

Report from the President of the WCPF for the 2018 AGM

It is incredible that it was only two years ago that I started my presidency. Due to health issues, alas, I have been unable to fulfil my duties as I expected to but with the kindness of Ian Bateman as vice president and other members of the executive the Federation has always been in good hands.

We have 105 clubs with about 5,000 member photographers and hopefully you are all making use of the federations events.

It is the second year we have used Bovey Tracey for our Members Exhibition which proves to be a popular venue owing to its lightness and the ability to hold about two hundred prints alongside the projected images.

Please check out the website and emails to confirm the venues for varying competitions as there will still be the need to use Clyst St Mary for certain events.

Our thanks go to Fotospeed for supporting us again this year and offering you their goods at some very special prices at these events.

Again this year, John Tilsley with a new team of assistants ran a judging seminar in Bridgwater which attracted a number of new judges to our lists. Whilst their details appear on the WCPF website, (<http://www.wcpf.org.uk/pages/judges-and-judging.php>) they will be in the printed directory for 2019.

Next year there will be a judging seminar in Exmouth.

The WCPF executive are kept very busy running the DPIC, Members Exhibition, AV Comp, Kingswood Salver and Knightshayes Trophy. Please join me in thanking them for their dedication and use of their '*spare*' time. Believe me, none of these things would happen without them. That brings me to the point of asking if anybody within the 105 clubs would like to join us on the committee then please come forward and speak to one of us. Without your support there would be no competitions or events.

Adjoining this report you will also be able to read reports from your executive committee and you will have the chance to raise any questions with the at the AGM.

I thank you all for your support this year and wish the new executive committee well for the future.

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