Penwith Photographic Group



2025-26 WINTER PROGRAMME

CONTACTING and VISITING PPG

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If you would like any more information about joining then please come along to one of our meetings or get in touch by email or messaging us on Facebook or just phone us.

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A BRIEF INTRODUCTION to PPG

Over the years we have grown into what is now classed as a medium/large sized club but have remained a friendly and democratic group of photographers. We welcome anyone with an interest in photography. Our aim is to encourage and advance photography at all levels, beginners to advanced, via lectures, demonstrations, competitions, exhibitions, field trips and interaction of club members themselves.

Our meetings are held on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm (unless otherwise stated) but **unlike other clubs we meet throughout the year**, most clubs only meet in the winter months. From May to August we have field trips to a variety of outdoor locations around West Cornwall and occasionally further afield, then from September to April we meet indoors. In addition to our Thursday programme we also hold up to a dozen day trips at the weekends, these vary from events around Cornwall to a day's wildlife shoot or a day out on Dartmoor.

MEMBERSHIP

We have a small annual membership fee of £35 but non-members are always welcome to attend the occasional meeting at the guest rate, either to see if they might like to join or simply because they are interested in a particular event.

There is no charge for taking part in our field trips, though we do charge £4 to members and £4 for guests attending our indoor meetings, this helps to cover the costs of hiring the hall, our guest speakers and judges, and the half time light refreshments.

As a member, you will have access to our two 'closed groups' on Facebook, 'PPG Members' for help and advice at any time, and 'The Facebook Mobile Challenge'.

So what do you get for your membership fee?

- 18 local field trips during the summer months
- up to 18 additional day trips, Coddiwomples throughout the year
- 32 indoor meetings
 - Over a dozen speaker evenings
 - Plenty of competition evenings
 - Practicals and workshops
- Entry to our competitions
- Access to our closed Facebook groups
- Access to WCPF and CPA events
- Make new friends with a common interest
- and much more!

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28/08/2025	DEADLINE WEDNESDAY – CPA Nature & Wildlife Competition (see page 10)			
01/09/2025	DEADLINE MONDAY – Images for Summer Review (see page 10)			
04/09/2025 7:30pm Wk 19	MEMBERS EVENING – SUMMER REVIEW A relaxing evening looking at members images taken during the summer of 2025. Followed by a social gathering with buffet.			
11/09/2025 7:30pm 20	MEMBERS EVENING – SHORT PRESENTATIONS An evening of members presentations of various length.			
18/09/2025 7:30pm 21	CRITIQUE EVENING Bring along a selection of images you are thinking of entering into our 'Selection Evening' for the external competitions.			
24/09/2025	DEADLINE WEDNESDAY – Penwith League Round 1 (see page 10)			
25/09/2025 7:30pm 22	GUEST SPEAKER – Ken Lindsay Title "South America" Clubhouse event with the speaker on Zoom.			
02/10/2025 7:30pm 23	CRITIQUE EVENING Bring along a selection of images you are thinking of entering into our 'Selection Evening' for the external competitions.			
09/10/2025 7:30pm 24	PRACTICAL EVENING Flash Photography. An evening practising with flashguns and how to control light.			
14/10/2025 7:30pm TUESDAY	TECHNICAL TUESDAY – Lightroom & Photoshop Zoom only event Members input required with suggestions and demonstrations.			
16/10/2025 7:30pm 25	PENWITH LEAGUE Round 1 Judge: Ian Brash CPAGB BPE3 Category is: Open. – Clubhouse event with judge on Zoom.			
22/10/2025	DEADLINE WEDNESDAY – The Selection Evening (see page 10)			
23/10/2025	THURSDAY PRINTS HAND IN — The Selection Evening (see page 10)			
23/10/2025 7:30pm 26	MEMBERS EVENING – SHORT PRESENTATIONS An evening of members presentations of various length.			
29/10/2025	DEADLINE WEDNESDAY – Penwith League Rounds 2 + 3 (see page 10)			

First Thursday in September to the last Thursday in April, our winter programme. Keep up to date with all the latest information on our **website** and Facebook pages.

