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## MCPF President Graham Walton DPAGB

### NEW PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE MCPF

At the June 2021 AGM Graham Walton of Arden PG took the role of President and Mike Sharples of Smethwick PS Vice President.



Photo Credit - Graham Hales

### MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT

Thank you to the MCPF Council and Photographic Society Delegates for welcoming into the role of President at the June AGM.

The last 16 months has been very difficult for members of our photographic community. With repeated lockdowns, shielding and defined restrictions, the running of clubs and the freedom to travel and take photographs has been very difficult. The age and health profiles of many of our members has added to the difficulties.

Many of our photographic clubs have re-invented their programmes by using the technology of Zoom, Teams, Google, WeTransfer, Dropbox and Youtube. Club Lectures, Competitions and Exhibitions have been able to carry on, often with novel and experimental variations. The ingenuity of these club committees has kept the interest going in our wonderful hobby and way of life. Many clubs have expanded their variety by inviting online lecturers and judges from around the UK and also the World. International Interclub Competitions have also worked.

Many photographers have recently resorted to looking back through their archives to find further successful images. Some clubs have set theme competitions with subjects compatible with the lockdown rules.

As we hopefully emerge from this Covid Pandemic, there will be a resumption in face to face meetings. However, there is still much uncertainty with the Pandemic and many Photographers, Lecturers and Judges will still be reluctant to meet up. So maybe a mixture of live and online might retain memberships.

As reported in this issue Our MCPF Clubs have done very well in the PAGB Interclub PDI Championships. Well done to Arden PG, Smethwick PS, Stafford PS and Cannock PS.

*Graham Walton DPAGB July 2021.*



## MCPF PAGB Competitions Secretary Graham Walton DPAGB

### MCPF CLUBS WERE WELL PLACED IN A NATIONAL COMPETITION PAGB INTERCLUB PDI CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021.

The PAGB held an Interclub PDI Championship in July 2021. An online contest replacing the normal University of Warwick event. On the day an online audience of more than 200 people from around the UK, watched the event.

Each of the 15 GB Federations had selected their best clubs to represent their regions.

The MCPF was represented by:-

Arden Photo Group  
Smethwick Photographic Society  
Stafford Photographic Society  
Cannock Photographic Society

The format of the Competition was 2 Qualifying Rounds of 8 images each to determine the top eight UK Clubs. This was followed by a Final where the 8 Qualifying Clubs submitted 20 images each. The live judging was provided by 3 PAGB Approved Judges.

Each participating Club had registered an Image Bank of 40 photos and pre-selected 16 images for the qualifying rounds.

After the qualifying rounds the 8 qualifying Clubs had to live select their final 20 images, using no more than 10 from the previous rounds and another 10 from the Image Bank.

After the 2 Qualifying Rounds Smethwick PS were in 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Arden PG 6<sup>th</sup> Place, Stafford PS 24<sup>th</sup> Place and Cannock PS 30<sup>th</sup> Place

Therefore, Smethwick and Arden went into the Finals.

The Results of the Final is shown below:-

#### Photographic Alliance of Great Britain Inter-Club PDI Championship 2021 Final

1st	Rolls Royce Derby Photographic Society	270
2nd	Wigan 10 Foto Club	262
3rd	Catchlight Camera Club	257
4th	Chorley Photographic Society	253
5th	Arden Photo Group	251
6th	Keswick Photographic Society	249
7th	Smethwick Photographic Society	243
8th	Bristol Photographic Society	242

The Judges gave 4 individual Awards.

A Silver Medal went to: Despair by Charles Ashton, Arden PG

The MCPF can be proud of the creditable performances from their 4 competing clubs.



## MCPF PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit Alan Lovatt

### Awards for Photographic Merit

The PAGB held a “closed” Adjudication for Prints at Smethwick on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June.  
The following people from this Federation were successful :-

#### Credit (CPAGB)

Dr. Andrew Askey	Aldridge PS
David Bray	Dunchurch PS
Audrey Couchman BPE3	Droitwich CC
Robb Doyle BPE2	Leicester Forest PS
Robert Goode LRPS EFIAP/b BPE2	Stourport CC
David Myles	Smethwick PS
John Simpson	Stafford CC
Sandra Starke LRPS	Smethwick PS
Trevor Swann	Smethwick PS
Brian Wheatley	Rugeley and Armitage CC

#### Distinction (DPAGB)

Dave Airston LRPS CPAGB	Smethwick PS
Mark Chambers ARPS AFIAP CPAGB BPE4	Droitwich CC
Carol Preston CPAGB	Arden PG
Ketan Shah CPAGB BPE1	Duston CC

#### Master (MPAGB)

Dr. Charles Ashton	Arden PG.
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The Officers and Council of the MCPF send their congratulations to all the successful entrants and we hope to be able to present the Certificates to everyone at the September General meeting.

