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JUDGING SPECIAL ISSUE

Later in the year we hope to publish a special edition of **e-news** devoted to the Black Art of Photographic Judging. All we need is the material to fill it! If you have any considered views on judging, any amusing or annoying anecdotes, any suggestions for improvement, any questions or any views at all on judging which would be of interest to our readers then please send your contribution to

rod@creative-camera.co.uk.

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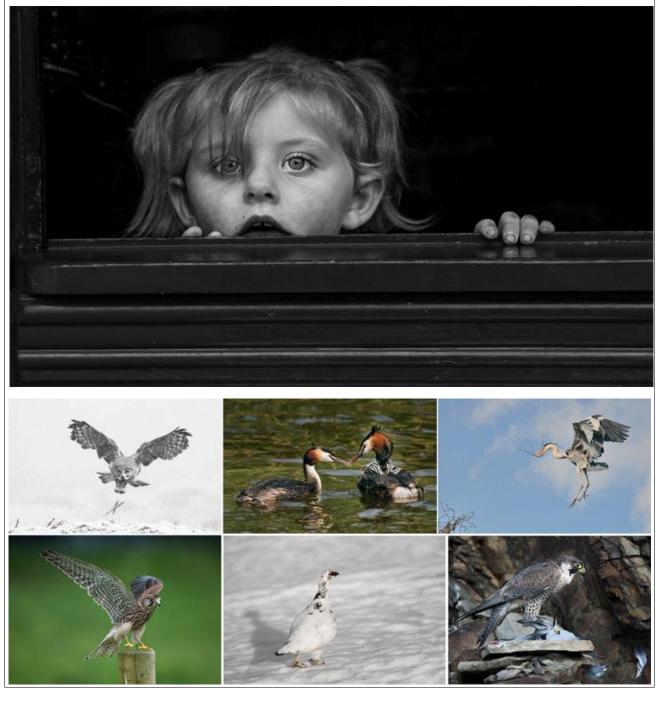
MPAGB APRIL 2012

It has been many years since we have achieved FOUR MPAGB at one Adjudication. e-news will feature each one in turn showing their complete entry of 20 photographs

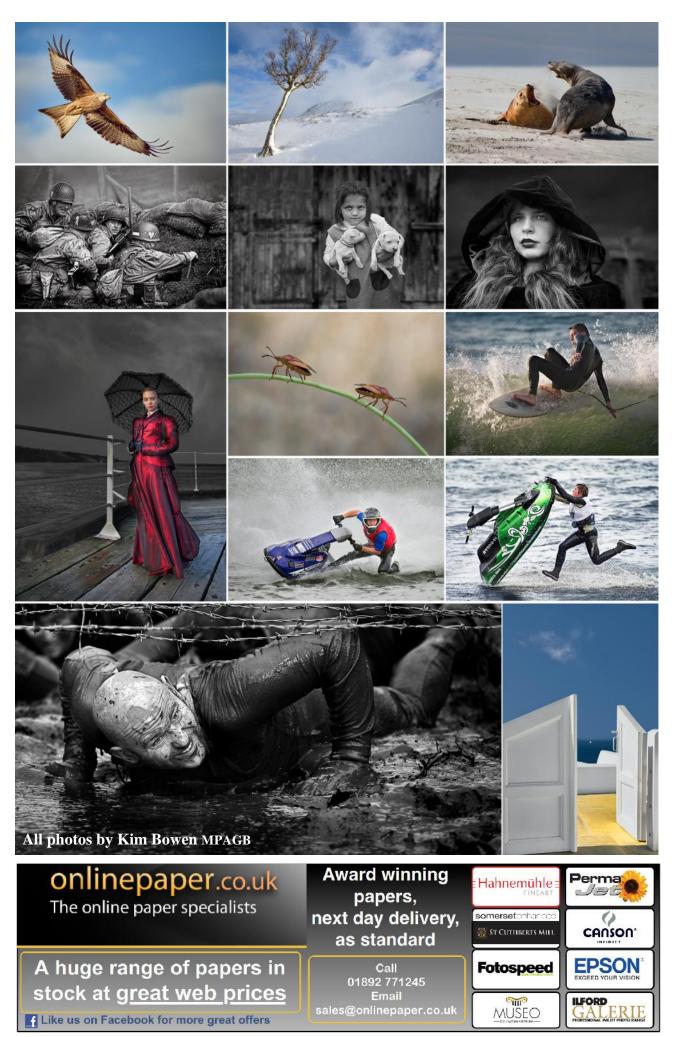
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KIM BOWEN

Photography has been my passion for the past 30 years (with a 10 year break in between....kids/work etc) The advent of digital photography revitalized my enthusiasm in 2002. Since then I have been lucky enough to achieve my EFIAP, BPE4* and finally, after a roller coaster of emotions, the much coveted MPAGB. That said, I am sure my best image is still out there somewhere!



