

# WPF PRESIDENTS QUARTERLY UPDATE



## Easter Greetings to Everyone from your WPF Executive Team.

Dear Members, as promised in my last update, I would like to summarise what has been happening since Christmas and what is on the agenda over the next quarter.

### What's on the Agenda?

**Communications:** You will have seen a number of Communications going out on Facebook, Newsflash, via your Secretary or Chairperson and on the WPF website relating to the Memorial Trophy; the AGM; AWPf Awards and the Welsh Salon.

**Events:** February saw our 2026 **Memorial Trophy** hosted by Monmouth Photographic Society which was a huge success. The results have been circulated and our congratulations go to all our Winners and a massive thank you once again to Keith Sharples and Monmouth for their professionalism and support making this well-respected annual Awards event such a success.

March 8<sup>th</sup> was our **Annual AGM** and the Minutes have been circulated to all Club Secretaries and Chairs for Club Members information. Thank you to all the Clubs who were able to attend. We continue to have internet challenges at the venue which is under review and may result in a change of venue to enable some of our outlying clubs to join – we will keep you updated.

**The Welsh Salon** judging took place at the end of March. We saw a great uptake this year and there was a keen interest in opening the new category – Mobile Phone Photography. Feedback on the use of Pixoroo has also been extremely positive and will be the way forward wherever possible for future events.

**Exhibitions:** The 2026 **Welsh Salon Exhibition** is due to open 2<sup>nd</sup> May until 29<sup>th</sup> May. Congratulations to all the award winners and those who entered to make it another successful year. Thanks Del for making this happen.

**Workshops & Adjudications:** Dave Lewis and Dave Condon are moving forward with the **AWPF** workshop and adjudications and following a review of the process and terms of engagement, this year's Workshop will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> May at the Cynon Valley Museum – please contact Dave Lewis to book your place asap.

The feedback from the **WPF Merit Awards** Pilot Workshop is currently under review and more information will be available soon.

Gareth Martin has run a couple of **Workshops for new Presenters and Judges** since Christmas and you will have seen we now have 3 new Presenters and 4 new Judges. That makes a total of 12 presenters and 7 Judges since March 2025 and we continue to encourage others to join the circuit. Their calendars are filling up fast so you may want to give them a call for your next annual Programme. A huge thank you to Gareth for making this happen, it is appreciated how much time it takes out of your already extremely busy life.

**Distinctions & Awards:** FIAP Awards – it was great to present a number of FIAP awards this year to WPF Members; congratulations once again go to:

- Janette Hill EFIAP/b
- Terry Wall EFIAP/d2 – this is the WPF's highest award to date.
- Lin Wyles EFIAP
- Peter Wyles EFIAP

**Upcoming & Save the Date:**

Our 2026 **One Day Convention** will take place again this year on 26<sup>th</sup> September, details of the event, venue and how to purchase your tickets will be available soon.

The **PAGB – PDI Championship, Warwick 2026** - each Federation is now permitted to nominate up to three Clubs to participate in the PDI Championship. The 2026 Championship will be held at Warwick School on Sunday 19th July 2026. The nomination forms will be sent to Federations in March for completion by the end of April 2026 so if any Club would like to represent the WPF this year, please contact myself as soon as possible.

The **AWPF Adjudication** will take place mid-November so keep an eye open for more detail on that and don't forget the workshop that is running 16th May if you would like to enter for 2026.

**Volunteering:** As always, we need volunteers to either join the Executive Committee or just to volunteer their individual skills or Clubs resources to enable us to put on events. We currently have ten volunteers on the Executive team, generously giving their time to help run the WPF and with the support of some Club Members we are able to provide a limited number of events. So please, if you are interested in knowing more, contact either myself or your Vice President David Jones.

Wishing you all a Very Happy Easter and as always, I welcome your thoughts and ideas.

**Ron Lines WPF President April 2026**