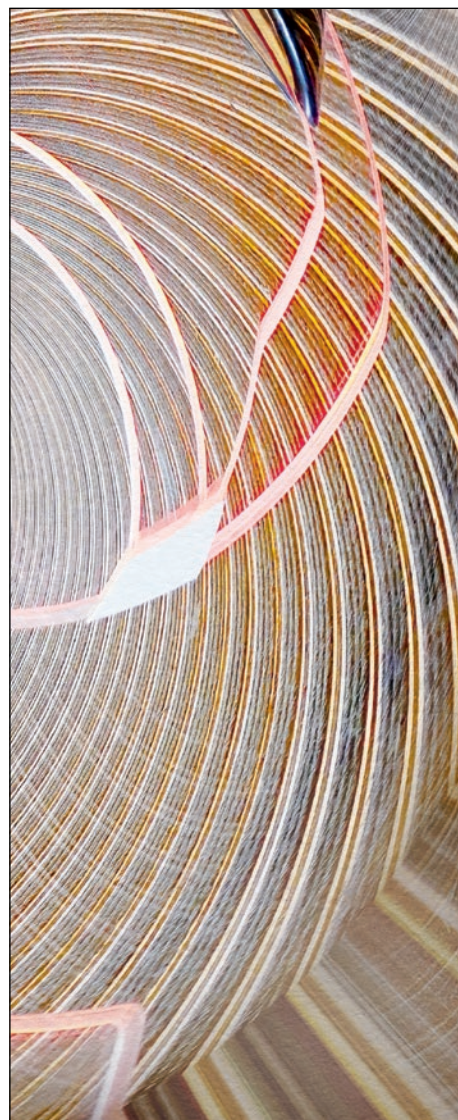
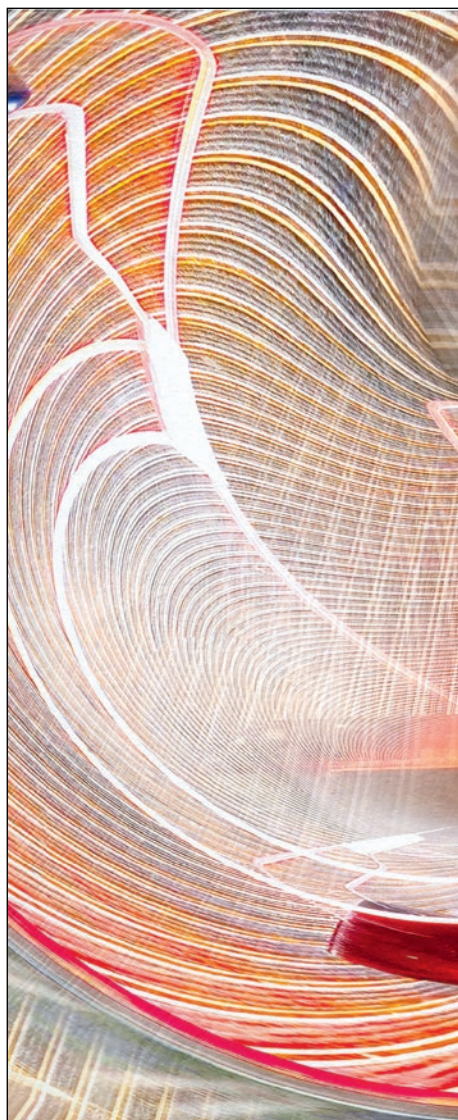


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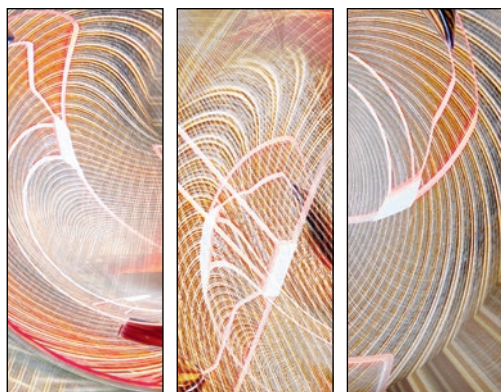
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Calling All Club Secretaries

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.





