



L&CPU Newsletter

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This L&CPU Newsletter is being circulated in the hope of improving communications among L&CPU Members. Please try to get your members to regularly look at the L&CPU website www.lcpu.org where information like this is readily available.

Are you ready for 40x50?

For this year the PAGB have changed the maximum print size to 40cm x 50cm. They even tried to do it LAST year! This was reported at the Delegates Meeting and although we managed to gain a year's grace it was inevitable that we had to change our rules to suit. Please make sure your club is getting ready to submit 40x50cm prints NOT 20 x 16in.

Another change for this year is that due to the growing number of entries the number of entries permitted per member is reduced from 3 to 2 in all categories except slides.

A Full Day

What a great idea to run the Inter-Clubs Print and PDI competitions on the same day as the AGM! It meant a rather full day but an enjoyable one - we also saved money. It would be good to see more clubs taking part in these competitions – some Federations sport twenty or more at theirs! Why not see if you can organize an entry next year – you can use any images and you will be representing your Federation at Warwick or Connah's Quay.

There were only 5 clubs in the print competition and Chorley won with Southport second. In the PDI we had 7 competitors and Southport took it - by one mark - from Chorley!

The AGM

Representatives from over thirty clubs came to the AGM on Saturday 28th February.

They learned that the Union is in a healthy state financially, thanks to a 4% increase in membership and good financial management, and it's unlikely that there will be a need to increase club's L&CPU fees this year.

There is no need to send your programmes to the L&CPU anymore – so long as you keep them, carefully, with amendments, in your archives for at least 5 years the insurers will be satisfied.

Sadly for personal reasons Bob Vince, Marion Waine, James Hardy and Nigel Richards decided to stand down from the L&CPU Executive Committee this year. The President expressed grateful thanks for all their efforts and hard work on the behalf of the L&CPU. Although they will be sadly missed the good news is that Garth Tighe and Glyn Davis were voted on to the Executive Committee at the AGM and Diane Magor and Tremaine Cornish were also co-opted onto the committee until they can be formally elected at the next Committee meeting.

New Webmaster

John Royle became our Webmaster this week. His first ambition is a seamless takeover from Gordon Jenkins and so far so good. John is anxious that you all realize that the “backroom boys” have not changed; Ed Roper is still our intrepid newshound and Ian Aldcroft our computer technologist. Gordon pioneered the website and our Federation was one of the first to venture into hyperspace, another of Gordon's achievements for the L&CPU. Our sincere thanks go to him.

The website is at the hub of communication between the Union and its Clubs and members. The whole area of communication is now the responsibility of Simon Cotter (Publicity@lcpu.org.uk). *(July 2009 – Now John Smith)*

Both John & Simon are contributors to the L&CPU Forum (<http://www.lcpu.org/forum/index.php>) – part of the website where you can post your pictures for comment, take part in a monthly competition or just chat with other members. To sign up just click the “Forum & Gallery” button on the home page of the website.

Are we speaking?

Every week Ed Roper sends out an email to tell your club what updates have been made to the website. This is an important line of communication but there are several clubs who have not provided an email address (it was primarily intended to go the Secretaries). Our secretary, Ken Ainscow, is writing to them

Pay us a visit

There is more information on these matters and much, much more on the L&CPU website.

L&CPU Executive

Following the AGM these are the people on the L&CPU Executive.

President

Norman Thompson DPAGB LBIPP

Slide Folio Secretary

Jon Allanson CPAGB LRPS BPE1*

Immediate Past President

Gordon Jenkins

Exhibition Secretary

George Smethurst

Vice President

Christine Widdall DPAGB AFIAP
BPE3*

Loan Collection Secretary

To be advised

General Secretary

Ken Ainscow CPAGB BPE1*

Archivist

To be advised

Treasurer

Gordon Jenkins

Minutes Secretary

Glyn Davies

Competition Secretary

Henry Mullarkey

Events Secretary

To be advised

Judges & Lecturers Secretary

Bob Dennis APAGB CPAGB BPE2*

Webmaster

John Royle CPAGB

PAGB Executive Member

Gordon Jenkins

Communications Secretary

Simon Cotter

PAGB Awards Officer

Henry Mullarkey

Print Competition Secretary

Noel Morgan BPE2*

Editor Focal Points

John Smith APAGB CPAGB

AV Competition Secretary

Henry Mullarkey

Folio Secretary

Jon Allanson CPAGB LRPS BPE1*

Member without Portfolio

Garth Tighe

Print Folio Secretary

Jon Allanson CPAGB LRPS BPE1*

Co-opted Members

Diana Magor LRPS
Tremaine Cornish LRPS PSA1*

Executive Meetings

25th April 2009
4th July 2009
18th July 2009 (Delegates Meeting)
5th September 2009
21st November 2009
9th January 2010

Events

Nantwich Camera Club Exhibition
13th February to 28th March

7th March to 4th April

Bury Photographic Society
Annual Exhibition
14th February to 18th April

Colne Camera Club
Annual Exhibition
1st March to 31st March

Southport Photographic Society
Annual Open Exhibition

Manchester Photographic Society
Annual Exhibition
25th April to 6th May

Further details on these exhibitions can be found at:-
<http://www.lcpu.org/lcpu/events.php>