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MPAGB – THE GATESHEAD NOTES

We have visited some weird and wonderful places in the 19 year history of the Awards for Photographic Merit but the Caedmon Theatre in Gateshead holds a special place as the most often used venue and as host to some of the most exciting Adjudications. Almost 20% of all the MPAGB awards have been achieved at Gateshead.

The very first MPAGB Adjudication came in the second year of the APM in November 1995 in Gateshead and it was chaired by Ian Platt. There were 9 MPAGB Passes, 4 with Prints - David Haigh, Rod Wheelans, John Lloyd and Dennis Worrall - and 5 with Slides - Cath Mullen, Peter Mullen, Peter Upton, Geoff Ashworth and Paul Keene. These were some of the most successful International Exhibitors of the time and, 17 years later, many are still quite active.

The APM are hosted by a different Federation each time in April and November and by the time they returned to the NCPF and Gateshead in April 2001 a further 35 MPAGB had been awarded (22 Print & 13 Slide) including the most prolific MPAGB Adjudication to date in Swansea in November 1999 where 9 M entrants were successful. By now under the Chairmanship of Rod Wheelans, Gateshead added Roy Elwood, Frank McNamara, Leigh Preston, Priscilla Thomas & Mary Attfield (Prints) plus Michael Cowdrey & Dennis Farrell (Slides).

When the APM once again returned to Gateshead in November 2008 there were still only 98 holders of the MPAGB and we broke through the "Hundred Barrier" with the addition of Maurice Jones with Slides and Bob Moore, Denise Kinch and Barry Mead with Prints.

The latest Adjudication in Pontefract brought the total number of holders of the MPAGB to 117 including the very first in PDI. Those who hold the Award are members of an elite company and many of them have warm memories of Gateshead.



RECORDED LECTURE - A TRIBUTE TO THE MPAGB

The PAGB are currently working on a Lecture on CD for their Recorded Lecture Service, recognising the photography of the MPAGB elite. Some were obtained so long ago that the work submitted then is no longer current and those photographers are invited to send some digital files (PDI size) of their more recent work. Those who have passed in the last few years are invited to send the complete panel.

To date we have submissions from 25 holders of MPAGB and, realistically, we would like at least 25 more. If you have not yet sent anything please e-mail rod@creative-camera.co.uk for the detailed requirements with regard to file size and titles.

< Ellalyn from the 1995 MPAGB Panel of Rod Wheelans (Darkroom Print)

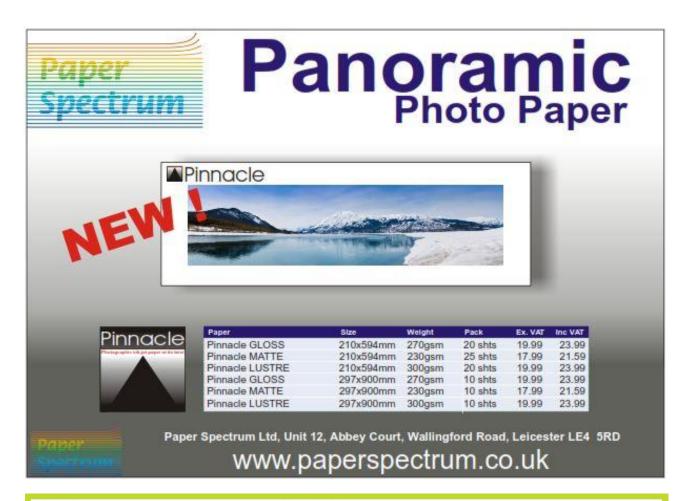
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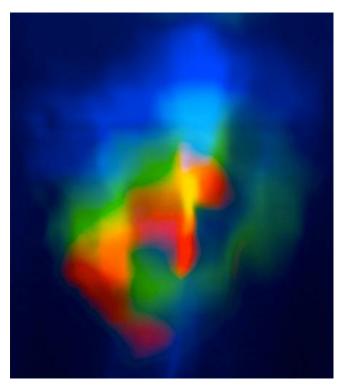
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The Birth of Light by Sir George Pollock Bt. from his Recorded PAGB Lecture "The Art of Photography"



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Meet the PAGB Executive Committee members



Cupid Spring - Mammoth Hot Springs Below - Tabular Berg, Scotia Sea and Gentoo's At Play

I joined my first camera club in 1978. It didn't take long before I found myself becoming involved in the administrative side of affairs at my club and subsequently my federation. I was elected to the PAGB Executive in 2000 and have been responsible for managing the website ever since. In 2004 I took on the job of PAGB Handbook Editor, a job that I still carry out.