Triptych - Infared Vibes by Jo Monro Solihull PS

MCPF Diary 2025

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

Date	Event	Contact Details/Venue
2025		
Apr 5 th	Print and PDI Championships	Peter Owen, mcpfchampionship@mcpf.co.uk Venue: Braunstone Civic Centre, Braunstone
May 5 th	Closing date Photofolio 2025	Bob Goode photofolio@mcpf.co.uk
Jun Wed 4 th ~ Sat 7 th	Photofolio Exhibition	photofolio@mcpf.co.uk Venue: Smethwick PS. The Old Schoolhouse, Oldbury B69 2AS Days and times to be announced
Jun 7 th	MCPF Annual General Meeting	Christine Lovatt, sec@mcpf.co.uk Venue: Smethwick PS. The Old Schoolhouse, Oldbury B69 2AS
Jun 23 rd	Midland Salon	Midland Salon Closing date
Aug 9 th –16 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 20 th	General Meeting	Christine Lovatt, sec@mcpf.co.uk Venue: Smethwick PS. The Old Schoolhouse, Oldbury B69 2AS
Sep 20 th	Closing date Panel Exhibition 2025	Nasar Hussain
Oct 25 th	Panel Exhibition	Nasar Hussain Venue: Smethwick PS. The Old Schoolhouse, Oldbury B69 2AS
Nov 29 th	Judges Seminar	Mike Shaples seminarsec@mcpf.co.uk Venue: Smethwick PS. The Old Schoolhouse, Oldbury B69 2AS
2026		
Jan 24 th	AV Competitions	Alastair Taylor avchamp@mcpf.co.uk Venue: Priory Centre, Church Road, Stretton Burton on Trent, DE13 0QX
Feb 14 th	MCPF General Meeting	Christine Lovatt, sec@mcpf.co.uk Venue: Smethwick PS. The Old Schoolhouse, Oldbury B69 2AS
Feb 14 th	MidPhot 2026 Closing Date	Ralph & Lu Duckett midphot@mcpf.co.uk
Mar 25 th –29 th	MidPhot 2026 Exhibition	Ralph & Lu Duckett, midphot@mcpf.co.uk Venue: Smethwick PS. The Old Schoolhouse Oldbury, B69 2AS
Apr 18 th	Print and PDI Championships	Peter Owen, mcpfchampionship@mcpf.co.uk Venue: Braunstone Civic Centre, Braunstone

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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 our Exhibition rules, we can use your images to promote the MCPF and its member clubs. 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.

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.

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.



MCPF
Photographic Events

MIDLAND COUNTIES PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION

September

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Societies are entitled to be represented at the General Meeting in accordance with rule 6.

All club members are welcome to attend and would be most welcome, but only delegates have the power to vote.

In order to save time at the meeting, it would be most helpful if apologies and amendments to the minutes of the last meeting could be sent to the General Secretary in advance of the meeting. sec@mcpf.co.uk THANK YOU

Venue details: www.smethwickps.co.uk

The Old
Schoolhouse
Churchbridge
Oldbury
BS69 2AS

Doors Open at 1.30pm

Meeting will commence at 2.30pm

General Meeting Enquiries: Please contact: Christine Lovatt. 26 Dane Grove, Cheadle, Stoke on Trent, Staffs. ST10 1QS Or email: sec@mcpf.co.uk

This is also the closing date for your MidPhot Panel entries. A good opportunity to bring your entry along with you.

MidPhot Panel Enquiries: Please contact Nasar Hussain 07843 893 242

MCPF General Meeting

MCPF Judges Seminar 29th November 2025 Fully Booked

PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit 22nd/23rd November 2025 Adjudication

We have been notified by the PAGB that the November Adjudication for the Awards for Photographic Merit has been cancelled due there being insufficient applicants for even a one day event.

