

October 2026

Members' Meeting 2: Conference Day

Sunday 27th September at Littleton near Winchester

This was an experimental event and the initial indications show that it appears to have been particularly successful.

Nineteen of the originally advertised speakers were able to attend with the anticipated wide variety of topics being spoken about. After Suzie's brief introductions and description of the day the first speaker leapt into action. Kev Sandall's superb images of Asia and elsewhere set a high standard right from the off and his time-keeping was pretty good finishing just after the allotted ten minutes.



Simon Williams LRPS, Programme Secretary, Basingstoke CC

Over seventy people enjoyed the bottomless tea and coffee was included in the entry fee. The refreshments were ably served by Carolyn Eyles and other attendees that were press-ganged into service.

Allowing such a short time meant that there was no opportunity for the participants to waffle or waste any of their quota. It also meant that any topic that was of lesser interest to some of the audience would not outstay its welcome; having said that it was apparent that all the speakers had put together really engaging talks and held interest for everyone right through the day.



During the breaks there was the opportunity to view prints, cameras and other accessories that had been brought by the speakers to augment their talks. This was so popular that there was only just enough space allocated for them.

Basingstoke CC is my home club and it probably wasn't too surprising that they provided so many speakers; it is easier to encourage, cajole and nag those that know you best. Collaboration with the community

was the theme of Simon Williams talk. He demonstrated how working with local charities and Mayors had really boosted not only the charities but also the club's profile and the portfolios of several club members. It is not surprising that Basingstoke's membership is now one of the largest in

the Federation. Basingstoke CC's new President Sabine Tillie-Davidson talked about how just one of her many interests had become her main passion helped along by her club membership.

If we had a prize for best dressed that would certainly go to Sue Sibley. Her brief practical demonstration called for an apron and its avian-themed design garnered a whoop of delight from the audience – you had to be there, of course.

Photographing wildlife around his home town was Jon Mitchell's interest. You wouldn't have thought that the environs of Gosport could be so diverse in its nature opportunities ... but, as good as they were, attempting to show over 150 excellent images in his allocation proved just too much.

Many attendees have completed the anonymous post-attendance survey and the comments have been very positive. These are just a few quotes:

"Well organised, great variety of speeches & speakers, informative, inspirational & fun!"

"Excellent event and would look forward to more!"

"A very enjoyable and informative day."

"Great event, very well organised. Seemed to run very smoothly. Thank you! Lots of fantastic and content and I loved the variety, though I did feel a bit overloaded with information by the end."

"I think it was great ... very interesting to see such diverse talks and photos."

Talk notes will be provided to the attendees soon and I will be contacting offshore clubs to see whether there is interest to show some of the content. Several of the speakers are well-known around the camera clubs and their contact details are in the SCPF online directory; programme secretaries can access that through their club secretary.

I'd like to thank all the speakers, attendees and everyone who helped with refreshments and organisation on the day and make it such a special event.

Many of the attendees' and speakers' comments referenced the event next season so there is every chance of it becoming an annual event. If you could assist with organisation, please get in touch.

Suzie Kirkby
SCPF President



57th SCPF Annual Exhibition at Salisbury Library – January 2027

Registration is open now (<https://southerncountiespf.org.uk/exhibition/scpf-exhibition-registration/>) and upload your entries by Sunday 18th October using the Uploader in the SCPF Online Directory. Remember we have limited space for prints so register now to avoid disappointment.

All clubs that enter receive the exhibition slideshows of images and awards to view at their own club.

The exhibition at Salisbury runs 6th-31st January and the awards will be presented on Saturday 10th.

Richard Sheldrake, Exhibition Secretary

SCPF Audio-visual Championship 2026

Judge David Smith LRPS CPAGB

There are slightly more sequences than last year competing in this season's Championship and they are with the Judge: David Smith.

Thirty-two sequences have been entered from sixteen clubs. Of those entries six clubs are vying for the Oak Leaf Salver. Each club's three top-scoring sequences qualify for that club trophy.

As well as the main sequences' certificates, there are three additional certificates to be won this season:

- ▶ best original photography
- ▶ best harmony sequence
- ▶ best original script/soundtrack

The top twenty or so sequences will be shown and the award winners plus winning club revealed at the online event: **Sunday 25th October, 2-5pm**. There will be a later online session to see all the entered audio-visuals.

Suzie Kirkby
Audio-visual



PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit in Audio-visual

At the recent adjudication Debbie Bielby BPAGB of Horndean CC was successful in achieving CPAGB/AV at her first attempt. Congratulations Debbie.

The session was available online so that everyone can view the adjudications and gauge the acceptable standard of work at all levels: Credit, Distinction and Master.

Ray Hems, SCPF PAGB Awards officer



Bishop's Waltham Photographic Society's Exhibition

Our 14th Annual Exhibition took place at the United Free Church in Bishop's Waltham from 10–12 September. Attendance was strong across the three days, with more than 350 visitors in total. The earlier September dates, rather than the usual October timing, may have helped, particularly by providing better light levels.

