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## Merry Christmas



A Blanket of Snow by Kathryn J. Scoran

I am convinced that as I get older time goes faster. We are rapidly approaching Christmas, which means I have already completed eight months of my first year as PAGB.

My first Presidential engagement was the Awards for Photographic Merit at Dunblane in Scotland. It was very well organised with a good audience, and it was an absolute delight to present awards from BPAGB through to MPAGB. This year there were an incredible five passes at the MPAGB level. My sincere congratulations to everybody.



My next event was the Inter-Club PDI Championships at Warwick. A return visit to Warwick School. A highly competitive day with Chorley PS and Rolls-Royce Derby PS emerging as three-way joint winners.

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At the start of the day in Warwick, I was delighted to present the JS Lancaster medal for exceptional service to Adrian Lines. A few weeks earlier, our Vice President Peter Young presented a JS Lancaster medal to Christine Langford. Christine attended the Championships, and it was a pleasure to have a picture with both very worthy recipients.

The Inter-Federation Print competition opening at Smethwick was next. This showcases some of the best prints in the PAGB and the Exhibition was superbly displayed in the Smethwick club room.

In October I was able to present the Award for Meritorious Service (APAGB) to David Butler of Bolsover Camera Club. I have known David for over 40 years, so it gave me a lot of satisfaction.



My last engagement was the Inter-Club Print Championships at Blackburn. This was another extremely close competition with three clubs sharing 1<sup>st</sup> place – Arden PS, Chorley PS and Smethwick PS. My own club is Beeston (Notts) CC and I was delighted that two of my own club members gained awards. Gillian Scothern Best Colour Print and David Severn a Judge's Award.

I would like to thank the members of the PAGB Executive Committee for their support and for the incredible hard work they do throughout the year. Many thanks also to Club Judges and Lecturers and the army of volunteers who give their time for the benefit of the Federations and Club members.

*I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

David Gibbins CPAGB/av ARPS EFIAP/b BPE5 APAGB PAGB President



Christmas Penguins by Wendy Irwin



## AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC MERIT

These are the final numbers for the April Adjudication hosted by the NCPF in Dalston, Cumbria. We have squeezed a couple extra in, well exceeding our normal limit of 850 prints/PDI on both days. This Adjudication is now closed for entries and applications are being allocated to the November Adjudication in East Anglia.

	No. of Entrants	Saturday	Sunday	Total
<b>Badge Prints</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Credit Prints</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Credit PDI</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>280</b>
<b>Distinction PDI</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>165</b>
<b>Distinction Prints</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>
<b>Excellence Prints</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>180</b>
<b>Master Prints</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>140</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>1740</b>

*Please note that it has been many years since we have had sufficient entrants to run the MPAGB award in PDI and it looks unlikely that we will ever have sufficient. If you are aiming for the MPAGB, work on your printing.*



*No Storm stops your stories - Janice Barton*



Another Christmas jumper by Richard O'Meara



Greetings from Scotland.  
Christmas 2025

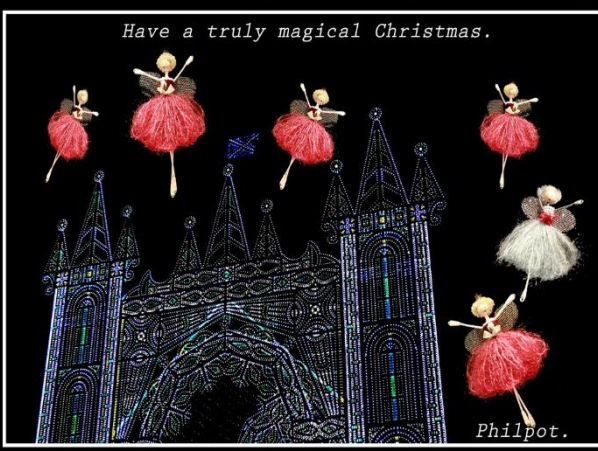
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Ptarmigan - Keith Gypps

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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Jessica & Jack by Sue Critchlow

