

A Very Successful Weekend.

Saturday-Sunday 28th - 29th November 2021

At the Coombeshead Academy, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ12 1PT

A very cold, windy weekend - so just as well we were safely ensconced in the Academy which was warm, comfortable and provided all the facilities needed.

If you attended - it's hoped you were successful? A very stressful day - I know! I've been there twice! But successful or not - try to stay for the whole day next time? Use it as an opportunity to see some fabulous work - and try to work out how and why they were successful - or not!

Try to guess what the appraisers will score? How close do you come? It all helps enormously to "get your eye in" to some really top class work - from around the country, not just the West Country.

I couldn't possibly try to describe everything which went on! Instead - I've compiled a set of images - with captions - which should give you a flavour of the whole event.

As these Adjudications for the PAGB move around the country - if you do wish to attend the next one, or indeed, submit some work - it will mean either travelling or posting your entry! It was our turn this year. The last one hosted by this Federation was nine years ago!

The 'C' level is aimed at "good club photography" - but please note - this will really depend on how large your club is, its standard and on the photographers who belong to it!

The 'D' level is the next step up - and is for those who may enter Salons such as FIAP, BPE or the PSA. All these have websites where you can find out more about the requirements for entering. Try one - doesn't really matter which one! You will learn - and your photography will improve!

But be cautious! Winning lots of medals and acceptances at Salons, won't necessarily guarantee you an accreditation with the PAGB! Why not consider a mentor? There are some recommended and supported by the PAGB. Check it out? If you'd like to know more - here is a link -

<http://www.thepagb.org.uk/awards/apm-awards/>

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A Quick Tour of the Event



The PAGB team move in en masse together with all the equipment needed to hold one of these events. Rigorous attention is paid to making sure everything is working well, particularly calibration of the projector. A highly skilled team who've done this for 20 years!



Final checks by the PAGB team - and two views of the judges seating arrangements



*Meanwhile, the WCPF Executive were beavering away behind the scenes!
Left: Di Tilsley organising print reception and checking entry would be correctly presented.
Middle above - Eddy and Pam Lane welcomed visitors.*



*The two who drew the short straws were -
Left - Sandy Cox and right Ian Bateman out in the cold and wind
redirecting attendees to the correct carpark.*



Tea and coffee available throughout the weekend - so a quick warming cuppa and then first look at the room layout.



Rod Whelan, editor of eNews explains the appraisals voting system, followed by Nick Bodle WCPF President and Roger Parry PAGB President who then started the weekend's proceedings.



*Meet the judges!
Mike Staples, Richard Spiers, Libby Smith,
Leigh Preston, Leo Rich and John Chamberlain.*



Jubilant CPAGB successes. The release of all that stress during the day and the hard work over the preceding months is clear to see!



Followed after lunch by the equally euphoric new DPAGB successes. Well done to everyone. Starting to plan for the next level up?



Roger Parry thanks Russell McGowan, who organised last weekend's event, and presented him with a gift as a token of appreciation. Russell was also successful with his CPAGB application!



An extra, presentation, was made to Di Tilsley, who organised this event the last time the WCPA hosted it, 9 years ago.

How did YOU do? It would be really good to have a page on the WCPF Facebook Closed-Group area highlighting your achievement?

I do my best to keep up with all that happens - but it can become quite frenetic, so please don't hesitate to help me publicise your achievements?

In the meantime - special thanks to all the WCPF Executives who knew their roles, and who quietly "got on with it"!

Teasmaids - Angie Cottis and Julie McGowan (Torbay Club Members),
Heather Bodle and Sue Bishop.
Ticketing Officers - Eddy and Pam Lane.
Scores on print backs - Pam Lane.
Print receivers and sorters - Di & John Tilsley and Helen & Stephen Jones.
Car Park duties - Ian Bateman and Sandy Cox.
Russel McGowan - Event organiser.
Peter Fry - H&S issues.
Nick Bodle - WCPF President.
Ralph Snook and Bill Aven - presenting and removing prints for assessment.
Bill Aven - APM reception secretary - receiving and returning entries.
Ann Owens - Photography and Newsletter editor.

If you didn't notice feverish activity - good! That could only mean everything worked smoothly!



Probably - like me - you wondered what the awards were presented to Di Tilsley and Russell McGowan on Sunday?

Ann Owens, WCPF Publicity Officer.