

June 2026



Pic courtesy of Sabine Tillie-Davidson ARPS CPAGB

Welcome to my first newsletter as President. As I write this, this image is an excellent representation of my feelings as there are many vacant posts on Council. Wearing too many hats is neither attractive nor sustainable and, as you can see, there are spares for anyone who can make a difference.

As well as my Council commitments and competitions, there are my numerous judging, speaking engagements and some awards presentations — so plenty of opportunities for me to meet clubs' members through the next two seasons.

For those of you that don't know me, I've rarely been away from a committee or SCPF Council post since I joined my first camera club almost twenty years ago. Whilst I love doing casual portraiture, often at events, I also enjoy travelling and often dip into many other genres. Audio-visual is one of my core disciplines and I am keen to promote that to the same level as our other photography.

I'll take this opportunity to reiterate my thanks at the AGM to Stewart Lacey for his tireless stint at leadership of the Federation. He remains on Council taking on the new role of Club Liaison. This both replaces and enhances the previous Directory Secretary post. He will be endeavouring to make sure that clubs of all sizes support their members while remaining viable and continuing to make a positive contribution to the SCPF.

My intention is to make our exhibitions and competitions more inclusive, allowing entries from all our members. That starts with next season's Audio-visual Championship; any member can have a sequence entered.

I am also keen to see the image-making of our members that is not just for competition or distinctions. I'm sure that, like my own club Basingstoke CC, your clubs are involved in charity work or other creative photography opportunities and I believe we can celebrate that work too. As well as being good practice, these are an excellent way to get your club known throughout your local area with the benefit of encouraging new members.

It was great to see so many prospective appraisers at the Judging Training Forum. Judging Advisor Sue Sibley's approach is refreshing and the follow-up practice sessions will aid our trainees immensely. Feedback from clubs indicates that all our judges do need to keep up with current trends and understand the Federation's approach so we need all our judges to attend these sessions.

Make the most of whatever weather the summer provides; I can't wait to see your amazing images.

Suzie Kirkby



Stewart at Basingstoke CC's Awards

HMRC Approved Mileage Rate (Judges'/Appraisers'/Speakers' expenses)

In line with the recent change in the HMRC Approved Mileage Allowance Payment (AMAP) rate for cars and vans, the PAGB have now confirmed that from April 2026 judges/appraisers may receive expenses of *up to* 55p per mile. This will also apply to speakers including those on the PAGB CMS.

We do suggest that everyone is considerate with regard to costs, especially when visiting smaller clubs and to remember that budgets will have been prepared using the old rate.

Changes of Club Officers

Club AGMs often change personnel and, occasionally, other changes that your Federation Council needs to know about. Please update the online directory as soon as possible; if you have any issues please email directory-support@southerncountiespf.org.uk.

Basingstoke Camera Club Annual Exhibition

Festival Place shopping centre in Basingstoke town centre had a wonderful preview evening earlier this month. BCC's new President Sabine Tillie-Davidson opened the exhibition to the delight of many members and guests including the Deputy Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane, Cllr Sajish Tom. Also in attendance were representatives from several charities that BCC supports both financially and with photography including St Michael's Hospice, The Olibob Arts Foundation, Basingstoke Choral Society, Basingstoke Symphony Orchestra and Basingstoke Community Radio.

BCC are again thankful to have partnered with CEWE who produced over 100 members' prints that are on display. Every member that submitted work has at least one image on the walls.

The exhibition is adjacent to the Apple store and is on Weds-Sun, 11am-5pm until Sunday 28th June.



Pix by Kevin Buckland



SCPF Audio-visual Championship 2026

Please ask your members to start preparing their entries now for upload before Sunday the 27th September. Although clubs' entries will still be managed and submitted by Competition Secretaries, there is no restriction on how many members can have their work included.

Remember, this competition remains free to enter and there are additional certificates to be won this season – see the rules. The event is likely to be online but it could be hosted by a club if one would like to do so.

SCPF Website (<https://southerncountiespf.org.uk/>)

A refresh is in progress with changes both on its surface and under the hood. We welcome your constructive criticism for potential improvements. Email webmaster@southerncountiespf.org.uk

Roll of Honour Awards

We have another two worthy recipients reported this month and, quite remarkably, the one for Newbury PC is their first since 2006. Club committees should identify potential worthy recipients of this prestigious award. Fewer than a third of our 65 clubs have members on the roll and, of those, 12 have just a single recipient.

