

The Great Northern Audio Visual Festival Weekend takes place from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th December at the Hough End Conference Centre just off the end of the M56 and close to the M60 orbital motorway in the south of Manchester.

On the **Friday at 7.30pm** we are pleased to present '**An Evening with Ashley Franklin**' .

Ashley's voice will be instantly recognisable to anyone who attended the Royal Photographic Society's National Audio Visual Championships in 2015 as he narrated the Introductory Sequence. His voice has also been heard on many well know AV's.

After a career in BBC Radio, Ashley pursued a freelance career involving broadcasting, film and theatre criticism and feature writing, photography eventually becoming another profession, mainly because of the digital revolution. He has also branched out into weddings, portraits, portfolios, commercial and events photography and has been building up a stock of photos for an image library, particularly of Derbyshire through his involvement as writer/photographer with Derbyshire Life & Countryside.

He has also produced images for calendars, postcards, greeting cards, tourist and travel brochures, and theatre posters, as well as portfolios for artists and musicians.

Ashley will talk about his photography and also give some hints and tips as to how you can improve your own voiceovers.

This will be an evening of interest to all.

To see some of Ashley's photographs visit his website: www.ashleyfranklin.co.uk

Our two National competitions commence on the Saturday morning - the 'Great Northern' and the 'New Horizons'

'The Great Northern' is a National competition with Photographic Alliance of Great Britain patronage.

Keen to encourage newcomers as well as the more prolific producers to attend and take part we introduced the 'New Horizons' competition - open only to those who had not achieved an award in any National or International Audio Visual competition.

This has been very successful with entries coming in from people who had never entered a major competition before. Our judges are able to comment on each sequence providing an enjoyable and informative competition.

If your sequence has done well in your club AV competition then why not give it a wider airing?

There are some excellent prizes, medals and certificates on offer and we can accept entries in most formats .exe, .mov, .avi, and .mp4 etc.

A new prize this year is the 'Howard Gregory Memorial Trophy' which will be awarded for the '**most creative soundtrack**' in both competitions.

Our judges are Chairman, Keith Brown FRPS FIPF MPAGB APAGB EFIAP

Kate Brown LRPS DPAGB

Ashley Franklin ARPS APAGB ABPPA

The closing date for entries is 1st November and for Advanced Ticket Sales - 1st December although if you require meals, then these need to be booked as soon as possible..

Full details and a booking form can be found on the Great Northern Festival website at:

www.gnfestival.org.uk

We hope to see you there!

Jill K Bunting CPAGB & John Smith APAGB CPAGB
on behalf of the Great Northern Festival Committee