



BPS NEWS BULLETIN

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Major Awards for BPS Members

Club members continue to reap major photographic awards. Sports specialist Andrew Moss scored Gold with his powerful boxing image in The World Sport Photographer of the Year Awards. This year over 1400 photographers entered from more than 83 countries – so this is an accolade indeed.

Andrew says he values this competition with its 20 different categories of sport as it is judged by senior industry individuals from sport, media, brands and photography right around the world. He enters the professional/semi-professional category to see how he gets on against some of the photographers whose work he admires and tries to emulate.



He said: “I was delighted to hear that I had three of my entries chosen to be in the finals this year even before receiving a surprising email telling me I have been placed first in the boxing category.

“I have only photographed boxing twice, as is not a sport I particularly enjoy, but I was keen to see if I could find a different image to the usual 'glove in the face' shot. It seems to have worked as this photo was also awarded best PDI at our exhibition earlier this year.”

In the May bulletin we reported that Keith Surey’s beautiful panel Botanical Harmony had been shortlisted for the Royal Horticultural Society’s Botanical Art and Photography competition. On the preview evening the news was even better. Keith received a coveted Gold medal for his portfolio and scooped the new Judge’s Special Award which is designed to celebrate the photographer who, in the judges’ opinion, has shown amazing endeavour and commitment to producing their portfolio.

In the citation for the award the judges said they were in awe of “the overwhelming sense of charm and originality” of Keith’s portfolio.

They wrote: “Encapsulating and reflecting a moment in time in which the world and humanity was contained, the panel embodies a sense of how in deeply troubling times we turned to nature to break out of confinement and give us hope of life on the outside.”



A delighted Keith at the Saatchi Gallery with BPS member Polina Plotnikova – one of the RHS judges.

Welcome Back Tea Party

The new season begins with the recent tradition of the Welcome Back Tea Party. A chance to chat over summer photo projects and look ahead to the 2024/2025 programme. This year the tea party will be on Saturday 31st August in the Green Bird Café at St Johns between 2.45 and 4.45pm. Marcia is looking for some volunteers to help make this a success, including baking some yummy cakes as Beckenham has come to expect! Please contact her on marciahoodleeder@yahoo.co.uk to offer help. If you know of any keen photographers interested in joining BPS this is also an opportunity to invite them along to introduce them to members and encourage them to sign up.

Successful Mini Exhibition at St John's

BPS again took part in St John's Summer Fair displaying images by some members in the Church alongside a wide range of craft stalls. Visitors were very enthusiastic about the skill of the photographers and a number showed interest in joining the Club. Pop-up shows like this are a good opportunity to demonstrate the breadth of the club's offering. Thanks to those who provided images and helped on the day.




BPS President to Hold Exhibition in Vauxhall

Fred Barrington is holding an exhibition of his images on the theme of 'London in Colour' throughout August in the Bonnington Café, Vauxhall. The private view is on 5th August from 6pm onwards and he is inviting BPS to join him. There will be a small donation bar with all proceeds going to the community centre. Please let Fred know in advance (fredbarrington@gmail.com) if you intend to come and with how many guests. He warns: "We would not want to run out of alcohol!"

Fred will also be at the Café on a number of Meet the Photographer Days – see flyer.

LONDON : Colour

An exhibition by Fred Barrington FRPS, AFIAP



At
The Bonnington Cafe Open From August 2nd to August 31st
11 Vauxhall Grove Tuesday to Saturday : 6pm to 10:30pm,
SW8 1TD Sunday : 11am to 3pm

Private View: Monday 5th August 6pm onwards
Close Down View: Saturday 31st August 1pm to 4pm

Meet The Photographer
I will be at the exhibition from 1pm to 4pm on:
Saturday 10th, Thursday 15th, Saturday 24th and
Close Down View on Saturday 31st.

Do come along for a chat and inspiration.

Website: fredbarrington.com Instagram: [fred_barrington](https://www.instagram.com/fred_barrington) Facebook: [fred.barrington](https://www.facebook.com/fred.barrington)

RPS Visual Art Group launched in London

BPS members who are also RPS members will be pleased to know that a London Group of the RPS Visual Special Interest Group has been formed. Its first meeting will be on 12th September at the Old Diorama Arts Centre in NW4 starting at 10.30 and ending around 4pm. Roger and Angela Ford will be the inaugural presenters and are happy to provide more information. Go to this link for more details: <https://events.rps.org/en/visual-art-group-london-first-meeting-5a2NN24QZeA/overview>.

Events for Your Diary

To celebrate its Diamond Anniversary **Tandridge Photographic Society** is holding a free exhibition of printed and digital images on Saturday 20th July, 10am – 4pm at Oxted Community Hall, 53 Church Ln, Oxted RH8 9NB.

The next **Nature Group** online meeting will be on Tuesday 30 July 2024 at 7:30 for all to join and share a selection of their summer nature images.

Meeting ID: 86508200834 **Passcode:** 527753. The fungi shoot in October, will now take place on **Sunday 13 October 2024**. Details to follow.

The London Salon of Photography will present its 110th Exhibition in both Faversham and London from the end of July through to October. The images will be on show in the Creek Gallery, Faversham between July 30 and August 11 and at the Gallery 1885 at the Camera Club in Bowden Street between September 10 and October 5. See the website for more information: <https://thelondonsalon.org/2024-london-salon/>

Photo Event run by Camera World Live at Brands Hatch on Friday 2nd August provides an opportunity to get big discounts on camera gear as well as photography around the circuit. Also, a chance to trade in unwanted gear.

See <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cameraworld-live-kents-biggest-camera-show-at-brands-hatch-race-circuit-tickets-881815362487>

Still time to catch **Marc Quinn's Light into Life** at Kew. Marc presents 17 stunning stainless steel and bronze sculptures around Kew Gardens and in the Temperate House alongside a presentation of Quinn's new and existing paintings, drawings, sculptures and evocative frozen works in the Shirley Sherwood Gallery. See www.kew.org/kew-gardens/whats-on/marc-quinn.

The **Poetry of Landscape Exhibition** at Denbighs Vineyard will give members an opportunity to preview the work of two visitors to Beckenham next season. Edward Hyde, FRPS who is judging our exhibition and Vanda Ralevska will be showing their images between September 2nd and 8th. On 7th September there will be a day of presentations under the theme of Four Seasons in One Day. A great opportunity to catch some beautiful work and hear from the photographers. Go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/four-seasons-in-one-day-tickets-943059174377?aff=oddtcreator> for information and tickets.

Fragile Beauty - until January you can view images from the collection of Elton John and David Furnish at the V&A Museum. See: <https://www.vam.ac.uk/exhibitions/fragile-beauty-photographs-from-the-sir-elton-john-and-david-furnish-collection>

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