Anyone who has applied for the November Adjudication should have received an e-mail from Daphne Hanson/Rod Wheelands informing you of the options available to you.

The next Adjudication is now scheduled to take place in April 2026 and will be hosted by the Northern Counties Photographic Federation in Dalston, Cumbria. The PAGB are confident that this Adjudication will go ahead as there already a number of applications for this Adjudication.

If you would like to apply for or would like more details of the Awards for Photographic Merit, please contact the MCPF Awards Secretary (Alan Lovatt) at apmsecretary@mcpf.co.uk.

MidPhot 2025 Panel Exhibition 62nd Annual Exhibition of Midland Photography Saturday 25th October

THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE, CHURCHBRIDGE, OLDBURY

Selector

Graham Walton DPAGB
Arden Photo Group

Classes and Awards

Panel of 3 or 4 Prints
Ray and Barbara Porter Trophy
MCPF Medal
MCPF Ribbons

Triptych
Whinnerah Plaque
MCPF Medal
MCPF Ribbons

Copy of the rules and entry form available on the MCPF website

Closing date for Entries 14th September 2025

Entries can be handed in at the MCPF General Meeting Sept 20th

A new online entry system will be used for the MidPhot Panel exhibition.

Use the link: <https://www.cognitoforms.com/MCPF1/MCPFPanExhibition>

You will be presented with a form to enter your contact information:

MCPF Panel Exhibition
Entry Form

Entrant Panels Triptychs Rules

Name * Photography Club

First Last

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Address

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City Postal / Zip Code

Email Phone

Do you wish to enter panels?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Next >

If you wish to enter Panels, ensure Yes is selected.

If you just want to enter Triptychs, select No.

Click on the Next button.

Note: Each entrant is allowed to submit a maximum of FIVE entries, in any combination.

To enter Panels, the Panels Entry Form is to be used. As individual images in a panel can be arranged horizontally, vertically, square or other combination, I include a 4x4 grid to represent the positioning of each individual image as a guide and for me to correctly reproduce the full panel in the catalogue.

Note: Each entrant is allowed to submit a maximum of FIVE entries, in any combination.

You can enter up to 5 panels.

Each panel can comprise of 3 or 4 individual images. On the entry form, enter the name of the Panel.

For each image comprising the panel, enter a position number (1 to 16) that represents the placing of the image and then upload the image. The size of the image should fit 1600x1200 px

Click on the Add Panel Image button to add your second image. Specify the position and upload the image.

Click on the Add Panel Image button again to add your third image. Specify the position and upload the image.

Repeat if you have four images in your panel.

Click on the Add Panel button to add another panel.

If you wish to also enter Triptychs, click on the Yes option, otherwise click on the No option.

Click the Next button.

To enter Triptychs, use the Triptych Entry Form.

You can enter up to 5 triptych images.

Enter the title of the first triptych and upload the digital version of the image. Please ensure the uploaded image fits within 1600x1200 px.

Click on the Add Triptych button to add your next triptych image.

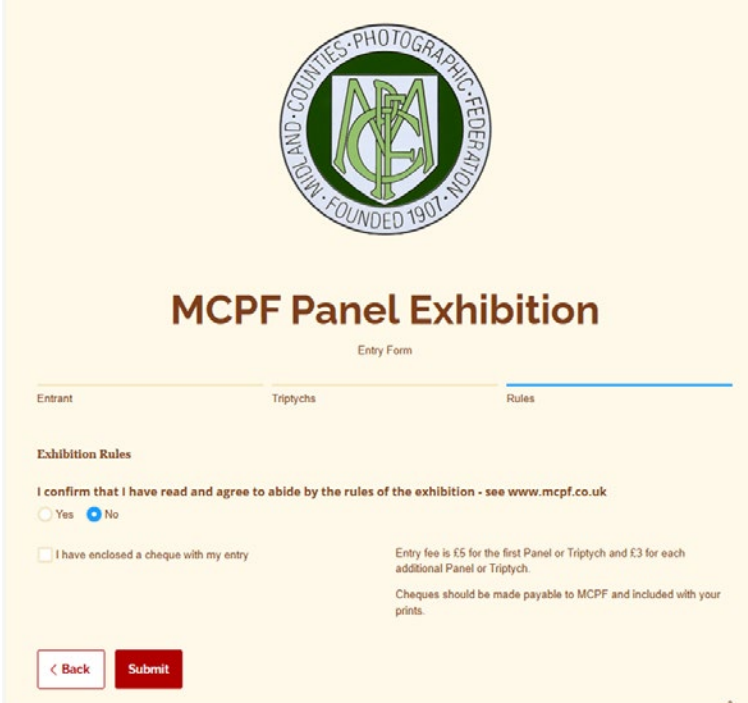
Click on the Next button to view the Rules page.

