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2024 Welsh Salon success for Norman

The club would like to offer our congratulations to our club treasurer Norman Cahill for having four of his images accepted for the 2014 Welsh Salon. The Welsh Salon is an annual exhibition for images from photographers who members of the Welsh Photographic Federation Clubs. Norman had three monochrome images accepted, Man of the Street, Illegal Tackle and Friendly Conversation as well as a colour image The Ticket Collector. His image Friendly Conversation also received a WPF Ribbon. Further success has seen Norman's Man of the Streets image being selected to represent the WPF in the 2024 Inter-Federation Monochrome Prints Competition where it be competing against images from the other 14 federations throughout the UK.

Norman's images can be seen below.



Man of the Streets



Illegal Tackle



Friendly Conversation - WPF Ribbon



The Ticket Collector

Club Evening 01/05/24 - 2024 PDI Competition 2

On Wednesday May 1st the club held an evening judging of our second competition of 2024 for Projected Digital Images (PDIs). Once again, the images were judged by the club members with each members choosing a first, second and third places and again with so many excellent images picking the winning images proved difficult. The club came up with the following result. The following five images in first place,



Passenger in Seat 27 – Norman Cahill



Priya – Geoff Taylor



Gracie – John Morgan



Valletta – Roger Hawkins



Waiting – Norman Cahill

Second place went to the following images, Jay on a jog – Norman Cahill, Cyfarthfa Castle – Roger Hawkins, Attitude – John Morgan, and At the Coast – Martin Eaglestone with At the Seaside – Alan Kirby and Seaside Pool – Martin Eaglestone in third place.

Club Evening 15/05/24 - Practical Workshop – Outing to Cyfarthfa Park

Although originally programmed in as a tabletop practical workshop and with the beautiful weather the members decide to take the practical evening outdoors and pay a view to Cyfarthfa Park. The five members present hoped to capture some good images around the lake and beautiful woodlands found in the park, with the abundance of wildflowers, waterfowl like Canadian geese, ducks. Moorhens and Swans. It proved to be an enjoyable and interesting evening. Below is some of John Morgan our media administrator's unedited images.



Club Evening 29/05/24 – An Evening with Leigh Woolford EFIAP AWPf DPAGB BPE4 HonFWPF



This evening the club had the pleasure of welcoming Leigh Woolford EFIAP AWPf DPAGB BPE4 HonFWPF to present his talk on his trip in October 2023 to the Dolomite Mountain Range in Italy. Leigh provided members with fascinating, informative, and educational talks along with some quite amazing and spectacular monochrome and colour images of this magnificent mountain range in one of the most beautiful regions in the world coupled with maps and detailed guides to the routes he took. In all this was an excellent evening and we would recommend it to anyone who can attend Leigh talk.

Below are just some Leigh's images that were recently selected for the 2024 Welsh Salon.



Langkofel from Passo Gardeno



Power of the Dolomites
2024 Welsh Salon - Best Landscape



Tre Cime from Lago D'Antorne No 2

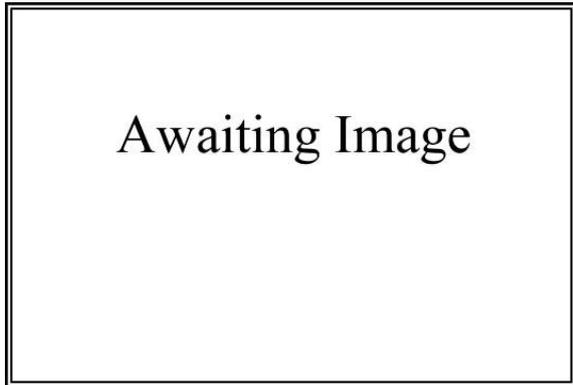


View from Monte Lagazuoi Piccolo

08/06/24 Barrian Cup 2024 at Barry Camera Club

On Saturday 8th of June, the club travelled to Barry for the 2024 Barrian Cup competition run by Barry Camera Club with 18 clubs competing it was always going to be a tough job for a small like ours to win the competition, but we need enter some very good images and can be proud with scoring a total of 88 points out a possible 100. The Overall winners were Tenby & District Camera Club with a total of 95 points with Bridgend and District Camera Club second on 94 points and Rhondda

Camera Club and Western Valley tied for third with 93 points. The winner of the Dave Cowley Trophy for the best landscape/seascape image went to Neil Holman of Afan Nedd Camera Club with his image 'Storm Brian at Sunrise' with Roger Daniel winning Mike Lewis Trophy for the Best Image in the Competition with his image 'Moorland Horses'. The club had the five images along with their individual scores are showed below.



Porthcawl – Alan Kirby
Scored 18pts.



