

# WPF PRESIDENTS QUARTERLY UPDATE



## Merry Christmas to Everyone from your WPF Executive Team.

This is the first of what I hope will become a regular feature in Newsflash and on our Social Media pages. I would like to use this space as an opportunity to talk to our membership about issues that affect our Clubs and update you on upcoming events, exhibitions, workshops, Awards and Distinctions and celebrating recent members successes.

### What's on the Agenda?

**Communications:** The WPF Executive pledged back in 2024 to increase its reach by engaging more with its membership. We took the time out last year to reflect, ask members and reassess what we do which led to our strategy as signed off at the 2025 AGM.

More effective Communication was one of the key priorities our members asked for and this is our first step to making that happen.

**Events:** September saw our 2025 One Day Convention take place which was a huge success, turning a profit which will be put towards running our event next year - Congratulations and thanks go to Gareth Martin - roll on 2026. In October Monmouth Photographic Club successfully represented the WPF at the PAGB Inter-Club Print Championships and were placed 24th in the Plate Competition. Many congratulations to the Club members.

**Exhibitions:** Work is underway for the Welsh Salon Exhibition in 2026 with more information available soon.

**Workshops & Adjudications:** November saw our AWPf Adjudication event - another very successful event run by Dave Lewis for the final time as he hands over the reins to Roger Harrison. Thank you, Dave, for your diligence and determination to encourage and support so many people through their applications over the years.

The new WPF Merit Awards Workshop was piloted in November –huge thanks to all our volunteers for their input to ensuring we have a viable proposition going forward. The Adjudication Day will be announced soon.

**Distinctions & Awards:** For the AWPf Adjudication there were 22 entries with 17 candidates successfully achieving their AWPf. Congratulations to all the successful applicants. We look forward to hearing and sharing some of your journeys to achieving this award over the coming months.

**Upcoming & Save the Date:** Work is already underway for the **Memorials Trophy** taking place on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026 and I would like to thank Monmouth Photographic Club - Keith Sharples and his team, for volunteering to host and run this prestigious event once again in 2026. More details on applying will be available shortly.

**Volunteering:** We currently have nine volunteers on the Executive team, generously giving their time to help run the WPF and with the support of our Club Members we are able to provide a limited number of events – think what we could do with more involvement from more volunteers and Clubs! You will have seen the recent advertisement for more members to join the Executive so please, if you are interested in knowing more, contact either myself or your Vice President David Jones.

Thank you for taking the time out to read the first of my updates. Any thoughts or ideas are welcomed as always.

**Ron Lines WPF President December 2025**