



Newsletter, December 2020

SCPF Exhibition 2021

The time has come at last for the 2021 Exhibition! The online Exhibition will be formally opened on Friday 8th January at 6.30 pm., exactly when we would have been opening the physical exhibition had it not been for the pandemic. This will all be on Zoom, and the link will be provided to clubs and on the website in advance.

We are hoping that all of the award winners will join us for the evening so that they can be congratulated and 'presented' with their certificates and medals. We urge all to make every effort to attend to help make it a memorable evening. We will also be joined by the Exhibition Judge, Clive Tanner FRPS MPAGB AFIAP. We will be showcasing our splendid first digital catalogue, and following on with a showing of the full Exhibition.

Following the opening, the Exhibition will be online for the remainder of January, and downloading links will be provided to enable the participating clubs to download the Exhibition.

SCPF Roll of Honour for Roger Tribble



Roger Tribble of Woolston Camera Club is the most recent recipient of the SCPF Roll of Honour award.

Roger has been a member for over 36 years, and has been the club Treasurer since 1999, quite an amazing term of office. He has also been active within the club, from organising photographic outings and servicing equipment to being the first to put the kettle on at each meeting! He was 'presented' with his award by the SCPF President John Hodge at a club online meeting via Zoom after a very long delay due to the pandemic.



Kathleen Mitchell of Farnborough Camera Club with her Roll of Honour Certificate, as reported in the November Newsletter before we received her photo.

Liz Whitemoor and Alan Cooke RIP

It is with great sadness that we report the deaths of two prominent contributors to the Federation's activities over many years.

A S(C)PF Secretary of yesteryear, Liz Whitemore passed away late last week. Liz (who was 90) and her husband Jack dedicated a great deal of time and effort in keeping the (then) Southern Photographic Federation in the forefront of UK Club photography. Although Jack was the "front man" in that he sat on our Council and the PAGB Executive on our behalf, it was often Liz who made sure that things happened. She will have been well known and remembered by many in our Federation.

Then we were informed by Beaulieu Beaulieu Camera Group that sadly Alan Cooke passed away on 15th December.

He had been suffering with cancer for a number of years, and unfortunately earlier this year it had spread and the treatment stopped working. He remained upbeat and positive, but failed rapidly a couple of weeks ago and his death came as a relief both to him and his wife Fran at the end.

Alan was a loyal and supportive member of BCG for over 25 years, taking on the various roles of Chairman, Programme Secretary and Treasurer during that time. He was a superb photographer in all genres, and always willing to give help and advice to other members.

Alan was also a judge for the Southern Federation and very well respected by the other clubs in the region. He was awarded the Roll of Honour for his services to Club photography by the Southern Federation, which was so well-deserved.

Alan will be greatly missed by all who knew him and we can count ourselves very fortunate to have had the pleasure of knowing him.

PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit

Update from Leo Rich: 1. Are you a romantic? 2. Are you interested in Audio Visual presentations?

If your answer to 2. is "Yes" you may need to sweet talk your partner as the PAGB have just announced that the long delayed Adjudication in Audio Visual is to take place on the **14th February 2021**. Although this may seem hard hearted it was the only date available to suit all.

It is too late to enter as entries closed many months ago but you can still attend the adjudication as a spectator as, with most events nowadays, it is being conducted via Zoom. It could be a very interesting day as we have 5 individual and 1 joint entry going for Credit level, 5 entered for Distinction and 4 Masters. There should be some stunning sequences to be viewed.

The organiser of the event is the well known AV expert Ian Bateman (his email address is av.wcpf@gmail.com) who will be able to advise you further details and how to be included in the Zoom meeting. and it will be cheaper than Netflix!

And a further last-minute update:

I have just received an update from PAGB. The Adjudication planned for 15th/16th May 2021 is now full for the Sunday which is the Distinction/Masters day. There are still spaces available at Credit level in both Prints and PDI. The usual plea, if you wish to enter please contact me (with an SAE) as soon as possible.

Leo

League Secretary's Report

The diary is already filling up with bookings for the 2021 - 2022 League.

Do remind your Programme Secretary, or appropriate person, to email the League Secretary with booking details as soon as these are known. As ever, in the event of a clash, the first club to notify keeps the booking!

