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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.



Resting
Mick Schilling
Arden Photo Group

MCPF Diary 2026

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

| Date | Event | Contact Details/Venue |
|---|------------------------------------|---|
| 2026 | | |
| Jan 24 th | AV Competitions | Alastair Taylor avchamp@mcpf.co.uk Venue: Priory Centre, Church Road, Stretton Burton on Trent, DE13 0HE |
| 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 |
| May 14 th | Closing date Photofolio 2026 | Bob Goode photofolio@mcpf.co.uk |
| Jun Wed 10 th ~ Sat 13 th | Photofolio Exhibition | Bob Goode photofolio@mcpf.co.uk Venue: Smethwick PS. The Old Schoolhouse, Oldbury B69 2AS Days and times to be announced |
| Jun 13 th | MCPF Annual General Meeting | Christine Lovatt sec@mcpf.co.uk Venue: Smethwick PS. The Old Schoolhouse, Oldbury B69 2AS |
| Jul 5 th | APM Workshop | Mike Sharples seminarsec@mcpf.co.uk Venue: Smethwick PS. The Old Schoolhouse, Oldbury B69 2AS |
| TBA | Midland Salon | Midland Salon Closing date |
| Aug 8 th - 15 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 19 th | General Meeting | Christine Lovatt, sec@mcpf.co.uk Venue: Smethwick PS. The Old Schoolhouse, Oldbury B69 2AS |
| Sep 19 th | Closing date Panel Exhibition 2026 | Nasar Hussain |
| TBA | Panel Exhibition | Nasar Hussain Venue: Smethwick PS. The Old Schoolhouse, Oldbury B69 2AS |
| TBA | Seminar | Mike Sharples seminarsec@mcpf.co.uk Venue: Smethwick PS. The Old Schoolhouse, Oldbury B69 2AS |
| 2027 | | |

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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.

AVANTI WEST COAST
PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION
 TOGETHER WE ROLL

Congratulations to Jane Jones



I entered into competition called Avanti West Coast, Together We Roll. It was to win two tickets on first class go see winners pictures on display in the National Gallery in London and soon this year it will go on to see winning images across west line Coast train stations across UK on display and I'm proud say I am an Amateur Photographer winner on this landscape picture I took down in Llanbris North Wales on Llyn Padarn lake by Snowdonia at sunrise winning out three photographers overall.. it was taken



two years ago on my holidays with my sister Katie on summer morning as my sister loves my adventures and exploring great landscapes and it as also done well in my club competitions at Stafford photographic society got

17 in pdi and in prints 19 in annual prints. I also always being mobile and canon user photographer since last 4 years joining Stafford Photographic Society with chronic illnesses, I enjoy variety photography but my favourite is landscape and seascape photography I do hope be inspiring to many other photographers that join camera clubs and enter into exhibitions There called it Snowdonia at Dusk with my name Jane Jones as winner.

Jane is a member of Stafford PS.

The Together We Roll Photography Competition opened to professional, emerging and amateur photographers and offered the opportunity for successful entrants to have their work shown as part of a presentation during a private event hosted by Avanti West Coast at The National Gallery in London, as well as part of an exhibition at stations on the West Coast Main Line for tens of thousands of people making rail journeys to see.

The winners of each category will also have their image published in Modern Railways Magazine and receive a pair of First Class tickets, as well as have their work displayed at stations on the West Coast Main Line



MidPhot 2026

A World of Images



Join us for a vibrant display of photography from MCPF club members, featuring a wide mix of themes and inspirations.



25th to 29th March

Opening Times
 Weds 25th Doors open 7pm to 10pm, Presentation of awards 7.30pm followed by presentation of Accepted Pdi's
 Thurs 26th Doors open 7pm to 10pm
 Fri 27th Closed
 Sat 28th Doors open 10am to 4pm Accepted Pdi shown at 11.30am and 2.30pm
 Sun 29th Doors open 10am to 4pm Accepted Pdi shown at 11.30am and 4pm
 Presentation of selection of Audio Visual sequences 2pm

Admission Weds and Thurs £5
 Admission Sat and Sun Morning or Afternoon £5 All Day £8

The Old Schoolhouse (Smethwick PS Clubrooms) Churchbridge, Oldbury, B69 2AS Image The Bench Light_Roy Harrison_Rugeley and Armitage CC



MCPF
Photographic Events



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**MCPF
PRINT and PROJECTED DIGITAL IMAGE CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026**

Saturday 18th April 2026

Civic Centre,

Braunstone,

Leicester. LE3 2PP

Doors open 9.30am

Event commences at 10.30am

Judges:

Erica Oram CPAGB, EFIAP, BPE3

Daphne Hanson DPAGB, HonPAGB

Vincent Scothern DPAGB, EFIPA, BPE5, PPSA

This is a great day of Midlands Photography with over 20 Clubs competing
Even if your club is not competing, still a great day out.