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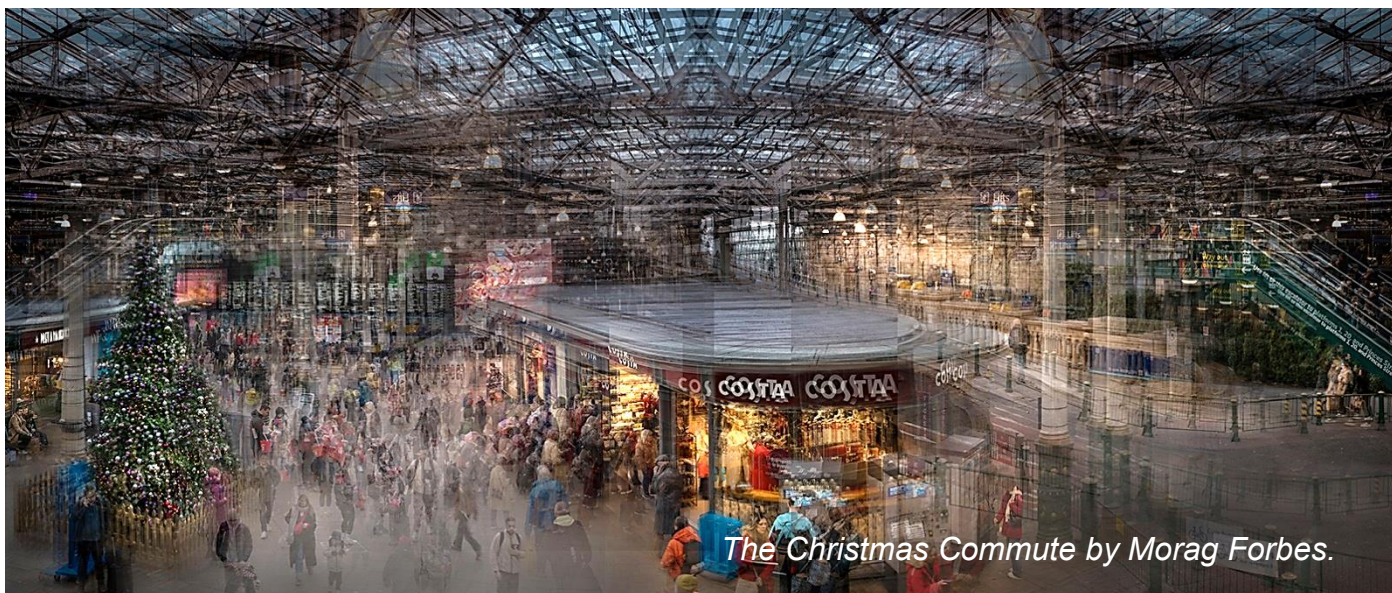





**THIS is the day that YOU should be in Birmingham!**

**Watch e-news for further details and your invitation to attend the Grand Opening of the NINTH MASTERS OF PRINT EXHIBITION in St Martin in the Bull Ring, Birmingham.**





*The Christmas Commute by Morag Forbes.*



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## *GB Trophy and GB Cup*

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**OPEN FOR ENTRY NOW UNTIL 1st March 2026**

We are pleased to announce that the GB Cup and the GB Trophy are now open.

The GB Trophy for Prints remains free of charge to encourage you to print more and we will accept both A3 and A4. There are two categories, Open and Nature.

The GB Cup for PDI Is charged at 60p per image and has the following categories, Open, Nature and Limited Eligibility, designed especially for smaller clubs.

Full details of these competitions can be found on our Central Management System (CMS)

A Club entry requires a personal CES account with Club Officer approval. [SEE HERE](#)





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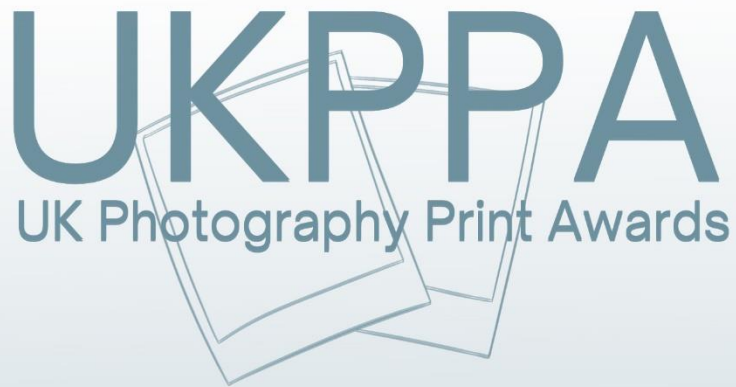
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**<< Hilary Bailey**



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A very good entry to the NINTH MASTERS OF PRINT was assessed and selected on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 December in the exotic location of Hollywood, near Dumfries.