Who is your committee going to put forward?

Roll of Honour Award: John De Terville, Farnborough Camera Club



Another member of Farnborough Camera Club whose dedication, enthusiasm, and steady contribution over many years has been recognised with the Roll of Honour.

John De Terville joined the club during the 2008/9 season and very quickly became more than just a regular attendee. Within a few years, he was already helping behind the scenes — taking on responsibilities in marketing, managing the club website and overseeing print presentation during competitions. Later he stepped into the demanding role of Programme Secretary with meticulous preparation — arriving at committee meetings with carefully organised, colour-coded schedules so that everyone could clearly see how the season was progressing. It was typical of John's thoroughness and attention to detail.

But his contribution has never been confined to committee work. John has always been one of the club's "doers" — practical, hands-on, and ready to step forward. For several years he

were the reassuring presence at the print light box during competitions ensuring everything ran smoothly. Quite literally, as the one who could reach the top of the print stands!

Photographically, he has progressed steadily through the ranks, reaching the Advanced group by 2015 and becoming widely recognised as one of the club's leading portrait photographers. Studio work in particular has become something of a speciality for John, organising portrait workshops, encouraging members to experiment with studio lighting, sourcing models — even enlisting family members — and most recently arranging professional modelling opportunities.

His willingness to share knowledge has benefited many; explaining techniques clearly, encouraging experimentation, and always being available to offer advice. He is especially welcoming to new members, helping them settle in and feel part of the club from the outset.

Perhaps what stands out most is John's character: constructive, supportive, occasionally keeping the committee on its toes — but always in a positive and respectful way. The kind of member every club would be proud to have.

Roll of Honour Award: Andrew Buchanan, Newbury Photography Club



On Thursday 21st May, Andrew Buchanan was presented with the Roll of Honour certificate by Stewart Lacey the past President of the SCPF. The event was also attended by Sue Teagle (Roll of Honour secretary).

Andrew joined the Club in January 2013 and he soon became very interested and involved in the Print and PDI Club Competitions.

In 2017 he took on the role of External Competitions Secretary when the Club was in Prints League D3 and PDI League D4. This year we have been in Division 1 for both Prints and PDIs and we have also won the SCPF PDI Championship for the first time. This

recognises his personal enthusiasm and input in raising the photographic standards and competitive involvement of the Club over many years.

He has been personally involved with the organisation of members' visits to many events and Photo Walking Tours for many Club members.

An enthusiastic member since he joined, he has been tireless with his time and efforts to improve the enjoyment, photographic abilities and interests of an increasing membership. Club members are full of appreciation of the time and effort that Andrew has put into the Club over many years and regard this as a well-deserved honour and a demonstration of the Club's gratitude for his many years of service.

Rob Carpenter, NPC President

Alan Teece 1938-2026, Newbury Photography Club

It is with a deep sense of sadness that Newbury Photography Club announces the passing of our long-standing member, Alan Teece who died peacefully on Monday the 18th of May aged 89.

Alan joined the Club in January 2008 and slowly increased his knowledge and experience of photography. His enthusiasm soon grew and he became a major contributor to events and competitions and he later joined the Committee. He became Chairman in 2014 and ran a Club for many years which was going through a difficult period of change. In his subsequent role as President from 2020 for 5 years, he was not as active but always very supportive of Club activities.

Over the years he participated in many photography events as far afield as Dartmoor and Wales and he loved his European holidays which offered more photography opportunities. He also enjoyed the



local shows, animal parks and festivals and as his mobility deteriorated, he spent more time in his beloved garden and the wildlife he could watch and photograph closer to home.

Alan will be remembered for his unwavering enthusiasm, his leadership and generosity to the Club and its Members which have been second to none. He was always the first to welcome new Members and make them feel at home.

Alan enriched the Club immeasurably over many years and he will be greatly missed.

Rob Carpenter, NPC President

Upcoming Federation Events

Next Rep's meeting: Tuesday 8th September (online).