The Rules page is for you to confirm that you have read and agree to abide by the rules of the exhibition and that you have included a cheque for your entry fee.

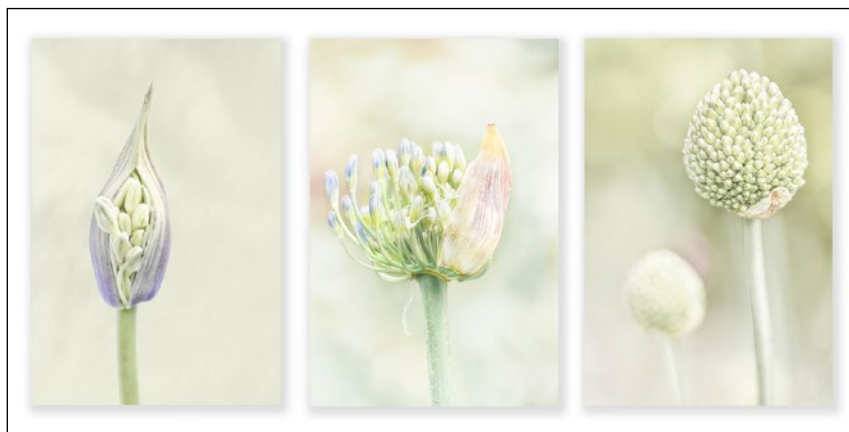
Choose Yes to confirm your acceptance of the rules and tick the box to affirm you have enclosed a cheque with your entry fee.

Click the Submit button to enter your Panels and Triptychs to the exhibition.

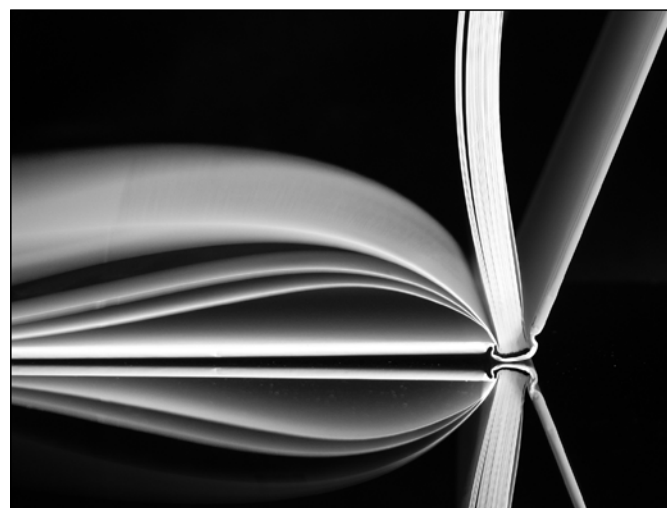
If you have any questions or require any assistance please contact despatch@mcpf.co.uk



