

# Monmouth Photographic Club

## Annual General Meeting 2025 – 26 Season

Held at 19:30 hrs on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026 in Mitchel Troy Village Hall

### Present

Members present at A.G.M.		Absent with apologies	
Surname	Name	Surname	Name
Butcher	Adrian	Best	Elisa
Carter	Sue	Denyer	Kim
Challis	Brian	El-Bay	Victoria
Cox	Janet	Morris	Chris
Farrar	Peter	Sharples	Keith
Fellows	Mark	Sharples	Lynda
Gwilliam	Mike	Wall	Terry
Jordan	Lisa	Welch	Nigel
McCallum	Iain	Winters	Nigel
Rees-Pedlar	Terry	Wyles	Lin
Roberts	Huw	Wyles	Peter
Roberts	Michael		

### Approval of last 2024~2025 year's minutes

There were no comments or additional points raised on the previous AGM minutes.

Ian McCallum proposed acceptance of last year's minutes.

Lisa Jordan seconded the proposal.

Last Year's 2024~2025 AGM minutes were approved by a vote of the members present.

### Committee Reports

#### Chairman's Report – See Annex A

After the report was read by the Chairman, a point was raised about Monmouth club potentially hosting the WPF competition for a third time for the coming 2026~2027 season, It was noted that it is a full day's work for the MPC clubs volunteers, in organising and running the event. Should the club be doing a 3<sup>rd</sup> year? It was also pointed out that a lot of the Photo clubs in Wales are much smaller than MPC and would have difficulty in hosting such an event.

No decision has been taken yet by MPC, though a decision will be made shortly.

### Treasurers Report – See Annexes B and C.

A number of printed copies of the accounts were available for members in the meeting to view and were handed out. The Treasure read out his report summarising and explaining the figures.

Proposal to accept Finance Report: Brian Challis

Seconded by: Adrian Butcher

A vote of the members present unanimously accepted the report.

### Competition Report – See Annex D

The Competition Secretary is currently away on vacation, but his submitted report was read to the members present by the Chairman. After reading out the report the Chairman asked if there were any questions regarding the Competition secretary's report, there were none.

### Programme Report – See Annex E

The last years programme was successful, with a wide variety of speakers, seven from external speakers and two internal club member speakers., one recorded presentation, and six zoom presentations. For next season (2026~2027) plan to carry on with live presentation, generally on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month. The Zoom meetings will now be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, and will alternate between a presentation Zoom meeting and a Zoom Discussion evening. There is the aim to try and organise more trips out next year for members. MPC are presenting at the Cwmbran camera club on 1<sup>st</sup> July, members are encouraged to support this visit if possible.

Chairman asked for any questions relating to the Program secretary's report, there was just a clarification of the Tuesday's meeting arrangements requested, which was given.

### Proposals

#### **Membership Fees**

The proposal is to maintain the current fees for the 2026-27 season. Namely an annual fee of £80.00 paid at the start of the new season, September 2026, or two payments of £40.00, one paid in September 2026, and the second payments 1<sup>st</sup> January 2027. These fees have remained unchanged for three years.

Proposed to maintain fees, Proposed by: Brian Challis

Seconded by: Lisa Jordan

A vote of members present approved to keep the membership fees the same for the coming season.

#### **Competition Themes for 2026 ~ 2027 Season**

- i.) Open DPI competition
- ii.) Open Print competition
- iii.) The Annual Open Competition
- iv.) Themed Print competition will be "Seascapes"
- v.) Themed DPI competition will be "Street Life"

The themed competition subjects were chosen by member's votes in the last season.

## Competition Results & Awards for 2025 – 2026 Season

### 1) Photographer of the Year

- i. **1<sup>st</sup> - Lin Wyles**
- ii. Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> – Elisa Best & Peter Wyles
- iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Lyn Sharples
- iv. 4<sup>th</sup> - Keith Sharples

### 2) The Mono Trophy – awarded to the highest scoring Mono Print in the Annual Open Competition (trophy kindly donated by Brian Challis)

- i. **Peter Wyles**

### 3) The Five Print Challenge:

- i. **1<sup>st</sup> – Sue Carter**
- ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Lin Wyles
- iii. Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> - – Elisa Best & Peter Wyles

### 4) Chairmans Award

#### **Lisa Jordan**

Lisa has made a huge and generally unsung contribution over the years with supplying provisions for our tea breaks, and she is a fantastic smart phone photographer, always producing amazing images and supporting the use of smart phone photography.

<<- Coffee / Tea Break for Members present. ->>

(Sue Carter left the meeting at this point).