Look for the special offers by Permajet who will be at the event

TICKETS £10.00

Order through the MCPF Website www.mcpf.co.uk

Invitations have been sent to ALL Club General and Competition secretaries including rules and closing dates for entries or they can be found on the MCPF website or contact the organiser: mcpfchampionship@mcpf.co.uk

Change of Rules for both PAGB Inter-Club Print Champs and Pdi Champs

The PAGB Executive has recently agreed that federations may nominate up to three clubs per Federation for this championship, which will be the same number as for the PDI Championship

The 2026 Pdi Championship will be held at Warwick School on
Sunday 19th July 2026

The 2026 Print Championship will be held at Harper Adams University on
Saturday 24th October

The MCPF council are seeking to encourage keen photographers to challenge themselves to take their next step to apply for a BPAGB, CPAGB, DPAGB, EPAGB, MPAGB

July 12th

This MCPF APM Workshop is designed to support, encourage and to assist you when applying for a PAGB Awards of Photographic Merit

The MCPF APM Workshop
Will cover (but not limited to)

Morning Session

How to apply for an APM.

What Level of the APM should I apply for?

How to meet the eligibility criteria for the APM

What do the Adjudicators look for in a photograph?

The Adjudication method

The APM Voting system

Afternoon Session

Bring your proposed APM images for critique and advise on possible improvement

Tickets will be available via the MCPF Web Site

Cost: £10.00

Last booking date 27th June 2026

Event Information

Session one commences 10.00 hrs to 16.30hrs

Event Location

Smethwick Photographic Society

Churchbridge

Oldbury

West Midlands

B69 2AS

Catering

Tea and Coffee available (bring your own packed lunch)

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BPAGB



CPAGB



DPAGB



EPAGB



MPAGB

N.B.This is a change of date - originally July 5th

Email bounces - unsubscribed

Please help us to help you by checking your club's details are correct on the our database.

We get reports from our email provider Your Mailing List Provider (YMLP) that tell us some emails are not getting through to you, bounces. These are mainly due to the email address having being unsubscribed from YMLP. This is fine if you personally do not want to hear from us anymore, but some of the emails that have been un-subscribed are your club's own generic address ie Chariman@myclub.co.uk.

There are two scenarios to why this may be happening -

1. your club's chairman does not use this address any longer and but the address on the MCPF database has not be updated to reflect this change.

2. a club official has forwarded on whatever information he has received from the MCPF, most likely the Newsletter, and someone has decided that THEY do not want the information any longer and clicked the unsubscribe button. BUT and this is a big BUT, they have not un-subscribed themselves, they have un-subscribed the person forwarding the email. Please, please if you do not want to read the information just delete it.



Annual Exhibition 2026



The Gardens Gallery,
Montpellier Gardens, Cheltenham, GL50 1SD

15th – 20th April 2026

(1000-1700 daily)

Entry Free.

www.cheltenhamcameraclub.co.uk



East Midlands
Audio Visual
Group



Celebrate with us

in an afternoon of Golden Oldies ~

Slide-Tape AVs from members and ex-members

Tuesday 10th March

1.30 - 5.15 pm

Thorpe Astley Community Centre
Lakin Drive, Leicester, LE3 3RU

International Exhibitions now open for entries

MIDLAND SALON 2026

INTERNATIONAL PRINT AND PDI EXHIBITION



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Date for your Diaries

Nov 28th

Printing workshop

Hosted by the MCPF in conjunction

with Permajet

Details to be announced

in a future Newsletter



The IAC PETER COLES International AV Competition 2026



JUDGES:

Chairman: Ron Davies FRPS FIPF EFIAP FACI(M)

IAC President: Linda Gough FACI

Adrian Battersby ARPS DPAGB/AV



Saturday 7th March - Sunday 8th March 2026

Thorpe Astley Community Centre, Lakin Drive, LEICESTER LE3 3RU

<https://theiac.co.uk/the-peter-coles-competition/>

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162nd Edinburgh International Photography Exhibition 2026

Edinburgh Photographic Society



One of the oldest and
most prestigious print
salons in the world

This is a Print-only Salon. Entry open from
28th February to 29th May 2026
Prints must be received by 3rd June 2026

Only 2 sections,
Enter up to 4 prints per section:

Open Mono

Open Colour



Yellow and Black 7866 by
Mohammad Ali Salim



Impressionist Sunset by Keith Snell

Enter here!

