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News from the Committee

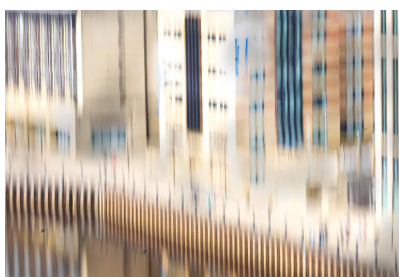
The new Committee has held its first meeting and made an important decision that will shape the coming season. Following the discussion at the AGM held in May during which members expressed their preference for fully marked competitions, the Committee voted unanimously to end the previous season's trial for competitions. As a result, BPS will revert to its previous method of asking judges to mark all entries in competition. The Committee has also agreed to continue to hold an unjudged annual exhibition. Further details of the meeting will be included in the minutes that will be sent to members.

As a reminder, these are the members elected to serve for the coming season: President: Andrew Moss; Secretary and Exhibition Organiser: Sara Jeffery; Treasurer: Lesley Rees; Internal Competition Organiser: Fred Barrington; External Competition Organiser and Programme Organiser: Marcia Hood-Leeder; Committee Members Nigel Poole, Carole Dowd and Frances Wimpress; Previous President: Roger Ford. The post of Vice-President is currently vacant.

Success for BPS members in Prestigious London Salon

Three Beckenham members have scored success with images selected for exhibition in the London Salon of Photography. This is a prestigious salon which aims to exhibit "only that class of photographic work in which there is distinct evidence of artistic feeling and execution".

Angela Ford with Wandering the Waterfront, Roger Ford with The Conversation and Andrew Moss with two successes - Speed Skater and Rings – have their work on display at the Camera Club, 16 Bowden Street, London SE11 4DS between 9th and 31st July^t. BPS members are invited to attend the Open View from 7.30pm on Thursday 9th July.



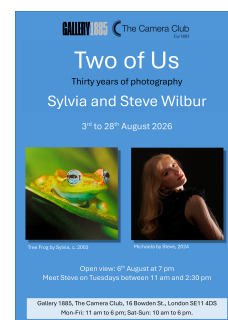
Last Call for Bromley Bible Project

There is still a chance to take part in this project to produce an illustrated Bromley bible. Organisers are looking for around 50 images taken around the London Borough of Bromley that fit with verses in the bible. Suggested subjects include a local church exterior in morning or evening light, a quiet path through a green space, a reflective portrait with a Bromley landmark in the background, people walking through a town centre. Deadline 14th July. Don't forget that if you include people, you should obtain permissions and avoid photographs that identify children and young people. More details including where to send your images are in the pdf sent with the Bulletin mailing.

Two of Us: Thirty Years of Photography by Sylvia and Steve Wilbur

Definitely an event for everyone's diary. Beckenham member Steve Wilbur has organised an exhibition of photographs taken by him and his late wife (and very much-missed BPS member) Sylvia at the The Camera Club between 3rd and 28th August. The images will cover thirty years of Steve and Sylvia's photographic journey both at home and across the world.

Steve is hosting an open view on 6th August at 7pm and will also be on hand each Tuesday of the exhibition between 11am and 2.30pm.



Stock up on Mount Board for the New Season

Get ready for next season's print competitions! Order your boards, backing board and tape from Wideangle Market. Lesley Rees will be preparing a bulk order over the summer for delivery in September. Take this opportunity to buy your boards with no minimum order amount and a share of delivery charges (if any). A small margin is added for BPS funds.

Boards are available in packs of 4 in the standard 40x50 size, ready to cut your own aperture, or can be pre-cut to your own specifications. A variety of colours are available with either cream or white core. Please check Cotswold Mounts website (<https://www.cotswoldmounts.co.uk/>) for product details or ask Lesley for more information. Email your order to Lesley by 31st August.

Chances to Compete on the Photographic Stage

The summer is a good time to think about entering images into photo competitions. Have a look at the following ideas for your work.

Travel Photographer of the Year is now open until 16th July. There are categories for both portfolios and single images with cash prizes from £1000 to £200. Entry details [here](#).

Sony World Photography Awards offers an eye-watering \$25,000 prize for the winner of Photographer of the Year. The Single Image competition closes 5th January 2027 and there are many categories of image to choose from. Each year the winning entries are displayed in a major exhibition at London's Somerset House. More information [here](#).