## Voting for Club Officers

**Note that no nominations for Competition Secretary, Web Master or Treasurer were received prior to the AGM**

Position	Nomination	Prepared to Stand again for 2026 ~ 2027
Chairman	Terry Rees-Pedlar	Yes
Treasurer	<b>No Nomination</b>	M. Roberts is stepping down.
Secretary	Peter Farrar	Yes
Programmes Officer	Adrian Butcher	Yes
Competitions	<b>No Nomination</b>	Keith Sharples is stepping down
Webmaster	<b>No Nomination</b>	Lynda Sharples is stepping down
Publicity Officer	<b>No Nomination</b>	Position not currently filled
Training officer	<b>No Nomination</b>	Position not currently filled

- ❖ The officers for Chairman, Program Secretary and Club Secretary are prepared to stand again.
  - Mike Roberts proposed and Janet Cox seconded for the acceptance of Terry Rees-Pedlar, Adrian Butcher, and Peter Farrar to remain in post for the 2026~2027 season.
  - Members present voted to accept the nominees.
  
- ❖ Lisa Jordan offered to stand for the position of Treasurer.
  - Peter Farrar proposed **Lisa Jordan** for the position of **Treasurer**, and Janet Cox seconded the motion.
  - Members present voted to accept the nominee.
  
- ❖ Terry to put out one more call to general membership for someone to submit themselves for the Web Master position and the Competition Secretary positions.

With NO Competition secretary it will not be possible to run competitions for the 2026 ~ 2027 Season!!!

- ❖ Regarding Publicity officers, Ian McCallum will continue to manage and monitor the Facebook page but not as a committee member.

## A.O.B

1. Brian Challis asked if there was a mechanism for member to message each other or all club members in one go. Brian was made aware of the MPC club WhatsApp group. However this raised points to be addressed.
  - a. Being aware of GDPR – rules and obeying them
  - b. Updating the Membership form to ensure people accept the conditions of joining the MPC WhatsApp group.
  - c. Creating an emergency contact form for all members as part of a new membership form.
  - d. Create a new membership form with new these new fields added. All members to complete for the new season.
  
2. Mark Fellows appreciated his acceptance into the club and the friendship offered..
  
3. Dates for the diary:
  - a. Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May – MPC Photography day out in Ledbury
  - b. 20<sup>th</sup> June – deadline for image input for PGAB Warwick DPI Competition
  - c. Wed 1<sup>st</sup> July – Cwmbran evening
  - d. Sun 19<sup>th</sup> July – PAGB Interclub DPI Championship Warwick School.
  - e. Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Season – 2 Fun Competitions
    - i. Worst Photo competition
    - ii. Men v. Women competition
      1. Competition Rules will be issued shortly.

The 2026 AGM meeting closed at 20:55pm.

Signed

Peter Farrar

Club Secretary

### **Chairmans Report 2025~2026**

This is the end of my first year as Chairman of Monmouth Photographic Club; an honour I did not ever expect.

The club has suffered a fall in membership since last year, with about 7 members not renewing for various reasons, and this has had an obvious effect on our income – and consequently our spend, which we spent much Committee time discussing this past year..

To that effect we will slightly reduce our external (live and Zoom) speakers next year, replacing them with some workshops and some internal speakers. I hope that you will still find the new programme being prepared by Adrian interesting and worth attending.

Last year we had a great week-end away in Pembrokeshire, visiting the puffins of Skomer Island.

We also further strengthened our standing with the WPF holding the Memorials Trophy for the second time. We have been asked by the WPF to host it again in 2027. It is a great source of raffle income to support the club funds.

We have also gone out, taking photographs on various Wednesdays and Saturdays. Members have been to Tewkesbury and Brecon, and the next visit will be to Ledbury. It gets us out taking photographs, and is a fun way to spend a morning (and afternoon) and I encourage you to join in if you are available.

In October the club will be visiting Exmoor; Most people have already signed up for this, and more details will be forthcoming in September. My thanks go to Iain for suggesting this.

We have a great depth and range of talent in this club. MPC came first in the WPF Past Presidents Trophy, and second in the Walter Morgan Trophy in February. We also came joint 1<sup>st</sup> in the Barrian Cup. Whilst we didn't do so well in the PAGB Blackburn competition, it has still been a very good year for the club.

I want to recognise the work of the committee and extend my thanks to all members of the committee for all their hard work and commitment to the club over the last year.

Naturally, I also wish to give thanks to all the members for their respective contributions to the club. Many of you have gone out of your way to contribute to the club's success and to make the club what it is today. Thank you all.

Terry Rees-Pedlar

Chairman Monmouth Photographic Club

May 2026

## **Treasurer's Report – (2025-2026).**

The accounts for the 12 months from 1st May 2025 to 30th April 2026 show that income totalled £2450.14 with expenditure lower at £2014.04, which led to a surplus over the year of £436.10, an improvement on last year's surplus of £182.56. The assets in bank deposits at the year's end totalled £1449.56 an increase of £571.25 over the previous year.

This modest improvement in funds, despite a small fall in membership numbers (25 full and 2 overseas members), is due mainly to a reduction in expenditure, which arose out of a rearrangement of the club's activities. As a result, the MTVH rental almost halved, there was a reduction in WPF registration and insurance costs, and there were fewer fee generating speakers. The total paid for Judge's fees also fell slightly. The price for using the Photoentry system went up and the cost of bank charges increased as anticipated.

