



W.P.F. Newsflash

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COVID-19 and Government Advice

The WPF advises all clubs that indoor activities, at least, should be suspended in the current situation and we strongly advise judges and presenters that they should not fulfil any engagements they have to visit clubs.

We hope you all keep safe and healthy.

Peter A Young LRPS CPAGB AFIAP APAGB
WPF President

Virtual Battle at Morriston

Morriston Camera Club has been running weekly meetings on Zoom for a few weeks now, but on the 24th April 2020 we held our first ever online inter club competition.

Eight clubs competed in the inaugural "Bay Challenge" Competition, which was instigated as a reaction to the current Lockdown situation several weeks ago.

We had a very successful evening, with 29 of our own members on-line, 6 people we could not identify and 30 visitors from other clubs. A total attendance of 65 people plus our Judge Mr. Brian Coleman. We even had one attendee who was able to join us from Nigeria!

One of our members recently returned home to Nigeria after her contract with the NHS ended, but she has been able to keep in touch through our Facebook page, and now through our on-line meetings.

The Final scores were:-

Swansea 108
Port Talbot 103
Pyle & Portcawl 103
Morriston 102
Afan Nedd 99
Baglan Bay 99
Cymru Mono 98
Abertawe 97

Many thanks to Brian Coleman for judging this event for us, and congratulations to Swansea who ran out winners on the night. Morriston CC plan to hold a presentation evening when we resume our normal meetings.

Midland Salon Going Ahead

The Midland Salon is going ahead but without prints. It has FIAP, GPU, PAGB and PSA accreditation. A FREE fully illustrated A4 catalogue will be sent to each entrant.

Full details can be found [here](#).

Timetable

Open for entries: 26th April.
Closing Date: 26th June.
Judging Date: 3rd to 5th July.
Report Cards Emailed or Mailed: 13th July.
Exhibition: 15th August to 23rd August.
Awards and Print entries mailed: 7th September.
Catalogues mailed: 7th September.

No Warwick in 2020

I have been involved, for many years, working at, and subsequently running, the PAGB's best attended live event at Warwick University and, as far as I am aware, this is the first ever to be cancelled.

Up to the middle of April the Arts Centre was closed until mid-May and when I contacted them on the 20th April that was still the case. However, on the 22nd April I received an email informing me that the decision had been made to extend the closure until mid-August and they would have to cancel our booking for the 11th July.

A sad day for the Inter-Club PDI Championship, as we already had the 8 Finalists from 2019 joining the battle, plus 12 Federations who had already nominated their 2 clubs, with a few days still to go to the closing date.

I then had to tell those 32 Clubs, the 3 judges and the PAGB Executive that our booking was cancelled. The Sponsors were also informed and, as you can imagine, they are very disappointed, especially after the Photography Show did not happen in March.

A light hearted comment from one club, who said that it was "obviously our turn to win and I should get the trophy engraved and send it to us!" Another club, who had qualified through their Federation for the first time, are very disappointed that they will miss their chance to appear on the Warwick Competitors list to do battle with all the other clubs.

We are working on a date for 2021. See you then.

Peter W Cheetham HonPAGB, Chair – PDI Championship Organising Committee.

Inter-Fed Comp & Exhibitions Cancelled

Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions that Covid-19 is placing on everyone, and the continued disruption to normal life that it is likely to continue to cause in the future, we would like to officially confirm that we have made the decision that it will not be possible to hold the Inter-Fed Competition and subsequent Exhibitions this year.

When we are able to gain access to the 2019 exhibition prints, (which are currently in storage, and were planned to be returned with this year's returns after the competition judging), we will make a decision on the best course of action of how and when to return them back to the Federations. We hope to be able resume the competition in 2021.

We thank you for your patience and understanding at this unprecedented difficult time for everyone, and hope that you are keeping safe and well.

Jane Lines MPAGB BPE3* – Chair Inter-Fed Organising Committee.

PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit Postponed

The April Adjudication for the PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit have been postponed and are provisionally rescheduled for early August.

However, it is by no means certain that Social Distancing rules will permit this to happen and we are keeping our options open. If it does take place in August, it will almost certainly be closed to an audience. Planning for the November Adjudication in the WCPF is proceeding as normal and, although there must be some doubt, we hope that this will be able to go ahead normally.