The image shows a web form titled "MCPF Panel Exhibition" with the subtitle "Entry Form". At the top is the MCPF logo, a circular emblem with "MIDLAND COUNTIES PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION" and "FOUNDED 1907" around a central monogram. Below the title are three tabs: "Entrant", "Triptychs", and "Rules". The "Rules" tab is active. Under "Exhibition Rules", there is a confirmation statement: "I confirm that I have read and agree to abide by the rules of the exhibition - see www.mcpf.co.uk". Below this are two radio buttons, "Yes" and "No", with "No" selected. There is also a checkbox labeled "I have enclosed a cheque with my entry". To the right of the checkbox, the entry fee is specified: "Entry fee is £5 for the first Panel or Triptych and £3 for each additional Panel or Triptych. Cheques should be made payable to MCPF and included with your prints." At the bottom left are two buttons: "< Back" and "Submit". A small page number "3" is at the bottom right.



Print Colour
Emerging by Alison Dean Stourbridge PS



Print Monochrome
Turning over a New Leaf by Ann Shaw Knowle CC

New Exhibition - 'Home in the Shadows: Photography by Nick Hedges'



This new exhibition, with works by veteran documentary photographer Nick Hedges, is now open. The archive images uncover some of the shocking realities of living conditions in Birmingham in the 60s and 70s.

Who is Nick Hedges?

Born on the outskirts of Birmingham, Nick Hedges studied at Birmingham College of Art from 1965 to 1968 – for his final project he worked with Birmingham Housing Trust on an exhibition about the city's poorly housed. After graduating, Nick was employed as a photographer and researcher by housing and homelessness charity, Shelter. Nick's 'slum clearance' photography for Shelter campaigns during the late 60s and early 70s highlighted the eye-opening reality of housing for some. The images produced for Shelter served towards a broader catalyst for change, increasing public awareness and debate around housing rights.

Exhibition at Birmingham Back to Backs

From March 28th, visitors will have the chance to view both Nicks' Shelter campaign images, captured between 1968-1972, as well as the Birmingham Housing Trust images he took as a student. A short video, where Nick talks about his work and its impact, is also on show at the exhibition.

It's free to enter and you don't need to book a tour of the Back to Backs to go into the exhibition space.

Viewing times are Tuesday and Wednesday 1pm – 4:30pm, Thursday to Saturday 10am – 4:30pm and Sundays 10:30am – 4:30pm. The entrance to the exhibition space is through the second-hand bookshop, located on Hurst Street.



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Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition coming to Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

24 Sept 2024

Stunning images on display at the Waterhall's prestigious exhibition

The world-renowned Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition, now in its 60th year and on loan from the Natural History Museum in London, will open at [the Waterhall, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery, on Thursday, 24 October](#) (until 20 April 2025) featuring exceptional images that 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 nearly 60 years. Launching in 1965, today the competition receives entries from 117 countries and territories all over the world, highlighting its enduring appeal. This year's award-winning images will embark on an international tour that will allow them to be seen by well over a million people.

The 61st Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition opens for entries on 14 October and closes on 5 December 2024.



Stormy Scene by William Fortescue, Wildlife Photographer of the Year. Credit: © William Fortescue.

Dates and times: 24 October 2024-20 April 2025. The Waterhall, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery. Open Wed-Sun, 10am-5pm.

Prices: £11 adult / £6 concession / children free (up to age 15) / free to [members](#).



WEST HADDON PHOTO CLUB 11th ANNUAL PHOTO SHOW

Northamptonshire's biggest and best photo exhibition

Sat 11th & Sun 12th October 2025
10am-5pm, All Saints' Church, West Haddon NN6 7AP

**ENTRIES
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Approaching 300 photos by local photographers*

** based on 2024 entry numbers*

We welcome images from all photographers.
Entries close 25th September and are free to submit.
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Photography Exhibition: The Landscape and Nature of the British Isles

Explore a photography exhibition by Trevor Hunter in the Long Gallery from Tuesday 9 September - Tuesday 30 September.

BOOKING NOT NEEDED

FREE EVENT (ADMISSION APPLIES)

This exhibition presents a beautiful array of photographs capturing the British Isles at their finest. It showcases the remote beauty of the Outer Hebrides, the dramatic coastlines of the Isle of Mull, and the rugged heart of Scotland. These landscapes, rich in mood and character, have long been a constant source of inspiration and remain some of Trevor's favourite places to work.