If you would like details of how to apply for an Award for Photographic Merit, full details can be found on the MCPF Website at :-

MCPF Basic Requirements for and application form for Distinction Applicants - Apr 2019



MCPF General Secretary  
Christine Lovatt 01538 754060

## DIARY DATES

2021

### September

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Sept

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Sept

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Sept

Midland Salon Online Gallery

MCPF Council Meeting 10.00am

MCPF General Meeting 2.00pm

Venues will be announced in the newsletter according to Government guidelines.

### October

Council Meeting

Midphot Panels Exhibition

TBA

Judges Seminar

TBA

Dates and Venues will be announced in the next newsletter according to Government guidelines.

### December

Council Meeting

Date and Venue to be decided

2022

### January

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan

MIDPHOT AV Championships

Venue to be decided

Contact details: Alastair Taylor: [avchamp@mcpf.co.uk](mailto:avchamp@mcpf.co.uk)

### February

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan

MCPF Council Meeting am

MCPF General Meeting pm

Contact details: Christine Lovatt: [sec@mcpf.co.uk](mailto:sec@mcpf.co.uk)

This will also be the closing date for your Midphot entries

Contact details: Lu & Ralph Duckett: [midphot@mcpf.co.uk](mailto:midphot@mcpf.co.uk)

Sat/Sun 19/20<sup>th</sup>

Judging Midphot

### March

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

Venue

Midphot Exhibition

Smethwick PS

Contact details: Lu & Ralph Duckett: [midphot@mcpf.co.uk](mailto:midphot@mcpf.co.uk)

### April

Sat 9<sup>th</sup>

Venue:

Contact:

Print & Pdi Championships

Braunstone Civic Centre



Jon & Sue Baker

*I would very much like to thank*

*The MCPF Council  
and anyone else involved in my induction into*

*The MCPF Roll of Honour.*

*To be recognised by your peers is something quite special  
and it is something we will always treasure.*

*Already we are missing going out to Lecture.  
(Never say never!)*

*In the meantime we have developed a new website at:*

<https://www.fourfeetfromtelford.co.uk>

*Many Thanks*

*Jon & Sue Baker*



MCPF Travelling Portfolio  
Steve Clifford AFIAP CPAGB BPE3  
MCPF Travelling Portfolio

Some Good News!



Despite the Covid-19 restrictions the 2021 MCPF Travelling Portfolio will be back out on the road this year, showing some of the best images from clubs across the Midlands. However, we have had to make a few changes though and will be PDI only images from this year's Photofolio exhibition

The show will be sent direct to each club by We-transfer, so there will be no need for clandestine meetings in Car parks across the Midlands to pass over those dark print boxes! Some of you have already booked the show for 2021/22 season and the file will be sent out to you in good time. For those who have not booked or have wondered what it's all about then now's your chance to book up to see the best images currently on show in the Midlands.

Just complete and return the below booking form along with the payment for a full evenings' entertainment at the bargain price of just £ 10.00

This year we would like to avoid cheques so payments please by Bacs or Paypal and use the following reference "Club Name – Portfolio21"

Also, as there are no prints to move around you can choose the evening that suits you best

Here's a selection of some of last years exhibition



MCPF Travelling Portfolio  
Steve Clifford AFIAP CPAGB BPE3



For further information please contact [steveclifford22@gmail.com](mailto:steveclifford22@gmail.com)





MCPF Travelling Portfolio  
Steve Clifford AFIAP CPAGB BPE3

## MCPF Portfolio Booking Form

I confirm that \_\_\_\_\_ Club/Society

Accept the date of: \_\_\_\_\_ for the showing of the MCPF Portfolio;

Contact name and Address (please include Christian name)

Telephone:

Email:

Post code:

The fee of £10.00 has been paid to the MCPF made by BACS / Paypal

The details for payment by BACS are

Bank: HSBC

Account Name: Midland Counties Photographic Federation

Sort code: 40-43-54

a/c: 71318675

Please use "Portfolio" in the description

Details for Paypal

a/c [treasurer@MCPF.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@MCPF.co.uk)

Please use the pay a friend facility

Please use Reference "Club Name – Portfolio21"

Bacs / Paypal is the preferred method due to the current situation,  
however cheques made out to MCPF will still be accepted

Return to: The Hon. Portfolio Secretary

Telephone: 07881-389131

Email: [steveclifford22@gmail.com](mailto:steveclifford22@gmail.com)

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PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE



## Droitwich CC Julian Rouse

I have been approached by one of our long serving members Julian Rouse, about a book that he has published titled, "A history of my time in the Antarctic Halley Base 1981-1983".

In July 1980 he graduated with a degree in Physics from Bristol University.

This is an account of his first job which took him to Halley Base in the Antarctic.

While, it does have text, it is primarily a collection of my photographs showing life at Halley and the wonderful group of Fids with whom he lived with.

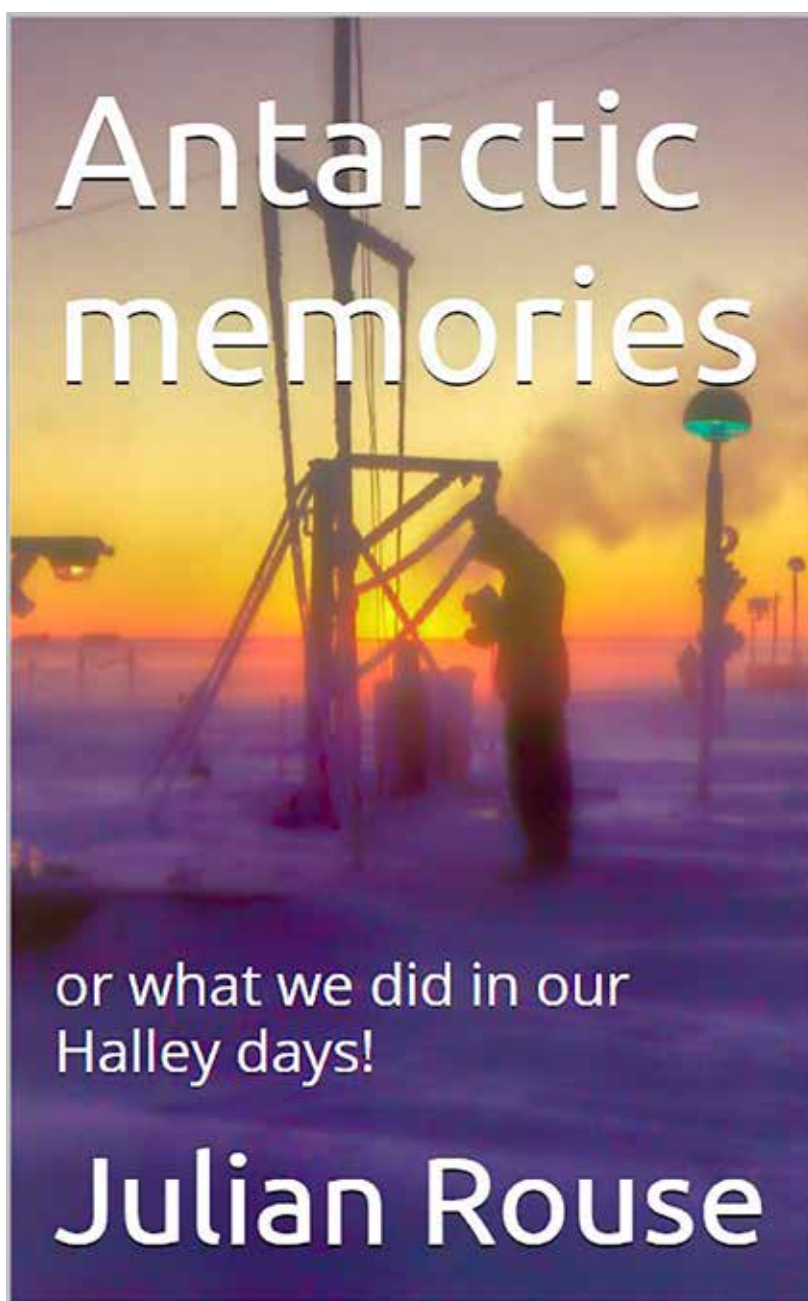
All proceeds are in support of the: Antarctic Heritage trust UK, The Stroke Association and The Headway Trust.

