



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Thames Valley Region will be held on Sunday October 17th, within the Annual Print Exhibition. All regional members are entitled to attend.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting, and any matters arising.
2. Report of the Regional Organiser.
3. Report of the Treasurer
4. Report of the Regional Representative on the Society's Advisory Board.
5. Election of Regional Organiser and Committee. Nominations may be received in advance, or at the meeting.
6. Any Other Business.

Note: The Regional Representative on the Advisory Board was elected in 2009 for a two-year period.

PORTFOLIO TWO

The Portfolio Two book is understood to be well on schedule for publication in September. As reported, there is a chapter on the Thames Valley region, including some members' images. And, there will be members' images elsewhere in the book. The exact list of images will only be available at publication as changes may be required during production design. Those whose images are included will be offered a book purchase discount.

WHAT TO SHOOT

There are still some events on the 'What to Shoot' list for the summer. These are places you might like to visit independently and the list is published on the web site.

The Bucks County show is all day on Thursday 27th August near Aylesbury.

PUBLICITY FOR YOU

Portfolio: Add your own portfolio to the Society's web site. Portfolio accounts are progressively being tagged with region and groups, to appear in the relevant pages.

Your Event: Tell the Regional Organiser about your own exhibition, workshop or other event. Details can be added to the web site.

COMMITTEE

There is always a need to recruit members for the Regional Committee. Anyone can apply. The duties are not excessive and the more we have, the easier it becomes. Our most recent recruit is Ruth Wyss ARPS.

DISTINCTIONS ADVISORY DAY

Sunday January 23rd 2011
at Drake Hall, Community Centre,
Chiltern Avenue, Amersham, Bucks
HP6 5AH

Advice for LRPS, and for ARPS Visual Art. Other ARPS panels can be considered.

Generally, a maximum of 16 spaces are available for LRPS advice, and 8 spaces for ARPS advice. The Society's standard charge for advice applies, and is £15.

There will also be plenty of spaces for observers at £10.

Tea/coffee refreshments are provided, but bring a packed lunch.

All attendance must be booked in advance. Advisory Days are open equally to members and non-members of the Society.

Booking requests to Mark Buckley-Sharp (see heading) stating (1) Level of advice required, (2) Category, for ARPS only, (3) Medium ie prints, or projected digital.

ANNUAL PRINT EXHIBITION

Our guest selector and speaker at the Annual Print Exhibition in October will be the well-known photographer **Bob Moore HonFRPS**. He will be accompanied by Sue Moore FRPS.

During the morning, we will view members' prints, and Bob Moore will select one from each member to be included in a web gallery. All prints will remain on display throughout the day, and there will be members' voting for favourite prints.

Last year we tried simultaneous projection of digital copies alongside the prints. This had some benefit, but was not entirely satisfactory. With reservations, this will not be repeated. However, we still need digital files of the prints so that the selected 'prints' can be put in the gallery. As no prior file preparation is required, CDs or data sticks can be brought to the event for copying.

As usual a buffet lunch with wine will be included for all at the event, and the cost will be £10.

There is a limit of 45 people bringing prints, with more spaces for those not bringing prints. Please see the full details on the following pages. Send in the forms, or preferably e-mail the equivalent detail.

FRPS ADVISORY DAY

FRPS advice is now held on separate days from LRPS/ARPS advice. The Distinctions Department has issued standard guidance for running FRPS days, and Thames Valley has been included in the schedule for this year.

The twelve places for our FRPS Advisory Day in September are now full. One or two could be added to a waiting list. Otherwise, members wanting FRPS advice will have to look for places at other Advisory Days around the country. There is another Day in Exeter in September run by South-West Region.

Nationwide, FRPS Advisory Days will be limited, and we are unlikely to be allowed another until 2012 at the earliest.

ALTERNATIVE FRPS ADVICE

While the Society is keen that formal advice is only given by accredited panel members, there may be scope for an alternative style of advice event.

The journey to any distinction can be long. Our recent survey suggests that some people would like to discuss ideas at a very early stage. It would help to hear from anyone who would like to attend a workshop event along the lines of 'My Journey to Fellowship', led by someone who has quite recently completed that journey. And, of course, we would need a workshop leader who has recently attained Fellowship. Any offers or suggestions would be gratefully received.

NEWS

The Society's Members' Print Exhibition is biennial and entries will be requested for this October. Thames Valley members will need to send their entries direct to Bath, as there will be no regional collection arrangements.

The Society is in the process of trademarking a logo, which will then be usable by members on their business cards and web sites.