<https://pixoroo.com/eipe2026>



Help by Dianne Owen

All accepted prints will be exhibited 8th to 31st
August 2026 as part of Edinburgh Festival Fringe

Images accepted in the 161st Salon 2025

Entry fees: £12 for one section, £16 for two sections
Payment is via PayPal





**Inter Club Print Championship
Weston Building**

The 2026 PAGB Inter-Club Print Championship will be held on **Saturday 24 October 2026** and it will be held at Harper Adams University in Newport, Shropshire.

Westholme School in Blackburn has become increasingly expensive and has other issues with changes to the hiring conditions.

Clubs from the southern part of England have also asked if a midlands venue was possible because Blackburn required an overnight stay when the PDI Championship in Warwick did not.

Harper Adams University in Newport is 15 miles from junction 15 of the M6 and a 20 minute drive from Stafford station on the West Coast mainline and a taxi to the venue, depending on traffic conditions, around £25-£30. There's also an hourly bus which takes 35 mins (£2). Telford Station is nearer but doesn't have as many fast trains but has links Birmingham Airport. Birmingham airport is 47 miles away from Newport with Manchester airport 58 miles away. Newport has a Premier Inn 4 miles from the university and there is lots of accommodation in Telford, including a Premier Inn, Holiday Inn and a Ramada Hotel. There will be free parking and WiFi and we will be using the Weston Lecture Theatre.

Teas, coffees and sandwiches are available in a coffee bar about 5 minutes' walk from the lecture theatre and lunch boxes can also be provided if ordered in advance.

Watch for more information in e-news nearer the time, including ticket arrangements.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION 2026



Leicester & Leicestershire
Photographic Society



INVITATION TO ENTER

Date of Exhibition 8th May and 9th May 2026
to be held at CHRISTCHURCH, Clarendon Park Rd, Leicester LE2 3AH



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Entry Form & Details on www.landlps.org.uk
Includes a new under 18's category
Entries open 30 January 2026 and closing date 21st March 2026

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

North West AV Day Sunday 19th April 2025

PAUL KITTEL FACI

"Paul is a BAFTA-nominated director/producer and an inspiring speaker with valuable insights into the power of film and still images"

COLIN BALLS FRPS APAGB

"Colin's five decades at the beating heart of the AV world gives you excellence and entertainment in spades"

JOHN SMITH CPAGB APAGB HON LCPU HON NWPA

"John is a well known AV worker, judge and technical guru and will be demonstrating sound editing. Focussing on, but not exclusively, use of Audacity"

North West AV Day Showcase your own AVs

More information is available on the RPS web site.
<https://rps.org/groups/audio-visual/forthcoming-events/>
Tickets will available from the RPS website from 2nd January onwards.



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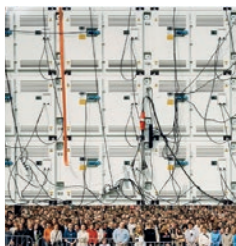
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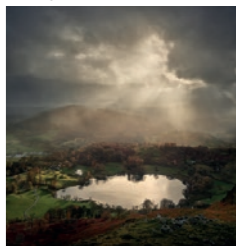
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20th - 22nd March 2026
Riviera Hotel, Burnaby Road Alum Chine, Bournemouth BH4 8JF
www.arenaphotographers.com



**South Birmingham
Photographic Society**
IMAGE 26
EXHIBITION
PAGB and BPE Affiliated

Open for entries: 4 JAN 2026
 Entries close: 15 MAR 2026
 Selection of images: 28-29 MAR 2026
 Notification of results: 12 APR 2026
 Exhibition of accepted images: 26 APR 2026
 (Exhibition on-line)

<https://www.southbirminghamphotographicsociety.co.uk>



Crufts 2025 Bob Moore Arden Photo Group

Don't forget to visit MidPhot 2026
25th to 29th March



**Call For Entries - RBSA
Portrait Prize 2026**

**Entry deadline Tuesday 24
March 12.00pm**

The call for entries for the *RBSA Portrait Prize 2026* is now open, submissions should be made via the entry form on our website.

All styles, media, and genres of portraiture are eligible for this exhibition, including photography and digital work.

The exhibition will take place from 5 May - 13 June, the judging panel will be announced shortly



Send us your News

Tell us what your club has been up to in recent months, how you have attracted more members, events you are hosting, and photographic tips. Use the MCPF Newsletter and website to advertise your event.

Let us know what you would like to see in the newsletter. It does not matter if they are things you have seen in other parts of the country. If it is about photography, we want to hear about it.