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# MASTERS OF PRINT Hall of Fame

These are pictures which have been featured in previous issues from photographers who have been accepted to the MASTERS OF PRINT exhibition.



















There are still a few "accepted" photographers who have not yet submitted a feature to our Hall of Fame

We had some very exciting plans for the 2020 MASTERS OF PRINT EXHIBITION but Covid 19 has put paid to those.

At the moment this, and other PAGB events, are in limbo and it will be some time yet before we can firm up on any arrangements.

We are still keen to run the event again and St Martin in the Bull Ring, Birmingham are keen to host it again, as are the other venues.

## Stay safe, keep printing and watch this space!

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Here we are, now in the Ninth week of Lockdown. Although some of the restrictions have been lifted, Club meetings, Federation events and PAGB events still remain severely affected.

Many of us are retired, and the effect of the lockdown on the retired can be viewed as less severe than those who have not reached that point in life and will probably have been affected by a change in income, unlike the retired.

Other things that some may have not considered is the effect that this will have on the finances of Clubs, Federations and the PAGB. In many respects the cancellation of events may be saving money, as a lot of events are naturally run at a loss, so the bank balances could be looking healthy, although some of the events which have been cancelled are revenue generating

The PAGB has some concern about this situation. Certainly, the Arts Council and "Awards for All "have informed me that, for some time into the future, all Awards and Grants will be skewed towards projects and organisations that have been severely financially affected by the current situation. This has come as a personal blow, as the PAGB was in negotiations with the Arts Council to obtain finance aimed at benefitting amateur club photography throughout the UK. Finances will now be destined to help professional arts organisations such as theatre, ballet, opera groups etc.



We have also been informed that the FIAP Congress, a biennial event, which was to be held in November this year in India, has now been cancelled.

The PAGB Finance Sub-Committee is currently examining the "savings" on expenditure, balanced against a probable drop in Sponsorship income, and will no doubt be bringing forward their proposals soon.

On another matter, the recent change in the definition of Nature to be used for PAGB competitions has caused some debate on social media. The PAGB have been working behind the scenes to resolve this situation to the satisfaction of all concerned, whilst maintaining the original purpose of the change. Proposals are now being examined by the full PAGB Executive.

I think we all presently have time on our hands to perfect our photo editing techniques and I have heard rumours of some Nature Photographers developing their creative skills and becoming experts at montage.

Stay Safe

Howard G Tate MA ARPS AFIAP APAGB. President - PAGB

## **FIAP DISTINCTION RESULTS FOR 2020**

Our 2020 submission of applications for FIAP Distinctions was again one of the largest from any country in the world, with a total of 102 successful applications, including 12 EFIAP Diamonds. The PAGB offers its sincere congratulations to every one of our successful applicants for this superb result, not only for you, but also for PAGB.