I began printing colour (Cibachrome) before progressing onto monochrome. By the mid 90's I found myself dabbling in digital photography and have had my own website since 1999. I bought my first digital camera in 2000 and by 2004 had retired all of my film cameras. My main interests lie in landscape and nature, but I do occasionally experiment with creative images. In recent years most of my photographs have been taken in North America, Iceland and Antarctica.

Editor: If you have not already visited and bookmarked Ian's fantastically useful site I advise you to do so now. It is a quite wonderful resource packed full of useful and interesting information for digital photographers.

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I first became interested in photography when, at a wedding, I was handed a camera and asked to take some candid snaps. I decided to look further into this photography business and discovered a book by Ansel Adams which was really exciting. I bought a 5 x 4 camera and enlarger etc, and built a darkroom in the garden. Moving to Chorley in 1978 I decided that a way to meet new people was to join a camera club. Well I did only to discover that the membership was 7 people - today it's over a 100! In the early days I entered all the competitions with some success. After a while, competitions didn't excite me so much, but taking pictures for my own enjoyment did. I still take several 100 images each week.

I became President of Chorley PS in the Eighties and worked hard to improve the membership numbers and to make the club a more prominent member of the L&CPU. In 1985 I joined the L&CPU executive and held a number of posts before being elected president in 1994, and again in 2007. I was a delegate representing the L&CPU at PAGB AGM for a number of years, and my 'claim to fame' was to ask the PAGB (on behalf of the L&CPU) to initiate an award system. The initial reaction at the AGM was negative as they felt that the Awards would clash with those of the RPS and also the newly instituted BPE Star system. I asked the PAGB to go away and to give it more consideration.. The rest is history and the first APM adjudication was held in Darwen, Lancashire, during my first presidency of the L&CPU.

The L&CPU elected me as their delegate to the PAGB when the late David Marsh FRPS stepped down after 15 years. My 7 years on the PAGB executive have been very enjoyable and I have felt I have made a difference by introducing the Trustees Insurance, and moving corporate sponsorship to a new level. I have helped to take 'Warwick' from slides into the digital age.

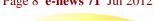
During my time in photography I have met some truly inspiring people. I have become a judge and lecturer on the circuit, and sometimes, like us all, I have to remind myself this is only a hobby and is supposed to be fun... most of the time it is.







Bicycles in a Parade on the Champs Eleyees, Paris





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FIAP DISTINCTIONS RESULTS FOR 2012 – TOTAL SUCCESS!

At last we have the results from the 2012 submission of applications for FIAP Distinctions for AFIAP, EFIAP and EFIAP Levels, and it is great news to report that every application was successful. This was the largest submission in the history of PAGB and I suspect that it was also the largest ever submitted from any one country.

A total of 139 applications were submitted and they were made up of 73 for AFIAP, 1 for AV-AFIAP, 47 for EFIAP, 8 for EFIAP Bronze, 4 for EFIAP Silver, 5 for EFIAP Gold and 1 for EFIAP Platinum. A detailed list will appear in the next enews. We await the results of 3 MFIAP Applications.

PAGB offers its sincere congratulations to each and every applicant for what is an outstanding result for you all and also for PAGB.

FURTHER CHANGES TO THE CRITERIA FOR FIAP AWARDS

Dave Coates ARPS EFIAP/g EPSA MPAGB APAGB; FIAP Liaison Officer

FIAP have announced further changes to the criteria an applicant has to meet in order to apply for many of the distinctions that FIAP have to offer. This news flash therefore sets out to itemise these changes. They have been incorporated into the main documents on the PAGB web site. Additionally FIAP have re-designed, simplified and improved the dossier files that you are required to complete for AFIAP. EFIAP and EFIAP Levels distinctions. The new dossier files may not be posted on the FIAP website for some weeks yet.

Changes to AFIAP and EFIAP Criteria In addition to the previous changes applicants will now be subject to a requirement that 10% of the required acceptances for AFIAP (4) and for EFIAP (25) must be gained with PRINTS, as opposed to PDI. You are currently required to submit a portfolio of 5 of your accepted photographs with an application. These, regardless of what media you used to obtain the acceptances must be in the form of quality large digital files (longest side 3600 pixels) and be submitted on a CD. Additionally each of the 5 photographs that you include in your portfolio must have received at least 3 acceptances in FIAP patronised salons.

Changes to MFIAP Criteria A candidate for MFIAP must be the holder of the EFIAP distinction for at least **THREE** years, based on the date of his/her EFIAP Certificate. In this context remember that MFIAP applications are currently assessed each year the April meeting of the FIAP Directory Board.

EFIAP Levels There are no changes that relate specifically to EFIAP Levels criteria.