Closer to home, Worcestershire is no less inspiring. Its rolling fields, woodlands, and hedgerows offer endless opportunities to observe and capture the natural world.

Many birds of prey also feature in the exhibition, their elegance and strength showcased throughout. Whether it's the silent flight of a barn owl or a kestrel suspended mid-air, they highlight the beauty of wildlife across the UK.

Trevor is an award-winning photographer with over 40 years' experience, including 14 years as a professional landscape and wildlife photographer. Based in the UK, Trevor specialises in capturing the beauty of the natural world, showcasing our stunning wildlife and breath-taking landscapes.

Hanbury Hall →

Droitwich Spa, Worcestershire

📅 Tue 9 Sep 2025

+ 21 more dates

🕒 09:30 - 16:00



**The Beacon
Camera Club
Presents**

An Evening with
LAURIE CAMPBELL

Internationally renowned wildlife photographer.

"Taking Stock"

Friday, 19th September 2025

At the
Eden Centre
(adjacent to Malvern Spa Hotel)
Groewood Road, Malvern, WR 14 1GD

Doors open 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm
Refreshments during the interval.

Tickets £12 by online purchase at
www.beaconcameraclub.co.uk/Pages/events.htm

Laurie's presentation, which will celebrate a forty-year career spent as a freelance nature photographer, will consist of two 50-minute sessions. The talk will describe the wildlife and the fieldcraft required to get close to the wildlife, with occasional references to photographic equipment and techniques.



Print Nature English Bluebell by Stephen Clifford Cannock PS

CORLEY & FILLONGLEY PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

Members Exhibition
6th December to 28th February 2026

**Nuneaton Museum
and Art Gallery**

**Riversley Park
Coton Rd
Nuneaton, CV11 5TU**

Free Admission



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WPF Convention

The WPF is delighted to announce
the speakers for this year's convention:

❖ **Colin Trow-Poole** FRPS MPAGB FIPF

❖ **Nigel Thomas**

❖ **Tony Worobiec** FRPS

**Tickets
only
£20**

More information
and ticket sales
to follow

Saturday 13th September, 2025.

St. Theodore's Church Hall, Port Talbot. SA13 1LE

Gareth Martin – WPF Publicity

G Martin –
Convention Officer

MCPF Travelling Portfolio

Now open for 2025-2026 bookings

The Travelling portfolio is available to all MCPF affiliated clubs to show from September 2025

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 with optional recorded commentary by Leigh Preston and Graham Walton




PAGB News



In past years the [GB Trophy Prints](#) have only been exhibited at the Photography Show but NOW they are available to view “in your hands” at your Club

This is a great opportunity to view, handle and discuss the Prints which were Accepted and Awarded medals.

This lecture is FREE to hire but Clubs are required to pay the postage to its next location and perhaps from its current location unless this is another Club. To book, please e-mail the RLS Secretary, Peter Fry, at lectures@thepagb.org.uk.



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from the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain
e-news 386. 01 Aug 2025

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The Inter-Club PRINT CHAMPIONSHIP



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through the CES for just
£15
<https://pagbhost.co.uk/main/main.php>