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30/10/2025 7:30pm Wk 27	SELECTION EVENING Tonight we review and score all PRINTS entered in our selection evening.		
06/11/2025 7:30pm 28	GUEST SPEAKER – Stephen Ball Title "Images of Scotland + Tattoo" Clubhouse with speaker on Zoom		
11/11/2025 7:30pm TUESDAY	TECHNICAL TUESDAY – Lightroom & Photoshop Zoom only event Members input required with suggestions and demonstrations.		
13/11/2025 7:30pm 29	SELECTION EVENING Tonight we review and score all DIGITAL entered in our selection evening.		
19/11/2025	DEADLINE WEDNESDAY – CPA Charles Hosken Competition (see page 10) NEW DATE		
20/11/2025 7:30pm 30	PENWITH LEAGUE Round 2 + 3 Judge: Peter Weaver LRPS APAGB CPAGB Categories are: Open & 'Water, in all it's Forms'. Clubhouse/Zoom event with judge.		
27/11/2025 7:30pm 31	GUEST SPEAKER – Jason Wharam Title "A Guides View PT 1" - Wildlife Clubhouse with speaker on Zoom		
28/11/2025 FRIDAY	CPA – NATURE & WILDLIFE COMPETITION 2025 NEW DATE Burrell Theatre, Trennick Lane, Truro, TR1 1TH. Start 7pm, Admission £5		
01/12/2025	Start of the 10 DAY CHALLENGE		
04/12/2025 7:30pm 32	MEMBERS EVENING – CHRIS COLYER Chris is giving us a presentation of images taken on his voyages over the last couple of years.		
10/12/2025	End of the 10 DAY CHALLENGE		
11/12/2025 7.30pm 33	PRACTICAL EVENING Table top evening. This evening we are photographing 'water droplet splashes', smoke and oil droplets in water. (need volunteers).		
15/12/2025	DEADLINE MONDAY – Images for 10 Day Challenge (see page 10)		
17/12/2025	DEADLINE WEDNESDAY – Penwith League Rounds 4 + 5 Digital Copies (see page 10)		
18/12/2025	THURSDAY PRINTS HAND IN – Penwith League Rounds 4 + 5 PRINTS (see page 10)		
18/12/2025 7:30pm 34	The 10 Day Challenge – Results Evening 4 themes, 4 bottles of wine		
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01/01/2026 Thur	XMAS BREAK			
08/01/2026 7:30pm Wk 35	REVIEW – WCPF Travelling Portfolio A chance to look at 60-80 of the best prints selected for the 2025 Members Exhibition, held by the Western Counties Photographic Federation.			
14/01/2026 TBC 7:30pm WEDNESDAY	INTER-CLUB BATTLE – PPG vs St Ives CC vs Launceston CC St Ives are hosting this year. Zoom only event. Judge: TBC			
15/01/2026 7:30pm 36	PENWITH LEAGUE Round 4 + 5 – PRINTS Judges: Derek Godridge, Penryn CC Categories are: Colour & Mono. Clubhouse event with judges in clubhouse.			
22/01/2026 7:30pm 37	TECHNICAL THURSDAY – Lightroom & Photoshop Zoom only event Members input required with suggestions and demonstrations.			
23/01/2026 7:30pm FRIDAY	PRACTICAL EVENING – TBC – A band that has been around for a couple of years doing covers. A low light event that is complete with flashing lights and smoke machines.			
28/01/2026	DEADLINE WEDNESDAY – Penwith League Rounds 6 + 7 (see page 10)			
29/01/2026 7:30pm 38	GUEST SPEAKER – Jason Wharam Title "A Guides View PT 2" - Wildlife Clubhouse with speaker on Zoom			
05/02/2026 7:30pm 39	MEMBERS EVENING – SHORT PRESENTATIONS An evening of members presentations of various length.			
08/02/2026 SUNDAY	WCPF – INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 2026 Digital and Prints. Corn Exchange, Exeter – 10.30am start £TBC			
12/02/2026 7:30pm 40	BLANK			
18/02/2026	DEADLINE WEDNESDAY – Penwith League Rounds 8 + 9 (see page 10)			
19/02/2026 7:30pm 41	PENWITH LEAGUE Round 6 + 7 Judge: Kevin Leah, Truro CC Categories are: Open & 'Reflections' Clubhouse/Zoom event.			
20/02/2026 FRIDAY	CPA – CHARLES HOSKEN COMPETITION 2026 Burrell Theatre, Trennick Lane, Truro, TR1 1TH – 7pm, Admission £5			
25/02/2026 TBC 7:30pm WEDNESDAY	INTER-CLUB BATTLE – PPG vs St Ives vs St Just St Just are hosting this year. Clubhouse Event Judge: TBC			
26/02/2026 7:30pm 42	GUEST SPEAKER – Roger Stevens ARPS DPAGB Title "The Bexley Audio Visual Group" presented by Roger Stevens Clubhouse with speaker on Zoom			