Distinction	Forename	Surname	Club	Federatio n
EFIAP/d3	Malcolm	Jenkin	Cambourne-Redruth CC	WCPF
EFIAP/d3	Maureen Ellen	Toft	Southampton CC	SCPF
EFIAP/d2	Robert	Devine	Ashford PS	KCPA
EFIAP/d2	Barbara	Jenkin	Cambourne-Redruth CC	WCPF
EFIAP/d2	Robert	Millin	Wigan 10 FC	L&CPU
EFIAP/d2	Hugh	Milsom	Ware & District PS	EAF
EFIAP/d2	Sue	O'Connell	Bristol PS	WCPF
EFIAP/d2	Marie-Laure	Stone	Folkstone CC	KCPA
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EFIAP/d1	Gordon	Bramham	Upminster CC	EAF
EFIAP/d1	Martin	Fry	Cheltenham CC	MCPF
EFIAP/d1	Peter	Gennard	Smethwick PS	MCPF
EFIAP/d1	Duncan S K	Hill	Doncaster CC	YPU
EFIAP/p	Bob	Bishop	Backwell CC	WCPF
EFIAP/p	Greg	Duncan	Dorchester CC	WCPF
EFIAP/p	Valerie	Duncan	Dorchester CC	WCPF
EFIAP/p	Keith	Elgin	Catchlight CC	NIPA
EFIAP/p	Andy	Gutteridge	Photo Imaging Co-operative	EAF
EFIAP/p	Robert	Jones	Conwy CC	NWPA
EFIAP/p	Sharon	<b>Prenton Jones</b>	Conwy CC	NWPA
EFIAP/p	Stephen	Reynolds	Torbay PS	WCPF
EFIAP/p	Alan David	Young	Roll Royce (Derby) PS	N&EMPF
EFIAP/g	Kaz	Diller	Worcester CC	MCPF
EFIAP/g	Calvin	Downes	Wrekin Arts PC	MCPF
EFIAP/g	Roger	Evans	Wrekin Arts PC	MCPF
EFIAP/g	Tillman	Kleinhans	St Helens CC	L&CPU
EFIAP/g	Ann	McDonald	Chichester CC	SCPF
EFIAP/g	Sarah	Middleton	Synergy	N&EMPF
EFIAP/g	Eileen	Murray	Worksop PC	N&EMPF
EFIAP/g	Andy	Polakowski	Mold CC	NWPA
EFIAP/g	Malcolm	Rapier	Edmonton CC	EAF
EFIAP/g	Marion	Rapier	Edmonton CC	EAF
EFIAP/g	Angie	Tucker	Cannock PS	MCPF
EFIAP/g	Dave	Tucker	Cannock PS	MCPF
EFIAP/g	lan	Whiston	Crewe PS	L&CPU

EFIAP/s	Raymond Keith	Bramhall	Doncaster CC	YPU
EFIAP/s	David	Lyon	Reigate PS	SPA
EFIAP/b	David	Adamson	Cheltenham CC	MCPF
EFIAP/b	Wendy	Allard	Cambourne Redruth CC	WCPF
EFIAP/b	Sheila	Coates	Northallerton CC	NCPF
EFIAP/b	Stuart	Daffin	Bolsover CC	N&EMPF
EFIAP/b	Rachel	Dunsdon	Welwyn Garden City PC	EAF
EFIAP/b	Christopher	Gledhill	Chichester CC	SCPF
EFIAP/b	Bob	Goode	Stourport CC	MCPF
EFIAP/b	Tim	Sawyer	Ilkley CC	YPU
EFIAP/b	Sue	Sibley	New Forest CC	SCPF
EFIAP/b	Douglas	Watson	Stratford PG	MCPF
EFIAP	Terri	Adcock	Watford CC	CACC
EFIAP	<b>Charles Edward</b>	Ashton	Kempsey CC	MCPF
EFIAP	Cyril James	Boyd	Catchlight CC	NIPA
EFIAP	Peter	Brisley	Bristol PS	WCPF
EFIAP	David	Brown	Gosforth CC	NCPF
EFIAP	Laurie	Campbell	Catchlight CC	NIPA
EFIAP	Paul	Clarke	Dorchester CC	WCPF
EFIAP	Brian	Collins	Kingston CC	SPA
EFIAP	Colin	Dixon	Tetbury CC	WCPF
EFIAP	Peter	Elliston	Wellington & District CC	WCPF
EFIAP	Rod	Eva	Amersham PS	CACC
EFIAP	Niall Robert	Ferguson	Windlesham & Camberley CC	SPA
EFIAP	Aleks	Gjika	Cheltenham CC	MCPF
EFIAP	Felicity	Holden	Amersham PS	CACC
EFIAP	Lawrence	Homewood	East Grinstead CC	SPA
EFIAP	David	Keep	Rolls Royce (Derby) CC	N&EMPF
EFIAP	Corinne	Kozok	Winchester PS	SCPF
EFIAP	Roy	Lambeth	Viewfinders of Romsey CC	SCPF
EFIAP	Michael James	Lane	Winchester PS	SCPF
EFIAP	Elizabeth Jane	Lazenby	Wakefield CC	YPU
EFIAP	Peter	Maguire	Gosforth CC	NCPF
EFIAP	Kylie-Ann	Martin	Great Barr PS	MCPF
EFIAP	Chris	Moncreiff	Maidstone CC	KCPA
EFIAP	Daan	Olivier	Bracknell CC	SCPF
EFIAP	Ann	Rayers	Carshalton CC	SPA
EFIAP	Judy	Smith	Sheffield PS	YPU
EFIAP	Anna	Stevenson	Plymouth CC	WCPF
EFIAP	John	Thorndike	Grimsby PS	N&EMPF
EFIAP	Brian	Trout	Doncaster CC	YPU
EFIAP	Susan	Trout	Doncaster CC	YPU