Proceedings began with the Preview Evening, where it was lovely to see so many members, familiar faces and invited guests. The Mayor of Winchester, Councillor Jamie Scott, formally opened the exhibition and spoke warmly about visiting local towns and villages. He noted the importance of community groups coming together to support one another and share their skills. The Mayor also presented the Junior competition awards, saying that he hoped the young photographers would become future members of the photographic society.

Visitors were invited to vote for their favourite picture, choosing from 95 print entries, including two panels, 63 digital slideshow images and 18 camera phone pictures — no easy task! In total, 282 votes were cast, with Rob Day's 'Just Girlin' (right) named the winning image.

Our Exhibition Co-Ordinator, Nicky Higgins, had this message for members:

"I would firstly like to thank all the members who entered prints, phone camera & digital images. We were truly able to show the public the full gamut of possibilities that our hobby has to offer. The range of genres and techniques was as impressive as the overall quality of images on show. Thank you.

This was also demonstrated in the public vote, as everyone who entered a printed image, gained at least one vote, proving that there really was something for everyone.

While only one image can win the public vote the number of photographers who gained votes across multiple images showing a strong portfolio was also gratifying. So, whether you have one stunner or a consistent body of work to share, hopefully this will encourage you all to enter images in the future.

I know from the public feedback how much they enjoyed viewing your work and many of them took their voting responsibility very seriously, as they circled multiple times to their main contenders before casting a vote.

Thank you again and I look forward to seeing your entries next year!"

Dawn Blight, Secretary Bishop's Waltham PS



Gosport Camera Club Photography Exhibition 2026

Our annual Exhibition is open to all of our members for both Print & PDIs in six categories: Architecture, Close-Up, Flora & Fauna, Portraits, Scapes, Open. This year we received 98 Prints and 88 PDIs. The PDIs are presented as an Audio-visual sequence and available to be viewed on YouTube.

Gordon Brown ARPS who kindly judged the Exhibition awarded the best overall PDI to Linda Hall for "I Love My Mum". Linda is seen here receiving her award from the Gosport Lady Mayoress: Councillor Kirsten Bradley.



The best overall Print went to David Baxter for "The Peloton Flashes Past".

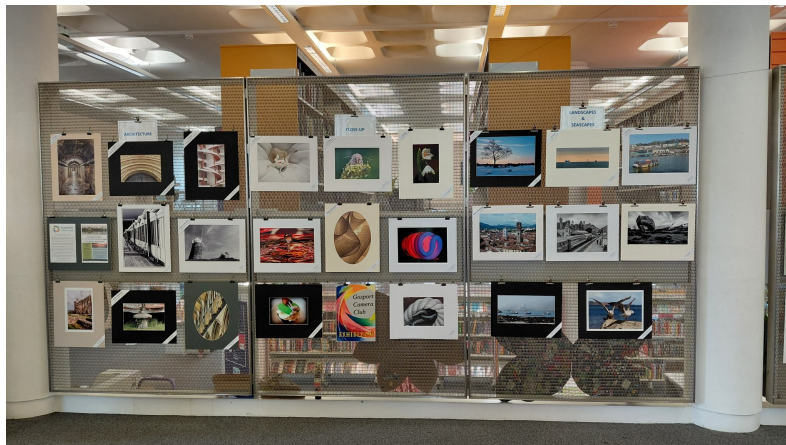


We are lucky enough to have two weeks in July each year to hang the Exhibition at the Gosport Discovery Centre. We display a selection from each category with the space available.

In September when it is Gosport Heritage Open Days for ten days, the Holy Trinity Church opens its doors to the public and puts on various events and they allow us to use their display stand and space to showcase our work. We have display space for 72 prints, so by rotating we can show all of the 98 prints.

During this event the church puts on various talks and presentations and can attract large numbers of visitors. On more than one occasion had over 500 visitors, all of which looked at our exhibition and made some very nice comments.

Mike Barton
Gosport CC Exhibition Secretary



Don't Miss Out!

Upcoming Federation Events

Exhibition uploader closes: Sunday 18th October

PAGB Inter-club Print Championship: Saturday 18th October in **Newport, Staffs**

Winchester PS, New Forest CC and Chichester CC represent the SCPF. Tickets £15 from the PAGB CMS site:

<https://pagbhost.co.uk/main/main.php> Services, Event tickets.

SCPF AV Championship Event: Sunday 25th October (online, link TBC) with judge David Smith LRPS CPAGB

Reps' Meeting 246: Wednesday 4th November (Littleton, nr Winchester) – Exhibition prints collected.

57th Annual Exhibition at Salisbury Library: Tuesday 6th January – Saturday 31st January.

Exhibition Awards presentation: Saturday 10th January afternoon at Salisbury Library.

Reps' Meeting 247: Thursday 18th February (Littleton, nr Winchester) – Exhibition prints returned.



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