Anthology Magazine is looking for entries for its competition under the theme The World as You See it. Entries can cover street, wildlife and still life to technically manipulated images like abstract, panoramic and composite and the deadline is 30th November. They will be judged on quality, creativity, originality and visual/emotional impact. Details [here](#).

The **CEWE Photo Award** is one of the world's largest competitions with over Euros 250,000 in prizes. There are ten categories in the 2026 award ranging from nature and wildlife to

landscapes, people, architecture and sport as well as travel and culture, street, close-up and macro and abstract. You can enter up to 100 images free and the deadline is May 31st, 2027. Find information [here](#).

The RMetS Weather Photographer of the Year is open for entries until 20th August. Organisers are looking for striking images that capture the power and beauty of weather as well as photographs that tell the story of our changing climate and its effects. Details [here](#).

Events for Your Diary

Lots of events and exhibitions to keep you busy over the summer months

Worth a visit – **Farleys House and Garden**. This home of Lee Miller has had some media coverage recently with her son Anthony Penrose deciding to turn the house and gallery into a charity. Farleys looks a fascinating to visit and it is open on Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays as well as some Saturdays; book [here](#). The House hosts regular interesting exhibitions and until July 26th you can view images by Dorothy Bohm, a celebrated photographer of the late 20th century.

Received a very positive review of the **Ocean Photographer of the Year exhibition**, which is taking place at the Historic Dockyard, Chatham until the end of August. It showcases 116 images chosen from 15,000 entries and features tiny marine creatures as well as inspiring seascapes. You have to buy a ticket for the Dockyard but that's definitely worth a visit in itself – make sure you have plenty of time for all the exhibits. An entry ticket covers you for the whole year. See the Dockyard [website](#).

The Photographer's Gallery is featuring an exhibition of images by **Japanese Women Photographers: From 1950s to Now**. Exhibits cover a wide range from Japanese identity to pop culture, fashion and everyday life. It's on until September 27th and the galleries are air-conditioned! See [here](#).

In celebration of the centenary of the birth of one of Hollywood's greatest stars the National Portrait Gallery presents **Marilyn Monroe: A Portrait**. The exhibition – on until September 6th – explores her life, career and legacy through images. The NPG is also showing the winners of the Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer Portrait Award. This free exhibition is on until October 7th. More information from the [NPG website](#).

ChessFest 2026 takes over Trafalgar Square on 12th July is expected to draw the crowds with games, demonstrations and coaching and provide some interesting photographs.

The **Greenwich and Docklands International Festival** returns on 21st August 21st and runs until September 6th. Plenty of free events across a number of locations under the theme We Move that offer great photo opportunities. Full list [here](#).

The **RHS Botanical Art and Photography Exhibition** is on at the Saatchi Gallery until 2nd August. Former BPS President Polina Plotnikova was again one of the judges of the photographic portfolios. It's free to RHS members – details [here](#)

Holy POP! at Somerset House until 9th August is “celebrating the world of modern shrines – the objects and collections through which we honour heroes, celebrities and cult icons”. Entrance is pay what you can – more [here](#). Speaking of icons/heroes, **David Bowie: You're Not Alone** is the new immersive experience now showing at Lightroom in King's Cross. This 360-degree presentation brings together rare performance footage, photography and never-before-exhibited material. On until January, read more [here](#).

As well as the flowers on display, Kew Gardens is offering another treat: **Henry Moore: Monumental Nature**. This exhibition includes 30 monumental sculptures, bringing art and nature together on a major scale. Read more [here](#).

With a ticket to the Royal Observatory you can experience a new installation by artist Luke Jerram. Called **Mirror Moon** this accurate 2m scale model is made from mirrored stainless steel allowing you to touch craters, valleys, mountains and lava field on the lunar surface. See [here](#). The **Astronomy Photographer of the Year** is on show at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich until 3rd August.

Still a few days to catch **The Wildlife Photographer of the Year** exhibition at the Natural History Museum before it closes on 12th July.

The Royal Geographic Society is running its second annual flag ship photography event, **Summit Photo** from the 17th to 19th July this year in conjunction with the Royal Photographic Society and Photoworks. The event includes well-known photographers, exhibitions and workshops. BPS members have been offered a discounted ticket – down from £25 per day to £15 per day. Details [here](#) and if you want a discounted ticket use code Summit26Offer.

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