Saturday 18 October 2025

The Croston Theatre, Westholme School, Meins Road, Blackburn, BB2 6QU



Smethwick Photographic Society

5th Midland Monochrome 2025

**5th-11th
October**

**The Old School House,
Churchbridge, Oldbury,
B69 2AS**



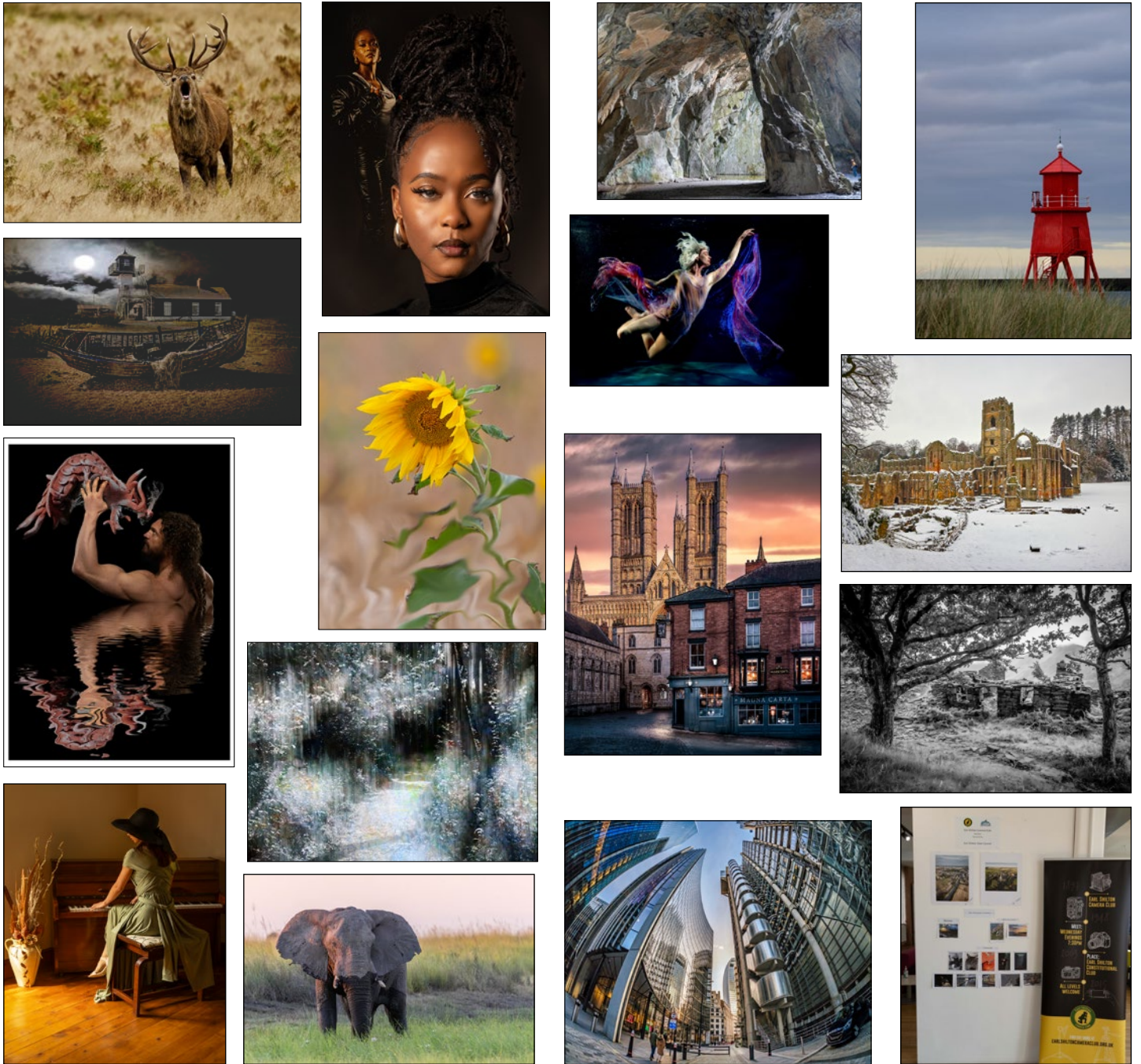
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Earl Shilton Camera Club

Annual Exhibition 2025

Earl Shilton CC held their Annual Exhibition at the Atkins Building in Hinckley. On the presentation evening, awards were presented to the winners of the open competition that they ran for members of the public to enter. The award winners were given a 12-month membership to the

club. Also presented their awards were the winners of the club's annual competitions. As well as members work, there were display of a member's collection of cameras, with photographs of some of the famous people who had used them.