Inter-Club Print Championship News

The Inter-Club Print Championship is scheduled in Blackburn in October and is held in a school theatre. We don't know yet if this will be available and if the event will be able to go ahead.

Although some Federations have been unable to run the events which chooses their representatives, we will be opening the event for nominations soon.

The AGM of the PAGB was postponed and it is not yet possible to set a new date or venue.

Update on the Welsh Salon of Photography Selection

The entire Executive of the WPF send you best wishes and hope that you are all safe and well.

It has not been possible to judge the Welsh Salon from the entries submitted in March. It was discussed at an online Executive meeting, which concluded that there would not be a satisfactory way of making the selection remotely. This was particularly the case for the print entries. A decision on how to proceed was deferred until the next meeting in June, and I will keep you informed then. The entry is safe in the hands of the Salon Chairman. The Salon Exhibition will not take place in May, as planned, the venue is closed anyway. There has been no information regarding the PAGB Inter Federation Competition which is normally held in June. It is likely to be cancelled though.

I will bring you up to date with developments as I have them.

Martin Nagle - WPF General Secretary

2020 WPF Carmarthen Conference 21-23 August.

The virus emergency is unfolding at such speed that it is difficult to predict the situation even a month ahead. However, we are still some time away from the critical dates for the Conference. All parties in our project partnership are committed to the success of the Conference and will keep matters under review.

Updates will be posted here and on our social media if any changes become necessary. Thank you for your understanding.

Del Jones - WPF Conventions Officer.

PAGB Recorded Lecture Service

Camera clubs and societies have made the decision to cancel their club meetings in an attempt to reduce the risk of infection of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

To support clubs and societies during this difficult time we have decided to relax the terms of business for the PAGB RLS and allow the distribution of recorded lectures to members within their respective club or society.

Clubs and societies are asked to adhere to the following conditions:

1. Clubs and societies may only distribute a PAGB lecture to their members providing they own a license for that lecture.
2. Clubs and societies may only distribute a PAGB lecture to their members up until 31 May 2020.
3. Clubs and societies are asked to ensure that all copies (including any links) are destroyed or removed on or before 31 May 2020.

A club official must send an email informing the PAGB RLS Sec of the club or societies intention to distribute a lecture, prior to doing so giving details of said lecture.

Online Photography During Lockdown

Many clubs, lecturers and judges are moving online during the lockdown, far too many to list here. Also, a few National and International salons (BPE, FIAP etc.) are still going ahead (including the Neath salon, please see page 3 of this Newsflash). Lots of information can be found in the following Facebook groups.

[The Welsh Photographic Federation](#)

[UK Club Photography](#)

[FIAP PSA and GPU Acceptances, Awards and Salon News](#)

[BPE Acceptances and Awards](#)

PAGB Handbook 2020/21

I am still holding PAGB Handbooks for the following Clubs/ Presenters/ Judges.

If you are a Club Secretary, or your name appears here, if you e-mail me with your postal address at martinnagle1@hotmail.com I will post you a copy.

It's a great read during this lockdown!

Hay Camera Club
Pontypridd Camera Club
Pontypool Road Camera Club

Michael Arwel
Martyn Farr
Anthony Dyke
Terry and Mary O'Connell
Anthony Williams-Price
Barrie Lewis
David Paskin

Robert Harvey
Ian Andrews
Les and Nina Charlesworth
Ray Rees
Robert Lloyd
Diana Ashill
Phil and Enid Bennion

Martin Nagle

WPF General Secretary

David's List of You Tube Videos

[This from David Straker at Abergavenny... Thanks David!](#)

In case anyone is kicking their heels, I've added a page on the Abergavenny website for interesting YouTube channels, including for general photography and editing.

<http://www.abergavennycameraclub.org.uk/help/links-youtube.htm>

For the uninitiated, channels contain multiple videos and are often the work of one person or team. If you know of any other channels to add, do let me know.

David

WPF List of Presenters & Judges

Are you busy arranging your syllabus for 2021?

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Salon acceptances: WPF photographers are now achieving large numbers of salon acceptances and constraints on time and space mean we can't include them all. So please only advise us only of awards or other milestones.

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