EFIAP	Lizzie	Wallis	North Norfolk PS	EAF
EFIAP	Jennifer Margaret	Webster	Bromsgrove PS	MCPF
EFIAP	Peter	Wells	Wakefield CC	YPU
EFIAP	Stephen Richard	Womack	Focus PG	YPU
EFIAP	Carole Maureen	Zimmerman	Warminster CC	WCPF
AFIAP	Anthony	Baines	Ashford PS	KCPA
AFIAP	Michael	Carver	New Image CC	YPU
AFIAP	Clare	Collins	Kingston CC	SPA
AFIAP	Sandie	Cox	Bristol PS	WCPF
AFIAP	Emma	Davies	Forest of Dean CC	MCPF
AFIAP	Stuart	Edgar	Penrith & District CC	NCPF
AFIAP	Lynda	Haney	Warrington PS	L&CPU
AFIAP	Stephen	Harper	Ipswich & District PS	EAF
AFIAP	Paul Yealand	Kalfayan	North West Bristol CC	WCPF
AFIAP	Mike	Martin	Bristol PS	WCPF
AFIAP	Alastair David	Moore	Melbourne PS	N&EMPF
AFIAP	Jane	Morris Abson	Richmond CC	NCPF
AFIAP	Lynda	Mudle-Small	Wadebridge & District CC	WCPF
AFIAP	Philip	Newman	Bolsover CC	N&EMPF
AFIAP	Martin	Patten	Watford CC	CACC
AFIAP	Kathryn	Scorah	Formby PG	L&CPU
AFIAP	Diane	Seddon	Grimsby PS	N&EMPF
AFIAP	Kyle David	Tallett	Ashford PS	KCPA
AFIAP	Jennifer	Willis	Catchlight CC	NIPA
AFIAP	Richard Paul	Winston	Bexleyheath PS	KCPA
AV-AFIAP	Greg	Duncan	Dorchester CC	WCPF

Lots of pictures from all these Distinction winners will appear in a special **e-news 259 extra**, 16 June. In the meantime you can see the 2019 portfolio submissions to FIAP in a **new** show from the RLS.....



## **\*\*\*\* COMING SOON**

from the PAGB Recorded Lecture Service at <a href="http://www.thepagb.org.uk/services/recorded-lectures/">http://www.thepagb.org.uk/services/recorded-lectures/</a>
Over 500 photographs, submitted by PAGB applicants for FIAP Distinctions, from AFIAP to EFIAP Diamond 3!



The Annual Review is normally presented at the PAGB Annual General Meeting but, as you all know, the AGM had to be postponed.

#### **FIAP Distinctions**

All 134 applications for FIAP distinctions, which were sent to FIAP in 2019, were successful. This figure is marginally up on 2018 with the total submissions since 2011 ranging between 102 and 150. They comprised 2 for EFIAP Diamond 3; 2 for EFIAP Diamond 2, 6 for EFIAP Diamond 1, 5 for EFIAP Platinum, 11 for EFIAP Gold, 14 for EFIAP Silver, 8 for EFIAP Bronze, 36 for EFIAP, 46 for AFIAP and 2 for AV/AFIAP. Note. A full list is included in the Annual Review.

Our congratulations also to Ross McKelvey of Catchlight CC (NIPA) and to Tim Pile of Smethwick PS (MCPF) for being awarded the MFIAP Distinction, the highest and most prestigious that FIAP can grant.

