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The selectors will be looking for a varied exhibition of the highest quality with only one print in the exhibition per entrant. Whilst the acceptance rate will be low, this spread of entrants will give many more people a chance of success – it won’t be just the “usual suspects” although the great printers will no doubt be much in evidence. We will be encouraging quality work which has not already been widely exhibited. Those of you currently engaged in UK and foreign exhibitions may wish to hold back a good print until after this competition.

A print hanging in this exhibition will be something that you can take great pride in. Every acceptance will receive a unique memento, the catalogue should be fabulous and, of course, you could win one of our wonderful prizes.

Whilst there is no discount for Club entries, you could save a lot on postage and the glory of achieving one or more acceptances will reflect warmly on your Club. Those Clubs who are participating in the Inter-Club Print Championship, in Blackburn on 29 October 2017, may like to make it known that they can take prints to hand in at that event. Remember to enter online by 21 October.
On Friday 2nd June New City Photographic Society, Milton Keynes’ longest running Camera Club, took part in the final of the Photography News Camera Club of the Year Competition, sponsored by Fujifilm.

The contest to qualify for the final was run over five monthly themes with each theme requiring five images from each club, from five different members. Having won the first of the qualifying rounds at the beginning of the year, New City PS just had to wait for the final to roll around.

Once all five qualifying clubs had been announced we were invited to put a team of four photographers together for the final on June 2nd, although full details of what would be involved weren't divulged until nearer the event.

The venue for the final was the Natural Light Spaces photography studio, housed in the historical Royal Ordnance Depot in Weedon Bec where we would be taking part in 5 photographic scenarios using Fujifilm’s latest equipment. The five scenarios were a studio shoot with a male model, an outdoor fashion shoot with a car and a female model, around the Royal Ordnance Depot, inside the book shop and, finally, a studio shoot with an aerial artist. Within each one hour scenario we would have to style the model, set-up the shot, make and then process one image each before submitting to the Photography News team.

Once all the images had been completed they were then judged by a panel made up of a representative of each of the sponsors; Fujifilm, Photography News and the Studio.
Judging was fast paced and the range and variety of images from the other clubs were both interesting & inspirational.

New City Chairman, David Phillips, said, “It is a tremendous pleasure and great testament to the quality of our members to be able to send a team to this competition and we are all very proud that the team brought the cup home!”.

See the pictures at - http://www.newcityps.co.uk/camera-club-of-the-year-2017
The 4 other Clubs who took part in the final of the Photography News Club of the Year were—

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Exeter CC,
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See their responses to the Final Challenge at


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Closing Date

Midnight Saturday 2 September 2017 is the closing date for all photographic entries. Don’t delay start planning your entries.

Exhibition and book

Winners and commended entrants will have their work on show at these venues.

- Royal Albert Hall, London
- Kirkleatham Museum, Redcar, North Yorkshire
- The Red Brick Building, Glastonbury, Somerset

and will be included in the exhibition book.

Thanks to the generosity of Canon, 20 lucky readers enjoyed a great day out at the Scottish Parliament.

The WPP Exhibition was great and the talk by Tom Stoddart was fantastic!
“The calendars that are issued every year by Mr Robert K Burt, papermakers’ agent and merchant, are always distinguished for the originality of the pictures that adorn them. The calendar for 1907, on 16” x 10½” card, the picture is the Wailing Place in Jerusalem and shows the wall of Solomon’s Temple.” Below.

Photograph 11895

From the 1927 calendar, photographed pre-1900

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I am a frequent coffee drinker and I find cafés are useful for two reasons, apart from getting refreshments. Firstly, they are terrific places for meeting up with friends and secondly, when I am out with my camera, I stop off mid-day and early evening to write up notes and plan my next step. As part of my photographic collection of where I am, I take a photograph in or around the café incorporating the surroundings as much as possible.

When planning my exhibitions, I like to have a theme, such as sports or events in a locality. It was only recently, when tidying up my computer files, that I realized that I had enough café based images to create an exhibition on the theme of café life. My choice of the Phoenix Cinema was intentional as they have a gallery space between the cinema’s café and the auditorium, with each exhibition lasting a month, making my topic very appropriate.