Holocaust Museum – Geoff Taylor
Scored 16pts.



Imogen A Portrait of a Ballerina – John Morgan.
Scored 18pts.



The Homeless and The Harlot – Norman Cahill
Scored 19pts.



Tram - Krakow, Poland – Roger Hawkins
Scored 17pts.

Club Evening 12/06/24 - 2024 Print Competition 3

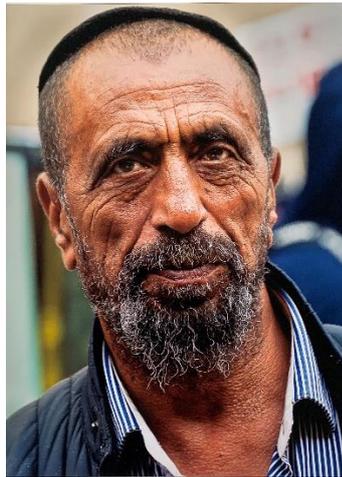
This evening the club held its third and final print competition of the year before the summer break with members each submitting up to three images in the colour section and up to three images in the black and white section. It was decided that in this and future competitions, each member would only select what they considered to be the best image in each section with all of these images then going towards the 2024 Image of the Year Competition in December.

First up the members were shown the prints in the colour category and with an excellent array of images to select from judging proved to be difficult but the following results were reached: -

The following five images were selected as been the best, these images will now go forward into the Image of the Year Competition at the end of the season.



No Bottle – Alan Kirby



Parisian Street Artist – Norman Cahill



Just Another Bad Hair Day – John Morgan



The Bible – Martin Eaglestone



Lonely Oak – Martin Eaglestone

Next the members set about the task of judging the images in the Monochrome Category, again they were faced with an array of excellent prints which again made the task more difficult. Again, the members were tasked with selecting what they considered to be the best. The following four images were choosing and will now go forward into the 2024 Image of the Year Competition in December.



Coal Yard Weighman – Norman Cahill



It's Over – Alan Kirby



The Only Way Up and Down – John Morgan



Low Key – Norman Cahill

Club Evening 26/06/24 - 2024 PDI Competition 3

With this being the last club evening before the club break for the summer, as well as the judging of our third competition of 2024 for Projected Digital Images (PDIs), the club also had a review of the season up to here, we will touch on this further on in this piece. So on to the PDI judging, once again, as decided at the print competition each member would select their own best images in this category and again with so many excellent images picking the winning images proved difficult. The members came up with the following result. The following 4 images as their best images, these will now be added to the best images from the three categories from competition 1 and 2.



West Wales Leading – Norman Cahill



Apple Chop – Andrew Jones



Bike row – Andrew Jones



Yellow Hat – Andrew Jones

What's on in Sept & Oct

Oct 2024

Wed 2 Oct 2024, 19:00 - 21:00 Club Evening – Image Selection Evening.

Each Members to bring in 6 Prints and 3 PDIs from which 10 Prints and 10 PDIs will be selected for the 3-Way Battle with Rhiwbina Camera Club and Barry Camera Club in late November at Barry Camera Club, 5 prints for the Afan Nedd 12-Way Battle on the 6th November 2024 and 4 prints for the Stanley Chell Cup on 16th November at Aberdare Camera Club.

Wed 16 Oct 2024, 19:00 - 21:00 Club Evening – Internal Print Competition 4.

Judging of our fourth and final Internal Print Competition of the year by members.

Wed 30 Oct 2024, 19:00 - 21:00 Club Evening – Internal PDI Competition 4.

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Nov 2024

Wed 6 Nov 2024, 19:00 - 22:00 Club Battle Competition – Afan Nedd 12 Way Battle

12 clubs battling it out in the Afan Nedd Battle held at St Theodore's Church, 17 Talbot Rd, Port Talbot, SA13 1LE.

Wed 13 Nov 2024, 19:00 - 21:00 Club Evening –

Fri 15 Nov 2024, 19:00 - 22:00 Club Battle – 3-Way Battle

Annual 3-Way Battle between Merthyr Tydfil Camera Club, Barry Camera Club and Rhiwbina Camera Club hosted this year by Barry CC at St Francis' Millennium Centre, Park Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 6NX.

Sat 16 Nov 2024, 13:00 – 17:00 External Competition – Stanley Chell Cup

The Stanley Chell Cup is an annual inter-club print competition run by Aberdare Camera Club and is held at Cynon Linc, Seymore Street, Aberdare, CF44 5BD.

Wed 27 Nov 2024, 19:00 - 21:00 Club Evening – Judging of the 2024 Image of the Year

An evening with Barry Hill judging our Image of the Year from all this year first place in both Print and PDIs categories as well as the overall Image of the year.