Jean

SCPF Championships 2021

It has now been agreed that the 2021 Championships will be PDI only, and will be held online. The Championships IT team led by Steve Kirkby are now up and running to prepare for our first online competition. More details to follow, but clubs can start thinking about their potential entries. Uploading is likely to be during February 2021, with the Championships being held on Sunday 21st March at 2pm on Zoom.

The judges this year, following some enforced changes, are:

The PAGB President Howard Tate MA(Phot) ARPS AFIAP APAGB, Chris Palmer FRPS DPAGB EFIAP and Roger Evans MPAGB FBPE EFIAP Bronze

The Rules have been updated to reflect the new situation. Please use this link to see on the website:

<https://southerncountiespf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/SCPFChampionshipRules2021.pdf>

PAGB Inter Federation PDI Championships 2021

The PDI Championships will be held on 17th July 2021 in the afternoon, via Zoom.

Judging: important reminder

Ken Scott has the following reminder for clubs:

I'd like to remind clubs about the recent judging guidance issued on Marking and on Workshop Images - available here from the SCPF website <https://southerncountiespf.org.uk/2020/09/new-judging-guidance-sept-2020/>

Judges have said that some clubs have seemed unaware of the guidance. It is important that we all understand them, and there is an open offer for clubs to discuss them with me by Zoom should you wish to. Please contact me judging@southerncountiespf.org.uk

... Ken Scott
Judging Advisor

Horndean Camera Club Exhibition

Once again, in the interests of spreading knowledge to clubs about the background to online initiatives by clubs, we set out below details received from Horndean C.C. about their current Exhibition:

From Microsoft PowerPoint to a virtual Club Exhibition on YouTube

Like other clubs, at Horndean we planned to hold a virtual exhibition this year. With the demise of slideshow software ProShow Gold in January (and replacements such as Photopia Director with an annual subscription of \$ 250) we decided instead to use the PowerPoint app, part of Microsoft Office 365. The current iteration of PowerPoint has a slide format which defaults to widescreen 16:9 and is ideal for displaying photographs. Also, the slideshow can be exported as a MP4 video file for uploading to videoing sharing sites such as YouTube. Image files for the exhibition were dragged directly from Photoshop Bridge into PowerPoint with little resizing needed. Uploading the PowerPoint video file to YouTube was straightforward with the standard definition file transferring quickly and the high-definition file taking longer. To complete the exhibition, we added a music track from YouTube Studio. Here music tracks are free to use and have no copyright issues. YouTube Studio music can be searched by genre and duration, making matching images to music very easy. The Horndean Camera Club exhibition of 125 PDI & print images is available to visit on YouTube via this link <https://youtu.be/ma8MnNEEcAg>.

Mike Parry
Horndean Camera Club

Request for help:

Can anyone help with the following query received by the Federation? If you can, please contact Derek Bridel on the link provided:

Two of the Guernsey photo Clubs have the standard projector that I understand many UK camera clubs use ie the Canon XEED WUX500.

They are now over three years old and hence the Canon bulb guarantees have expired. I suspect that most UK Clubs are in a similar position and many may have already replaced bulbs.

Do you know or can you find out how long bulbs are lasting in most Clubs' Canon XEED WUX500 projectors and where is a good place to buy a replacement? (bare bulb or bulb + housing)

At this stage just planning for budget purposes.

Any information including Club experiences would be appreciated.

Thanks, Derek Bridel
Competition Secretary, Guernsey Photographic Club
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And finally, from the President:

As we come to the end of this testing year, I'd like to say a huge thanks to everyone on the Council and across the Federation's clubs who responded to the potentially disastrous effects of the Covid 19 pandemic, ensuring that the clubs' and the Federation's activities were able to be continued , albeit in a limited way. This required initiative, leadership, determination and massive amounts of new learning and innovation, which will serve us well in the future, very likely impacting on how we will carry out our activities whenever we do return to the 'new normal.'

We do still have a long way to go before the situation will be reversed. For now though, can I wish all our club members all the best for a happy, safe and healthy Christmas and New Year.

John Hodge, President

John Hodge, Editor