
	Capital Equipment	0.00	-71.22	-71.22	-94.95	<del></del>
	AV Workshop	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<u> </u>
	PAGB Awards	0.00	-15.00	-15.00	-13.29	
	Interclub Print Comp	0.00	0.00	0.00		Now combined with DPIC
	Members' Print & DI Exhibition	3,439.52	-4467.95	-1,028.43		Includes hire of halls
3/	APM Adjudication	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	TOTALS	13,552.96	-14980.59	-1,427.63	-947.33	
			2023-24		2022-23	
	CurrentAccount		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.

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

Starting Balance:

Current Account 4365.93 12175.36 BMM Account Uncleared/Unpresented Cheques 0.00

-14,980.59 Expenditure

Net Income/Loss -1427.63

Closing Balance:

Current Account 2,661.04 **BMM Account** 12,409.24 Unresolved difference 43.38 38.22 Uncleared/Unpresented Cheques 0.00

13,552.96

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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.

lan 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 Christoper 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 nor 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.

Ian Bateman FRPS MPAGB AV-EFIAP APAGB av.wcpf@gmail.com

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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 <a href="http://photoexhib.com/wcpfex/results-2024/results.htm">http://photoexhib.com/wcpfex/results-2024/results.htm</a>. 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 Salve**r - 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.

Nick Bodle, WCPF Webmaster, webmaster.wcpf@gmail.com

#### **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**