The numbers received are listed on the next page. It is noticeable that fewer than 10% of affiliated clubs are represented and more than half the entries have come from just three Federations. Perhaps some of the larger poorly represented Federations might feel like encouraging more entries next time



Leigh Preston  
MPAGB EFIAP FRPS

Colin Trow Poole  
MPAGB FRPS FIPF

Helen Hanafin  
FIPF EFIAP/p

Judges Ninth Masters of Print

# RESULTS

MOP Individual entrants and Clubs have already received notification of acceptances and the full list will appear in the next issue of e-news.

## North West AV Day

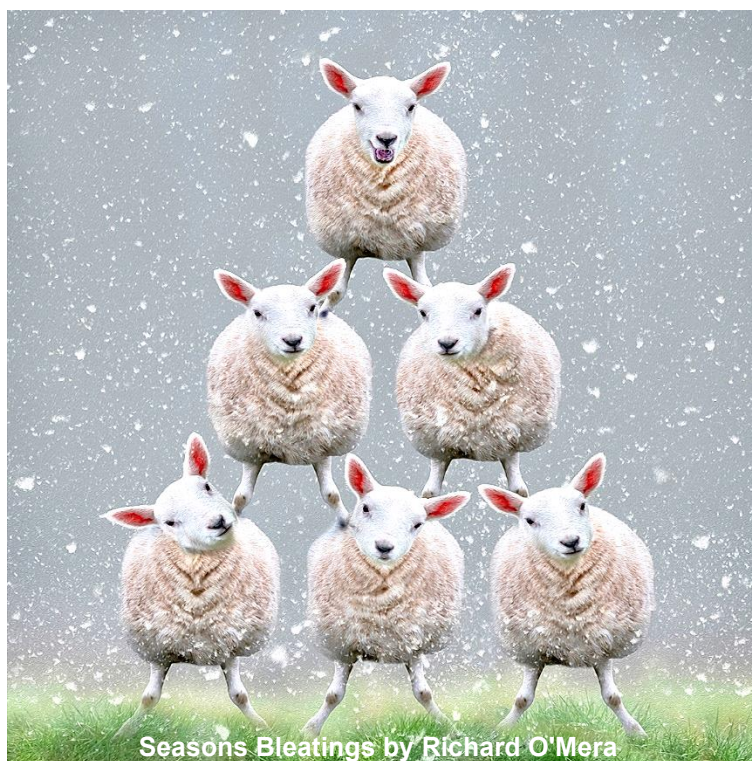
### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**PAUL KITTEL FACI**  
 "Paul is a BAFTA-nominated director/producer and an inspiring speaker with valuable insights into the power of film and still images"

**COLIN BALLS FRPS APAGB**  
 "Colin's five decades at the beating heart of the AV world gives you excellence and entertainment in spades"

**JOHN SMITH CPAGB APAGB HON LCPU HON NWPA**  
 "John is a well known AV worker, judge and technical guru and will be demonstrating sound editing. Focussing on, but not exclusively, use of Audacity"

**Showcase your own AVs**  
 More information is available on the RPS web site.  
<https://rps.org/groups/audio-visual/forthcoming-events/>  
 Tickets will available from the RPS website from 2nd January onwards.