The Society, with the Photographic Alliance, has reviewed the requirements for licensing sound for use with amateur audio-visuals. The advice received is that authors must join the Institute of Amateur Cinematographers (IAC) and obtain a set of three licences, including one for public performance of music (PPL). The alternative is to use only royalty-free music and personal recordings.

The Society has issued a CD of standard presentation material so that Regional Organisers and other accredited speakers can provide lecture presentations about the Society. This service is offered to camera clubs and colleges. For venues in Thames Valley booking through the regional organiser, regional funds will cover the travel expenses and the event is free.

The Annual Print Exhibition of the Thames Valley Region

Procedure & Requirements for Entering Prints

1. Only members of the Thames Valley Region (as on the RPS membership lists) may enter prints. There will be a limit of 45 people bringing prints.
2. An entry must be of 3 mounted prints. There is no size requirement, although a mount of 50x40cm is conventional. The author must attach a paper ribbon at the lower right corner of each print to show the title, and the author's name.
3. Prints must be brought on the day of the event, and must be removed at the end of the day. The organisers will not offer either a postal, or a deposit and return service. However, members may group together so that a proxy handles a member's work on the day.
4. The organisers will use good care, but cannot be responsible for damage or loss. There must be no Velcro on prints, or anything which might damage prints when stacked.
5. The prints entered by a member will be shown together. The member (or proxy) may make a brief comment on the work being shown. The guest selector will also comment, and will choose one print from each author for inclusion in a web gallery of the event.
6. All the prints will then be on display for the rest of the day, and awarded an 'Exhibited' label as a record. Based on the pre-advised titles, there will be a printed catalogue, and exhibitors will receive a copy. There will be a popular vote for 'Best Print'.

Digital Files of Prints

1. Prints selected for the web gallery can only be included if the author supplies a suitable digital file. The gallery will be published within the Thames Valley section of the RPS website. The authors' copyright will be cited.
2. Authors should bring a suitably labelled CD-R or data stick to the Exhibition, containing the digital files. Or, a CD-R may be posted in advance. Media will be copied and returned on the day. Files should be named to match the catalogue title.
3. Image files may be at any image size, and in any format which is readily readable by Photoshop. The organisers will complete the file preparation required.

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FORM-2: Submit print titles to arrive by October 11th

Send the information required overleaf by e-mail to mark.buckley-sharp@tiscali.co.uk

Confirmation will be by reply to your e-mail

Or:

Send by post to Mark Buckley-Sharp, 9 Wellacre Road, Kenton, Harrow, Middx, HA3 0BN
(Enquiries: 020 8907 5874)

Confirmation will be by reply to your telephone contact number

You may enclose a CD with the form

Closing Date: October 11th.

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FORM-1: Book as early as possible. There is a capacity limit at the venue.

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Closing Date: October 4th

The Annual Print Exhibition of the Thames Valley Region and Annual General Meeting

will be held at

Drake Hall, Amersham Community Centre, Chiltern Avenue, Amersham HP6 5AH

Sunday 17th October 2010

at 10 for 10.30am, until approximately 4pm

The venue has adequate car parking, with level access and facilities for wheelchair users.

Programme:

10.00	Open for receipt of prints. Refreshments available
10.30-13.00	Presentation of prints by authors, with comments by our guest selector Bob Moore HonFRPS , accompanied by Sue Moore FRPS
13.00-14.30	Lunch and viewing of the print exhibition. Voting for Best Print.
14.30	Annual General Meeting of the Thames Valley Region
15.00	A Presentation with prints by Bob Moore HonFRPS
16.00	Close

Who may attend:

This event is open to all, whether members or not of the Royal Photographic Society.
All attendance must be booked in advance. Cost £10, payable on arrival. Please complete **Form-1**.
A buffet lunch with wine is included. Please advise any dietary restrictions.

Unbooked attendance by regional members is available for the AGM time only.

Entering Prints:

This is limited to members of the Thames Valley Region (RPS).
Please complete **Form-2** also.

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FORM-2 Print Titles: Thames Valley Region (RPS), Exhibition, 17th October 2010

Exhibitor Name:	
Print Title #1:	
Print Title #2:	
Print Title #3:	

My prints will be brought to the Exhibition, complete with paper ribbons showing title and name.

I will bring (or send in advance) a CD/stick with matching digital files.

(See over for how/where to send this Form)

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FORM-1 Attendance Booking

Thames Valley Region (RPS) - Members' Print Exhibition - 17th October 2010

Name #1:		Submitting Prints	Y / N
Name #2:		Submitting Prints	Y / N
Telephone contact:			

I/we would like to attend the Exhibition, and will pay £10 each on arrival.

(See over for how/where to send this Form)