



# BPS NEWS BULLETIN

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## BPS enjoys successful 2026 exhibition

Visitors were full of praise for the images shown at the Society's 2025/2026 annual exhibition. Once again our print and digital displays at Christ Church, Beckenham attracted positive comments.



Many visitors enthusiastically took the opportunity to vote in the People's Choice poll with the winners being Angela Ford in the print section with Bicycle Trail and Marcia Hood-Leeder topping the digital choices with Colours to the Sky. These are displayed below and a selection of other images can be seen on the [BPS website](#).



## News from the Committee

We are well into the 2025/2026 season now and it is time to start thinking about how the Society will be run in the coming year. Nominations are now open for Society officers and committee members with the election taking place at the AGM on May 6<sup>th</sup>. There are likely to be several vacancies in key roles. Please think about putting your name forward as it is so important to have as many members as possible involved in running the club. The nomination list will be available at club meetings and do speak to Roger Ford or other committee members to find out more about the roles.

## So, you think you'd like to be a judge

Have you ever thought about becoming a judge for photographic competitions? The Kent County Photographic Association (KCPA) is beginning a process to develop more judges in our region. This is an excellent initiative as it is becoming increasingly difficult to source judges for BPS competitions.

Andy Smith, Chair of the KCPA Judges Panel, said: “When we watch club competitions we often subconsciously become judges ourselves, do you think you could you convert your thoughts into words for an audience? Judging is rewarding, inspirational and fun, helping clubs to appreciate and improve the standard of their photography. If you decide to venture down this route, you will find experienced KCPA judges on hand to help you.”

An initial Zoom meeting is to be held this Saturday which will be an opportunity to learn more without any commitment to go further – other dates are to follow - and some face-to-face roadshows are being planned over Spring/Summer to provide an introduction to judging. Please let Roger Ford or Keith Surey know if you are interested.

### Beckenham competes against other clubs

On 21st February Beckenham PS took part in the KCPA Diamond Jubilee Trophy. We were placed joint 14<sup>th</sup> out of 32 with the winning entry coming from Faversham and District Camera Club.



Our PDI entries were Canoe Polo – Andrew Moss: Into the Light – Angela Ford; Into the Tunnel - Keith Surey: Snowy Dawn at Vestrahorn – Sheree Dodd; Surf School – Marcia Hood-Leeder; The Harp by Santiago Calatrava – Fred Barrington; White Peony – Polina Plotnikova and Wizard Nebula – Tom Maguire. Polina’s image – shown here – was commended. You can read the full details and see the award winners [here](#).

At the time of writing Beckenham is taking part in the Croydon Centenary inter-club Trophy and coming up on Tuesday 31st March is the Larter Cup hosted by West Wickham CC. Beckenham will be competing with Bromley Camera Club and West Wickham. Do try to get along to West Wickham to help represent Beckenham. Do speak to Marcia if you want further information.

### BPS in the community

Last year we successfully showed a range of images at the Langley Park Deli Café (see below), and the owners were so pleased they have invited BPS back again.

Around 20 images have been selected to be hung on the café’s walls between March 23<sup>rd</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup>. And if yours is not among the 20 don’t despair, there will be the chance for other prints to be shown in October. This is a great opportunity to have our work seen and to raise the profile of BPS locally. Do pop along for a coffee and view our work.



We are currently talking to Bromley Little Theatre about getting involved with their July Community and Arts Festival. This could involve photoshoots with them and/or an exhibition. In the meantime, they have also asked if anyone from the Society be interested in photographing their Grand Opening Ceremony of their new entrance at the theatre on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 1pm for a 2pm start. Please let Roger Ford know if you would like to attend.

## Members become model snappers

Following a fascinating presentation from Nick Gregan on building rapport with subjects to create great headshots we invited him back to run a workshop to improve our photography under studio lights working with models. A thoroughly fun morning and many thanks to Layla and Beth who were very patient and encouraging models. Images from the morning below.



Afterwards, Steve Wilbur proposed setting up a BPS studio group to plan new shoots and try out new photographic techniques. Speak to Steve if you are interested – the first meeting will take place at the end of March.

## Events for Your Diary

Celebrated animal lover Chris Packham has an exhibition of his wildlife photography at the Iconic Images Gallery at 16 Waterloo Place, London SW1Y 4AR. The exhibition titled **More Beautiful than You** is on until April 11<sup>th</sup>; entrance is free. More information [here](#).

Several BPS members have had prints and digital images selected for the **RPS London Exhibition** which will be displayed at the Espacio Gallery, 159 Bethnal Green Road, London E2 7DG from 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April. The Open Evening is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April and Beckenham friends are invited to visit the exhibition and enjoy some refreshment.

Two exhibitions worth catching at **The Photographers' Gallery**. Until 7<sup>th</sup> June the gallery is showing the winners of the 2026 Deutsche Borse prize. The shortlisted images span collaborative projects, long-term investigative documentaries and the shifting boundaries between photographic fact and fiction. Also on show, a print sales exhibition of black-and-white photographs by Martin Parr taken in rural Ireland in the early 1980s. Go [here](#) for more information.

Still worth seeing the V&A's special display of **American Photographs** which is open until 16<sup>th</sup> May 2027.

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