# MASTERS OF PRINT – TOTAL ENTRIES

	clubs	entrants	total	%
<b>Scottish Photographic Federation</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>19.5</b>
<b>Lancashire and Cheshire Photographic Union</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>17.5</b>
<b>Western Counties Photographic Federation</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>13.9</b>
<b>Midland Counties Photographic Federation</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>8.5</b>
<b>Northern Counties Photographic Federation</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>5.3</b>
<b>Surrey Photographic Association</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>4.8</b>
<b>Kent County Photographic Association</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>4.6</b>
<b>Yorkshire Photographic Union</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>3.9</b>
<b>Southern Counties Photographic Federation</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>3.8</b>
<b>Northern Ireland Photographic Association</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3.7</b>
<b>Welsh Photographic Federation</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>East Anglian Federation of Photographic Societies</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>North and East Midlands Photographic Federation</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2.9</b>
<b>Chilterns Association of Camera Clubs</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2.9</b>
<b>North Wales Photographic Association</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2.7</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>100</b>

Whilst we didn't quite reach 1000 prints this is an increase from last year and a very healthy number from which to choose just 60. Should be a great exhibition!



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### SHOOTING IN SMALL SPACES - PART THREE

In this session, we're working with Anastasia to create our take on a classic Vogue cover shot.



### SHOOTING IN SMALL SPACES - PART TWO

In this session, Mike walks us through the lighting setup for model Chris, a member of the bike club that Lisa...



### SHOOTING IN SMALL SPACES SERIES

For our November monthly live, we travelled to Shropshire to work with member Lisa Roscoe in her 12x9...

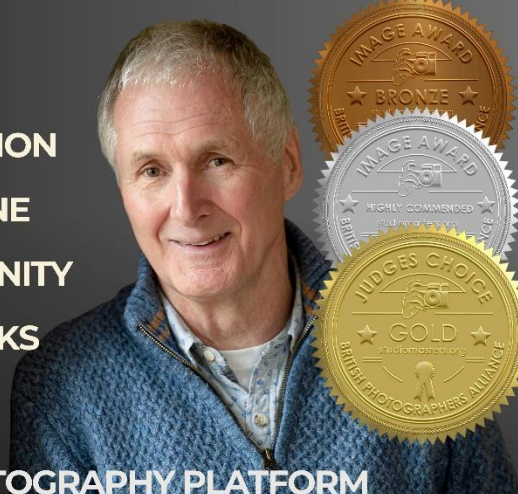


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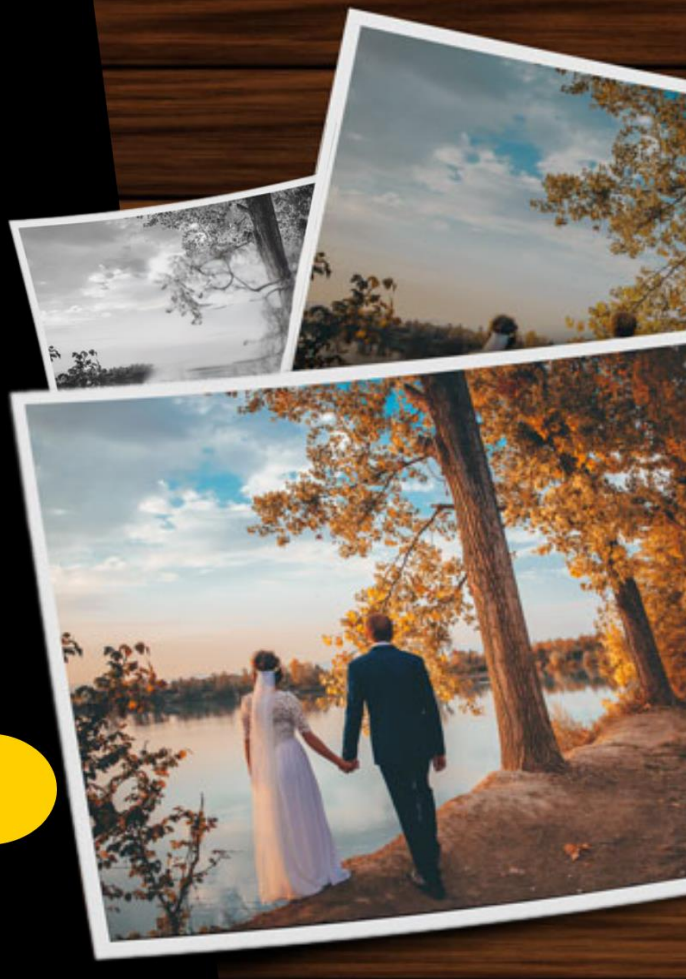
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Monica Doshi

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