After testing opinions with a couple of talks at club level, the exhibition will run throughout September 2017 at the Phoenix Cinema, 52 High Road, East Finchley, London N2 9PJ.

Michael Duke  
born in Northampton, Michael spent fifteen years living in Israel. He has been taking photographs since he got his first camera – a Kodak Brownie 127 Box – for his 9th birthday, acting as the family photographic diarist. His photography took a fair bit of his leisure time but it was only in 2000, when he joined the Tel Aviv Camera Club, that Michael took the photographic world more seriously. The TACC Chairman – Moshe Taub – helped Michael get his first exhibition at the Mercaz Bikurei Ha Itim in 2001 and again, a year later, in the same place. Michael then had two further solo exhibitions – one in the Holon Municipality in December 2003 and Beit Tammi in Tel Aviv in October 2004.

In January 2005, Michael returned to London and instantly joined up with the Isle of Wight Photographic Society, and later, the Hampstead Photographic Society. These are two very different clubs with two very different attitudes. Michael went on to serve the HPS for three years as Programme and Publicity Secretary and, during this time, he initiated the HPS Newsletter (2006) which he still edits.

Since returning to London, Michael has had numerous exhibitions in London and, also, at Warwick University. He has appeared in group exhibitions for both the Hampstead and the Isle of Wight Photographic Societies as well as having images in Ventnor, in the Isle of Wight, celebrating the Ventnor Library 70th Anniversary. He has also given numerous talks in London and Warwick as well as entering numerous competitions and getting acceptances into various international Salons.

Michael Duke  
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Bangor was the centre of the Northern Irish amateur photographic scene recently, when the Northern Ireland Photographic Association (NIPA) held its 50th anniversary celebration weekend. Over 100 photographers and invited judges participated in a series of lectures and workshops, a 50th anniversary dinner and live judging to declare the top Print and Projected Digital Image of the year.

The 2016/17, Calumet supported, Inter-club series of competitions was won outright by Catchlight C.C. However, the top Print and Projected Digital Image (PDI) awards are equally important. Bangor & North Down camera club members, Darren Brown and Hugh Rooney, won the top Colour and top Monochrome “Prints of the Year” awards. Banbridge’s Jim Wright won the top Projected Digital Image award.

From its beginning in May 1967, NIPA has been a member of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain and this did not go unnoticed and the event was attended by Gordon Jenkins, the PAGB President. Founding NIPA Secretary, John Hill from Belfast, is still an active participant within the Central Photographic Association but has also held the posts of Treasurer and President of the PAGB and Secretary and President of NIPA. To mark such service, John was awarded a special award. Ian Lyons from Merville & Newtownabbey has also been active at both NIPA and PAGB levels and he too received a special award. 52 other club members were also presented with NIPA “Service to Photography” awards for their work over the years.

A lecture style review of the first ever NIPA archive collection was conducted by International judge Anne Cassidy from Enniskillen followed by award winning Dundalk photographer Gabriel O’Shaughnessy who presented a series of his work in a talk titled “Before and After, The Wonders of Club Photography”. Rod Wheelans and Anne Greiner from the PAGB also gave a presentation of their stunning travel photography and passed on tips to the audience.

The Keynote presenter was Pete Cairns from Scotland who gave two 45-minute, stunning, slide and video presentations of work by himself and other photographers around the world. Entitled “Through the Lens, Behind the Lens: Landscape, Nature and Wildlife Photography”, the series of lectures presented a thought provoking photographic perspective viewpoint of all aspects of human efforts to conserve or re-wild the eco-systems of the natural world.

The weekend concluded with two workshops, hosted by Bangor & North Down Camera Club, to enable local photographers to both assess and have their work assessed by the visiting PAGB distinction team.

The NIPA ARCHIVE photographs, which are now held by the Public Records Office of Northern Ireland, were featured in e-news 187 and the full set of over 2000 images that were used to create both collections can be seen at [http://www.niphoto.co.uk/nipa-archive](http://www.niphoto.co.uk/nipa-archive)
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