The book is available from Amazon priced at £25 for the paperback and £15 for the Amazon fire version.

Julian has asked me as my role as club secretary, if I could recommend getting this out to other fellow photographers in the region, who would be interested and happy to support these great charitable causes.

Can I therefore ask if this could be added into the next MCPF Newsletter to accompany the attached image cover of the book ?

Many thanks, Dave Rawlings, Droitwich Camera Club - Secretary





**EXHIBITION BY THE STYLE GROUP OF  
LEAMINGTON SPA PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY**

One of Leamington Spa Photographic Society's special interest groups, the Style Group, helps members to evolve and develop their own personal photographic style.

The Group will be holding an exhibition in All Saints' Church, Priory Terrace, Leamington Spa CV31 1AA on 6th, 7th and 8th August.

On display are panels of individual members' work together with a giant panel under the title 'Take Twelve', an evolution of its popular predecessor 'Take Ten'.

Here twelve members each interpret the same twelve subjects in their own style.

**LEAMINGTON SPA PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY  
STYLE GROUP EXHIBITION**

**WORK IN  
PROGRESS**

<b>ALL SAINTS CHURCH</b>	<b>FRIDAY 6th AUGUST</b>	<b>12.30 - 5.00</b>
<b>PRIORY TERRACE</b>	<b>SATURDAY 7th</b>	<b>10.30 - 5.00</b>
<b>LEAMINGTON SPA</b>	<b>SUNDAY 8th</b>	<b>12.30 - 5.00</b>
<b>CV31 1AA</b>		

**ALSO ON LINE AT [WWW.LSPS.ORG.UK](http://WWW.LSPS.ORG.UK)**



## LEAMINGTON SPA PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Leamington Spa Photographic Society's 2021 Annual Exhibition takes place at All Saints' Church in Leamington Spa from Saturday 28 August to Sunday 5 September. (The exhibition runs for 1 week.)

The annual competition attracted a record 192 entries and highly regarded judge Michael Krier from Cheltenham commented that, "there were good images in abundance".

Among the winners, Society chairman, Tim Evans, scooped three trophies, while new member, Claire Doolan, gathered two awards. Chairman, Tim Evans said: "Our Annual Exhibition Competition is our season's grand finale with this year's entries among the best. Despite being unable to meet personally we had an excellent season, thanks to 'Zoom', which included two outstanding speakers from America." There has been a photographic society in Leamington since 1887. The current membership of 90 makes it is the fourth largest in the West Midlands. Nationally, competing in this year's Great Britain Cup, Leamington came 19<sup>th</sup> out of 120 clubs.

Leamington Spa Photographic Society

**PHOTOGRAPHIC**

**EXHIBITION 2021**

All Saints' Church	Saturday 28th August to Saturday 4th September
Victoria Terrace	10.30am to 5.30pm
Leamington Spa	Sunday 5th September
CV31 1AA	12noon to 5.0pm

<https://www.lsps.org.uk>



West Haddon Photo Club



# 7th Annual Photo Show

An exhibition of photographs by local photographers

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th September 2021

10am-5pm, All Saints' Church, West Haddon NN6 7AP

Free admission each day      Cakes, tea and coffee by local charities

Entries are free and open to all photographers

Entry form: email [photoshow@whphoto.club](mailto:photoshow@whphoto.club) or visit [www.whphoto.club](http://www.whphoto.club)



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Image by Neil Phillips



TDPS is delighted to welcome world-renowned landscape photographer:



## CHARLIE WAITE



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## BEHIND THE PHOTOGRAPH

CHARLIE WAITE'S FAVOURITE PHOTOGRAPHS  
AND THE STORY OF HOW THEY WERE MADE

When: **Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021** – Doors open at 7:00pm for 8:00pm start.

Where: Towcesters Rugby Club, Greens Norton Road, Towcester NN12 8AW

Tickets: **£12** Purchase online securely: [www.towcesterphoto.co.uk/events](http://www.towcesterphoto.co.uk/events)

Also: Licensed bar, refreshments, raffle with fantastic photographic and other prizes.



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