FotoFest 2026

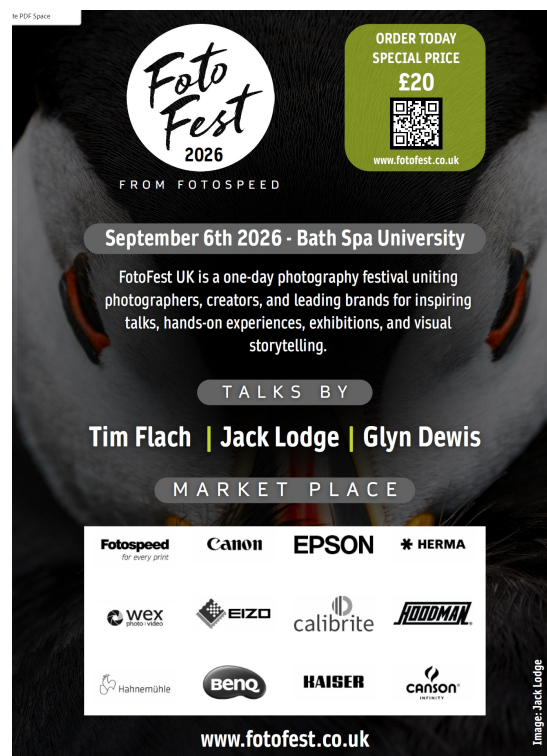
This event is organised by Fotospeed and taking place on Sunday 6th September 2026 at Bath Spa University.

FotoFest UK is a one-day photography festival bringing together photographers, creators, and leading brands for a day of inspiring talks, hands-on experiences, exhibitions, and visual storytelling. It features talks from renowned photographers including: Tim Flach, Jack Lodge and Glyn Dewis.

Attendees will also be able to explore a large photography marketplace, meet exhibitors and brands, discover new products, and connect with fellow photographers from across the UK.

Special advance ticket price: £20. <https://fotofest.co.uk/>

Please feel free to circulate this information through your club newsletters, websites, and social media channels.



Club Exhibitions To Visit This Summer

All are free admission and highly recommended. There may be a nominal charge for catalogues, refreshments, etc.

Basingstoke CC: Festival Place, Basingstoke, Weds-Sun 11am-5pm until Sunday 28th June.

Guernsey's island clubs: George Crossan Gallery, St Peter Port, 9am-5pm until 11th July.

Viewfinders of Romsey CC: Romsey Abbey, Mon-Sat 4th to 18th July. See below.

Gosport CC: Gosport Discovery Centre: July 6th – 18th, Holy Trinity Church: September 11th – 20th.

Chichester CC: The Assembly Room, Chichester, 10am-5pm 1st-8th August (not Sunday).

Hayling Island CC: Saturday 15th August 2026 and Sunday 16th August.

Wareham CC: Wareham Town Hall on Saturday August 8th.

See posters below and club websites or social media for further information.



Basingstoke Camera Club

5th-28th June
11am-5pm
Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun

Free admission

Festival Place
upper level, next to Apple Store
basingstokecameraclub.co.uk

ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Image by Sue Williams



ISLAND PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUBS EXHIBITION

12 June - 11 July 2026
9:00am - 5:00pm
Free Admission

George Crossan Gallery
Markets Buildings
St Peter Port

Photo by: Steve Mahy

GSY ARTS
guernseyphotoclub.org.gg
prism.org.gg
spectrumguernsey.org



Viewfinders of Romsey Camera Club
presents

The Annual Photographic Exhibition

4th-18th July 2026 Romsey Abbey

Opening Hours:
Monday to Saturday
10:30 am to 4:30 pm
Sunday
11:00am to 5:00 pm
(opening times dependent on services)

Admission Free

Romsey Abbey
Church Lane, Romsey
SO51 8EP

www.Viewfinderscameraclub.org.uk

Image: High and Dry as the Storm Approaches
courtesy of Viewfinders member David Felstead

ROMSEY FESTIVAL 2026

P Lortemore Street Car Park
(Off Latimer Street)



CHICHESTERCAMERACLUB

ANNUAL EXHIBITION 2026

creative action nature landscape portrait street documentary abstract

Photo: by Peter Farrelly

Saturday 1st to Saturday 8th August (closed Sunday)
10am to 5pm - Entry FREE - Refreshments

The Assembly Room North Street Chichester PO19 1LQ