Other points of a more general nature The same work submitted to different salons under FIAP Patronage or to FIAP Biennials must always bear the same title. Photographs that are submitted without a title, with the title "untitled" or anything of a similar nature will not be accepted by the Distinctions Service when considering applications for awards.

The Dossier File Forms D, E, and F of the AFIAP/EFIAP Dossier File have been combined into a new Form D. This has been set in 'landscape' format to allow far more space for your entries. It also includes provision for specifying whether acceptances are from prints or PDI. Gone are the multiple field factors in one column and this form is now of indeterminate length. As created it had room for nearly 300 acceptances and as, at this stage at least, it is not locked you can add extra lines where necessary. Copying and pasting, providing you use a little commonsense should now be completely practical. Form B for the EFIAP has been amended in a similar way. To achieve this, the document is no longer locked, BUT please be warned; other than to add extra lines to the acceptances listings, DO NOT tamper with the formatting of the form. If you do I may well have to decline your application.

In consequence of all the changes this year a number of the download documents on the PAGB website have or are being updated, including "Starting out on the Exhibition Trail" and "Criteria for FIAP Awards".

2012 PAGB INTER-FEDERATION COMPETITION/EXHIBITION

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| | Federation | Entered | Average mark | Accepted |
|----|--------------------------|---------|--------------|----------|
| 1 | Midland Counties | 37 | 11.568 | 13 |
| 2 | Northern Counties | 15 | 11.067 | 4 |
| 3 | Welsh PF | 17 | 10.941 | 6 |
| 4 | Scottish PF | 27 | 10.926 | 8 |
| 5 | Northern Ireland | 10 | 10.900 | 5 |
| 6 | East Anglian | 40 | 10.875 | 8 |
| 7 | Lancashire & Cheshire | 32 | 10.781 | 5 |
| 8 | Yorkshire | 21 | 10.762 | 7 |
| 9 | N&EMPF | 16 | 10.688 | 3 |
| 10 | Kent County | 17 | 10.529 | 4 |
| 11 | North Wales | 10 | 10.300 | 1 |
| 12 | Southern | 21 | 10.238 | 2 |
| 13 | Chilterns | 14 | 10.214 | 1 |
| 14 | Surrey | 16 | 9.938 | 1 |
| 15 | Western Counties | 34 | 9.735 | 3 |

COLOUR PRINT

| | Federation | Entered | Average mark | Accepted |
|----|-----------------------|---------|--------------|----------|
| 1 | N&EMPF | 16 | 11.250 | 6 |
| 2 | Midland Counties | 37 | 11.243 | 13 |
| 3 | East Anglian | 40 | 11.100 | 13 |
| 4= | Chilterns | 14 | 11.000 | 3 |
| 4= | Northern Counties | 15 | 11.000 | 6 |
| 6 | Lancashire & Cheshire | 32 | 10.906 | 8 |
| 7 | Kent County | 17 | 10.824 | 6 |
| 8 | Scottish PF | 27 | 10.704 | 7 |
| 9 | Welsh PF | 17 | 10.529 | 4 |
| 10 | Northern Ireland | 10 | 10.400 | 3 |
| 11 | Surrey | 16 | 10.375 | 2 |
| 12 | North Wales | 10 | 10.300 | 2 |
| 13 | Southern | 21 | 10.190 | 3 |
| 14 | Western Counties | 34 | 10.176 | 3 |
| 15 | Yorkshire | 21 | 9.952 | 3 |

A full, illustrated, list of the Individual Awards will appear in the next e-news



- 1. Challenge it! Ask under what law you are being stopped. As long as you are on public land, you are allowed to take as many pictures as you like
- 2. If you can, record or film the incident on your mobile phone
- Take down the details of the officer or guard apprehending you so you can make an official complaint afterwards
- 4. The police cannot stop you unless they 'reasonably suspect you of being a terrorist' and cannot seize any equipment or photos unless it contains something 'which the officer reasonably suspects may constitute evidence that the person is a terrorist'. If they do, they must provide paperwork detailing what has been taken
- Under no circumstances can any photos or footage be deleted during a search

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provided you are standing in a public place, you have every right to snap away to your heart's content. There are a couple of exceptions, including some Crown property and the Royal Parks.

Photographer Jules Mattsson was observing an Armed Forces Day parade through the centre of Romford, Essex, in June of 2010, when he attracted the attention of police officers who claimed that it was illegal to take photos of the event. An Inspector told Mr Mattsson, then aged 15, that he was a hazard and said taking photos in public was 'anti-social behaviour'. The conversation, which Jules recorded, ended with the inspector telling him: 'I consider you a threat under the Terrorism Act, young man. I've had enough.' Mr Mattsson was then arrested for breach of the peace See link below for full story.

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