#### FIAP Biennials.

PAGB entered the 28<sup>th</sup> FIAP Colour Print Biennial in 2019 with the theme of "Storm Waves around the UK" and, once again, PAGB were rewarded with an Honorary Mention. Our congratulations go to Richard Harding (MCPF) who was awarded an individual Honorary Mention for his entry "Storm Force". All ten entries achieved the minimum acceptance level and can be counted towards FIAP Distinctions. This was a very creditable result for which everybody involved should be justifiably proud. Thanks go to Stephanie Cook of the FIAP Sub-Committee for her work in organising the entries.

### **FIAP Patronage**

During 2019, nine International Salons enjoyed FIAP Patronage. These were Southampton, Bristol, Yorkshire, Cheltenham, Midland Counties, South Devon, Hoylake, Northern Counties, and Smethwick. To these must, of course, be added the Welsh International from WPF and Edinburgh and the Scottish from SPF, both of whom are separately affiliated to FIAP.

Dave Coates MPAGB APAGB ESFIAP EFIAP/p, FIAP Liaison Officer

#### **PAGB Management and Competition Entry System**

In 2019 there was a major re-write of the PAGB's online competition entry system. The initial goals for the new system where that :-

- -The entrant's experience is identical whichever competition they enter.
- -The system will support any future competition design or requirement and can adapt easily to rule changes in our current competitions.
- -The system is relatively easy to use for both entrants and administrators.
- -When applicable, payment via Cheque or PayPal was selectable by the entrant.
- -The system makes the competition secretaries' jobs easier and less time consuming.
- -The system can be added to, and utilised for, other PAGB management requirements.
- -The system can be managed by multiple administrators.

Various other options where then also added to the system, which moved the web based software towards a more unified organisational management tool rather than just a competition entry system. These options included:-

- -A mail-sending client that allows targeted emails to specific distribution groups.
- -An online form creation, distribution, and management system.
- -A hosted Recorded Lecture Service, with payment and management functions.
- -An updated online event ticketing system with payment and email distribution.

Adrian Lines MPAGB CES Development and Admin



Since you could not come to us, we decided that we would come to you

## The Focus Group 2020 Exhibition

Click on the link below to see a few of the images that we were planning to show at our Exhibition in April. Hopefully, you will be able to see the full exhibition in 2021. https://spark.adobe.com/page/4a7iMIrCQBfiH/

# AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC MERIT (APM) ONLINE ADVICE

The Photography Show, of course, had to be postponed and at least two Federation Awards Workshops were similarly cancelled. To help fill this gap, I have assembled a group of people who are prepared to look at potential APM entries online and offer their advice. To date, more than 100 1:1 online sessions have been scheduled and the feedback has been heart-warmingly positive.

If you are preparing to enter, or are thinking about entering, for a CPAGB, DPAGB or MPAGB drop me an e-mail and we will do our best to find you a suitable adviser. This is a stopgap scheme for the period of the Covid emergency and is not designed to replace any of the Federation mentoring schemes. If you have access to such a scheme, that will be a better option.

You still have the opportunity to send your images online to a Volunteer Adviser who will critique them and give you useful advice for improvement. At the sole discretion of the Advisers, you may be able to get back to them, at a later date, for a follow up session when you have improved your images and your entry.

This will be the last time that it is advertised - take the opportunity while you can.



Send your request to rod@creative-camera.co.uk with the following information -

- 1 Your name and distinctions already achieved
- 2 Your Club and Federation
- 3 Level being looked at and if you have applied or have been accepted for an Adjudication already
- 4 Can you also mention if your application will be primarily Nature

It will be helpful too, to know if you are applying in Print or PDI although we have no way of looking at your Prints and can only advise on content, rather than the quality of the Print

I will then send you further details about the process and the name and e-mail of a possible Adviser.

In the meantime, I would suggest that you should read APM Leaflet 8, especially page 2, which will give you an idea of what to expect

http://www.thepagb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/apm\_leaflet\_8.pdf



## LECTURERS AND JUDGES TO THE RESCUE

In these strange times many Clubs have turned to online competitions and presentations and e-news would be delighted to help. If you have a talk that you are prepared to present online, please send a brief description to the editor and we will include it in a future issue.