Consequently the club's finances at this point are reasonably healthy.

**Mike Roberts.**  
5 May 2026.

## Annex C

Accounts Details 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 ~30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
Subscriptions	2175.00	2715.00	MTVH Hall hire	351.00	621.00
Billettero UK	0.00	24.96	WPF registration	174.00	255.00
MBS Interest	6.08	6.00	Insurance	212.95	235.66
Raffles	254.06	282.48	Domain Name Renewal	15.59	15.59
Cash sales	5.00	0.00	Photoentry	60.00	44.55
Donations	10.00	20.00	Website subscription	72.00	72.00
			Bank Service Charges	51.50	8.50
			Speakers	835.00	1081.70
			Judges	175.00	202.50
			Competitions	30.00	75.00
			Market stall fee	7.00	6.00
			Cable reel	0.00	12.99
			Engraving	15.00	0.00
			PAGB - Recorded lecture	15.00	0.00
	<u>2450.14</u>	<u>3048.44</u>		<u>2014.04</u>	<u>2630.49</u>
Dinner deposit	55.00		Dinner deposit	55.00	
Dinner Balance	297.35		Dinner Balance	297.35	
Refund	7.35	<u>3048.44</u>			<u>2630.49</u>
<b>Assets</b>			<b>Surplus inc/exp</b>		<b>436.10</b>
Lloyds	793.96	482.85			
MBS	655.60	371.46			
Petty cash	0.00	24.00			
	<u>1449.56</u>	<u>878.31</u>			

## **Competitions**

Competition Secretary Report May 2026.

We have had a great season of competitions, with some stunning images from all members who entered. Competitions may sound a bit daunting to enter but they are anonymous and a great way of getting another persons opinion on your images which can help you improve your photography. You don't necessarily have to agree with all that's said but it will make you think. Attending competitions is also a good way of improving your photography by listening to the judge and taking on board aspects of what to look for in your images as you're producing them, blown out highlights, blocked out dark areas, plant pots on peoples heads etc. We get so attached to our own images we sometimes don't see some of these things until it's pointed out.

As you know I'm stepping down as competition secretary. I have really enjoyed doing it and seeing all your amazing images first hand as I'm getting the competitions sorted. So I thank all members for supporting the competitions during my tenure.

We do need someone to step up to the challenge of taking on the task. It's not arduous at all, if you have not done it before it may seem like it but once you have done a couple it will all fall into place. You will not be thrown in at the deep end either. All next seasons judges have been booked and I will help whoever takes it on to get everything set up on their computer and guide them through the first competition. Even after that I will be on hand if required. If no one is willing to take it on we will probably have to stop competitions which would be a crying shame for the club. As we are doing so well internal and external with competitions having so many brilliant images to choose from, from members.

So step up accept the challenge and take the club forward into 2027.... and beyond!

**REPORT FOR AGM (15/05/2026) FROM PROGRAMME SECRETARY (ADRIAN BUTCHER)**

Report on Season 2025 – 2026:

There were 9 “live” presentations this season – 7 from external speakers, and 2 from our own club members. (Thanks very much to Lin & Peter, and Elisa for providing enjoyable talks for us). In addition to the live talks, we had a pre-recorded talk here at MTVH (in lieu of a cancelled speaker), a trip to Gwynfa Club, and 6 Zoom presentations – that’s in addition to the Zoom discussion evenings hosted by Keith and Lynne. My intention is always to try to provide speakers from as many different “photography genres” as possible, in the hope that there will be something for everyone over the course of the season – and I hope that I have achieved that.

Regarding expenditure – the live presentations cost a total of £599 (averaging approx. £85 per speaker), and the Zooms came in at a total of £410 (averaging £68 per evening). We have the upcoming trip to Cwmbran Club to look forward to on 1st July – it would be great to see a good turn out for this, even though it’s outside our normal season dates. Looking Ahead to Season 2026-27 :

Unfortunately, due to losing a few members of late, we are working to a limited budget for the coming season. The plan is to continue with the twice monthly “live” presentations, generally on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, here at MTVH. As normal – these will include talks from club members as well as external speakers. We will also perhaps use some of the “live nights” for other internal things such as tuition or demonstrations on more specific activities – such as printing perhaps. We will also continue with the Zoom presentations and discussion evenings, however it is planned that we will alternate these on the same evenings – and this will be the second Tuesday of each month..... So we won’t be using up every Friday of each month anymore!

Based on the above, the aim is to try and keep next season’s similar to this season, and the changes just explained will help to achieve that, all being well.

In addition to the normal programme, we also have the planned trip to Exmoor in October, being arranged by Iain and Terry. I believe that there are 14 in total coming on this, which should be great fun

It would be great to have lots more photography trips out over the year. I know that Terry has arranged several in recent months – and will hopefully continue to do so. Any other suggestions from members would be greatly appreciated.

Hope to see many of you at Cwmbran on 1st July - wishing you all a fantastic summer and look forward seeing you all next season!

Adrian Butcher – Programme Secretary.