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NEWSLETTER

2026 - OCTOBER

NORTH WALES PHOTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION 2nd AUTUMN MODEL SHOOT



Date: Saturday, 17th October 2026
Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm
Location: Conwy
Model: Annie Williams

The NWPA are pleased to announce a second Autumn workshop featuring an outdoor model shoot. The workshop will be led by Sharon and Robert Prenton Jones and will be limited to 6 participants. Photographers who attended the 1st workshop are asked not to put their names forward for this 2nd workshop to allow others to attend.

The cost per participant will be £60. The Workshop will feature Annie Williams, who will have two different 'looks' in various areas at the location, and the small numbers will ensure that each participant will have ample time to capture images of each set up. The workshop will feature both natural light and the use of off-camera flash to enhance the existing ambient daylight.

Participants should be familiar with their camera settings and should be comfortable shooting in manual mode and be able to change shutter speed, aperture and ISO to make the most of the available light. Sharon and Rob are experienced portrait photographers and will be on hand to help participants get the most out of the model shoot.

The workshop will be held in Conwy at a venue with ample parking and will last approximately three hours. Parking charges are in place at the venue. A moderate level of fitness will be required as the workshop will feature a short walk (approx. half a mile) and will include a slight incline in a wooded area. A full information pack will be sent to those registered.

Anyone interested in attending this workshop should email prentonjonesphotography@gmail.com before the closing date of 12 noon on 2nd October.

If more than six people apply for the workshop, the names of all applicants will be placed in a hat and six names will be drawn, with the remainder forming a waiting list. The six successful participants will receive a confirmatory email on the afternoon of 2nd October and will then need to pay £60 each into the NWPA account by 12 noon on 7th October to confirm their place. Anyone who has not paid by 12 noon on 7th October will be replaced by someone on the waiting list, who will need to pay immediately and will receive an email to confirm their place.

Please note that, as this is an outdoor event, we are at the mercy of the elements and the workshop may have to be cancelled at very short notice if the weather does not allow us to proceed. If this is necessary, participants will be given a full refund. If we are able to re-schedule the event, those participants will be offered a place on the re-scheduled date.

Here is a report from the last workshop:

NWPA MODEL SHOOT

I would sincerely like to thank Sharon and Rob Prenton Jones for organising the model shoot I went on September 20th 2026. They were fantastic to give their time, expertise and talent freely and unselfishly to benefit not themselves but the NWPA coffers.

We had great weather and Annie our model was not only beautiful but very natural. The group consisted of 6 people who took turns to photograph Annie who wore 2 different outfits on the day.

We all had plenty of time and didn't even wait about too much between turns. The timing done by Sharon was spot on. Sharon was also props for Annie.

Rob instructed us in the art of flash photography, several of us were new to this myself included being mainly a wildlife photographer.

I really like learning new skills and techniques.

I had a fantastic day and the 3 hours flew by.

Great value for money too at £60.

Jan Wilson Chalon



Four images from Jan's day at the Workshop.

RUTHIN CAMERA CLUB EXHIBITION

This year was the 4th year of Ruthin Camera Club holding their annual Photographic Exhibition.

The town council have been very supportive of the club. For our 1st exhibition, the town's mayor kindly provided the 50 x 40 frames and we were given permission to hold the exhibition in the magnificent venue of the Old Court House in the centre of Ruthin which is owned and managed by the town council. They have continued to allow us to use it for our exhibitions.

We have a launch evening at which the Ruthin Mayor officially opens the Exhibition

This year saw the outside of the venue under heavy construction with fenced off areas and continuous work.

Despite this we had over 600 people view the exhibition, this was a 30% increase on the previous year.

We ask the public to vote for their favourite image and this definitely helps people to appreciate the images as they go around the exhibition several times to really look.

The winning image voted by the public this year was the Harvest Mouse on a Sunflower by Pammy Sheldon, the second year running to win the peoples vote.

Every image had someone's vote.

As a club we include everyone who wants to take part in the exhibition and both our 2 under 16 year old members took part in the exhibition.

We man the exhibition which lasts 2 weeks open from 10am to 4pm every day. We are a small club with 30 members last year on average 20 people at a meeting, but we all muck in and a 3 hour slot morning and afternoon means we only man the Exhibition 2 or 3 times over the fortnight.

As we talk to everyone who visits I think this results in helping to increase our membership.

Our first 2 meetings of the season had over 30 people at each and there was quite a buzz.

We had 8 new people including another under 16-year-old bringing us to 3 youngsters who come with their Dad or Grandparent.

It is great that these escorts are now taking images and participating in competitions.

We also judge local photographic competitions at the Ruthin Flower show and the Llanynys Flower show this again helps our profile in the community. We are already booked for next year August 16th 2027, please do come and visit.



People's Choice Winner

COEDPOETH & MINERA CAMERA CLUB

Their Exhibition will be held at the Plas Pentwyn Resource Centre
 Castle Road, Coedpoeth. LL11 3NU
 Wed 11 November 6pm – 9pm
 Thu 12 November 10am – 4pm
 Fri 13 November 10am – 4pm

CALENDAR - 2026

JAN.			
FEB.			
MAR.	Sun. 1	1.30	NWPA Executive Meeting Craig-y-Don, Llandudno
APR.	Sat. 11		NWPA Print Battle Craig-y-Don, Llandudno
	25/26		PAGB APMs Cumbria
MAY			
JUNE	Sun. 7	1.30	NWPA Executive Meeting Craig-y-Don, Llandudno
JULY	Sat. 11		NWPA Competition Craig-y-Don, Llandudno
	Sun. 19		PAGB Inter-Club PDI Championship Warwick
AUG.			
SEPT.	Sun. 6	1.30	NWPA Executive Meeting Craig-y-Don, Llandudno
	Sun. 20	9.30	NWPA Model Shoot Conwy
OCT.	Sat. 24		PAGB Inter-Club Print Championship Newport, Shrops
NOV.	Sat. 7		NWPA PDI Challenge Craig-y-Don, Llandudno
	28/29		PAGB APMs Colchester, Essex
DEC.	Sun. 6	1.30	NWPA AGM + Exec. Meeting Craig-y-Don, Llandudno

The above are just a few dates to put into your clubs' diaries.

Please let me have any more to be included.

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