Please remember, that if you have a free listing in the PAGB Handbook you have undertaken not to charge a fee but, otherwise, please quote that too.

If you have organised presentations that can be joined by others, then we are happy to publicise those too, although we will need sufficient notice to run it before the event.

If you are prepared to judge online via one of the platforms available, please send brief details.

rod@creative-camera.co.uk

## A DAY AT CWMORTHIN

by Gareth Martin AWPF CPAGB. Chair of Afan Nedd and Cymru Monochrome



The day, in April 2014, started with Pugwash, my Westie, and I leaving Port Talbot at 5.30am. The weather was really bad all the way up there. I arrived dressed for the day although it was just drizzle at this point. The first picture, called *House on a Hill*, shows it wasn't raining

I used a Zukio 28mm – 90mm on an Olympus E-5. Now, I knew my camera was waterproof so I took a gamble and kept it mounted on my tripod all day through the downpours and misty conditions. The only part of me that got wet was my sleeve which I was using it to wipe the lens.

The pictures were taken with auto focus so they are all sharp and blurry. That's an odd thing to say! The rain droplets on the lens were wiped off and sometimes became a smear or smudged. For me, this added to the atmosphere of the day seen in the pictures.

After a few months, I wondered how I was going to present the pictures to Camera Clubs where I do print and digital talks. So, I used Silver Efex, using different filters such as Pinhole on some images, and adding grain to really grunge them up and show to the world that, even in the digital age, we can still have grain. I wanted to show that this form of editing has a place in today's photography.

I made twenty-two prints, printed them small and mounted them on 50x40 mounts. I've been told that I have an F panel in the making. That would be nice.



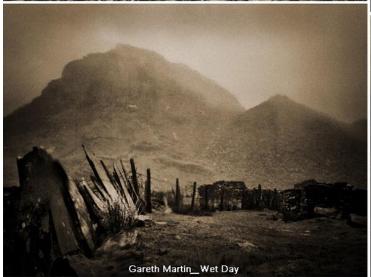




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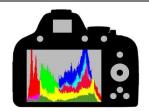


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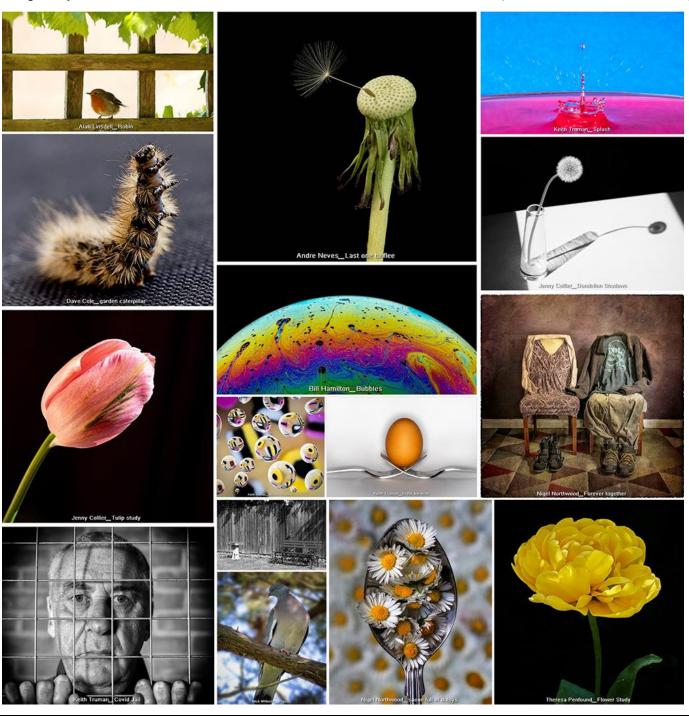
## Melbourn & District Photographic Club

Keith Truman DPAGB. Chair, Melbourn & District PC <a href="http://melbournphotoclub.com/about-us-2/">http://melbournphotoclub.com/about-us-2/</a>

Like all Camera Clubs, Melbourn cancelled its current Season in mid-March. We have been determined however to maintain the community-spirit of our Club and have also actively encouraged members to continue with their photography. A number of things were immediately put in place such as a Club WhatsApp group (with over half of our membership contributing), and a private Flickr group where members can post images for critique by other members.

Being mindful of the demographics of our Club, we also put in place a support network for our more isolated members and regularly ring them to have a chat and make sure they don't need anything. Like a lot of clubs, we too are using Zoom and have held a number of Critique evenings where members show a few of their images and other members provide constructive critique. We are also planning speakers to give us some talks.

Most importantly however, we have been encouraging our members to keep taking photos, in their homes, gardens and in some cases garages, sharing the techniques they are using with other members. The creativity and ingenuity of our members never ceases to amaze me. *CLICK* to see more pictures in the e-news Gallery.

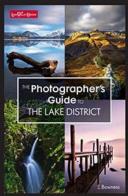


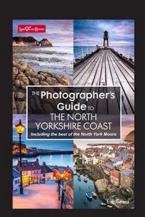
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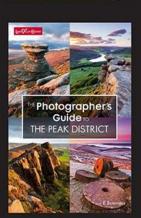
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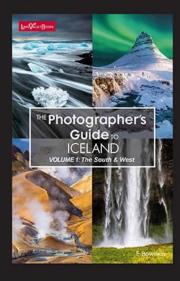
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### FROM ANALOGUE TO INSTAGRAM WITH HUAWEI

Glyn Edmunds dpagb apsa epsa efiap/g arps apagb abipp ampa

These images reflect a dramatic change from Darkroom Printer to Phone shooter, the majority of the resulting images now appear on FB, Flickr, Instagram and Twitter.

The catalyst was a 'phone discussion with Dr. Anne Sutcliffe FRPS, sometime in 2014. Anne's logic was that, whilst she could cope with a smart phone now, it may be more difficult in five or ten years' time. This resonated, so rushed out and bought the first of four smart phones.

I have long been a street snapper (Leica M6) and there is nothing more discreet than a silent phone.

Enjoy the images, which are part of a new Talk with the above Title.





















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# NATURE IN PAGE COMPETITIONS

The PAGB recently adopted a revised Definition of Nature for its own competitions, only a few of which have a separate Nature category. This note is from a briefing paper for judges of PAGB competitions, updated in light of the revised definition.

### **Nature in Open Events and Categories**

Nature work should be judged on its pictorial merit. Interesting content of nature photographs is obviously crucial, as it is with all genres, but, especially in an Open category, judges should ask themselves why (say) a picture of a Lion standing proud, looking at the camera is any more worthy of a high score than (say) an equally well arranged Large Dog.

### **Nature Events and Categories**

PAGB competitions decide Nature eligibility based on the appearance of the image, rather than compliance with provenance such as is defined in the familiar but separate FIAP/PSA definition. You should judge the image based on its story telling and pictorial merits rather than on any opinion you may have of how it was obtained. If you think that the image content is implausible, then that could affect your opinion.

Titles of Nature images are usually factual. Descriptive titles, although common, are not required. Alternative styles include statements of situation or behaviour. We do not normally expect images to be judged on the basis of their titles.



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## **JUDGE SELECTION**

Since the publication of the 2020/21 PAGB Handbook, the committee has dealt with several nominations from both Federations and individuals. These have resulted in the addition of five additional judges to the PAGB list.

We welcome nominations to the PAGB list of Judges from Federations or from individual Judges. Nominations by individuals should be passed through their Federation.

It should be remembered that we are looking for judges who are able, not only to judge at the level required in the various events organised by the PAGB, but also able to judge National and International exhibitions.

This requires familiarity with current exhibition standards, gained by entering and visiting National and International exhibitions.

Roger Parry MPAGB ARPS EFIAP HonPAGB ESFIAP Judges Sub Committee Chairman