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26 MAY 2026 TBC 7:30pm TUESDAY	INTER-CLUB BATTLE – PPG vs Conwy CC vs Farnborough CC Host is TBC. Zoom only event. Judge: TBC			
02/05/2026 TBC SATURDAY	WCPF – MEMBERS EXHIBITION 2026 TBC May – Ticket			
30/04/2026 7:30pm 51	PROGRAMME FINALE Meal and Awards presentation at the Old Key House.			
24-04-2026 FRIDAY	CPA – ANNUAL COMPETITION 2026 NEW DATE Burrell Theatre, Trennick Lane, Truro, TR1 1TH – 7pm, Admission £5			
23/04/2026 7:30pm 50	BLANK			
16/04/2026 7:30pm 49	GUEST SPEAKER – Geoff Hichens Presentation Title: "It was Over in a Flash" Clubhouse with speaker.			
09/04/2026 7:30pm 48	The AGM Free event.			
02/04/2026 7:30pm 47	IMAGE of the YEAR COMPETITION Our lotY, the competition with our best images from throughout the winter. Judge = Chris Robins, Truro CC			
30/03/2026 7:30pm MONDAY	INTER-CLUB BATTLE – PPG vs Kirkcaldy PS (battle of the tartans 4) KPS are hosting this year. Zoom only event. Judge: Geoff Hichens			
26/03/2026 TBC 7:30pm 46	INTER-CLUB BATTLE – PPG vs Truro CC PPG are hosting this year. Clubhouse Event Judge: TBC			
19/03/2026 7:30pm 45	PENWITH LEAGUE Round 8 + 9 Judge: TBC Categories are: Open & 'Summer Programme' Clubhouse/Zoom event.			
12/03/2026 7:30pm 44	MEMBERS EVENING – SHORT PRESENTATIONS An evening of members presentations of various length.			
12/03/2026	THURSDAY PRINTS HAND IN – Image of the Year (see page 10)			
11/03/2026	DEADLINE WEDNESDAY – Image of the Year (see page 10)			
05/03/2026 7:30pm Wk 43	Pre-AGM and SOCIAL EVENING A chance for us all to stop and breath, have a chat over a buffet. We will also discuss our up coming AGM and the 2026 summer programme.			

OUR COMPETITIONS

EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

PPG are members of the Western Counties Photographic Federation (WCPF) and the Cornwall Photographic Alliance (CPA). Both the CPA and WCPF hold annual inter-club competitions we enter as a club and several that are for club members to enter as individuals. We refer to these as our external competitions.

WCPF: The WCPF have one competition that we enter every year "The Inter-Club Championship" is their new flagship, it includes the old 'DPIC' and 'Print Comp', and normally involves around fifty clubs in the South West.

Other WCPF competitions available to members are:

- Member's Exhibition, prints and digital projected images.
- Knightshayes Trophy, prints.
- AV Competition, audio/visual sequences.
- Kingswood Salver, a panel of prints (inter-club)

CPA: The CPA have three competitions that our competitions secretary deals with, these are:

- CPA Annual Competition, this is a club competition for digital images and prints. The
 presentation evening is in May each year and this is judged by top judges from around
 the UK.
- Charles Hosken, this is an open competition is for club members. The presentation
 evening is normally in March. The judges of this competition are now experienced judges
 from around the UK.
- CPA Nature & Wildlife Competition, this again is for club members. The presentation
 evening this year is in November and is judged by top wildlife judges from around the
 WORLD!

The CPA competitions for club members have an entry fee of £1 per image.

There are links to these on our website.

INTERNAL COMPETITIONS

Penwith League: This is our internal competition which is held over five evenings. Rounds one and five are open rounds the other three are a mix of categories which includes themes and prints. Since the pandemic we have moved to using judges from around the UK via Zoom, this give us a wider selection of judges to choose from.

<u>Image of the Year</u>: Speaks for itself, we have two categories which are digital and prints, the winner of each appears on our website and the covers of this programme, again judged externally but with a face to face judge if possible.

The 10 Day Challenge: This is fun competition run during the first week in December when you should be Xmas shopping. The challenge has four themes, each with a bottle of wine for the winner. The overall winner on the night get to choose a zoom guest speaker for the following year.

NOTES

COMPETITION DEADLINES for image submission

	Maximum no. of images allowed	DIGITAL	PRINT
28-08-2025	Nature & Wildlife Competition (CPA club members)	6	-
01-09-2025	Review of our Summer Programme	18	-
24-09-2025	Penwith League Round 1	4	-
22-10-2025	External Competitions (digital)	4	-
22-10-2025	External Competitions (prints) – digital copies of print	5*	-
23-10-2025	External Competitions (prints) – hand in prints	-	5*
29-10-2025	Penwith League Rounds 2 + 3 open/theme=Water, in all it's Forms	2+2	-
19-11-2025	Charles Hosken <i>(CPA club members)</i> NEW DATE	6	-
15-12-2025	10 Day Challenge	6	-
17-12-2025	Penwith League Rounds 4 + 5 (prints) – digital copies	-	2+2
18-12-2025	Penwith League Rounds 4 + 5 (prints) – hand in prints	-	2+2
28-01-2026	Penwith League Rounds 6 + 7 open/theme=Reflections	2+2	-
18-02-2026	Penwith League Rounds 8 + 9 open/theme=Summer Programme	2+2	-
11-03-2026	Image of the Year (digital)	2	-
11-03-2026	Image of the Year (prints) – digital copies	2	-
12-03-2026	Image of the Year (prints) – hand in	-	2

^{5*} Your entry in this prints round needs to include one mono image, four colour and one mono.

The information here is correct at the time of printing.

Please refer to our website and Facebook pages for all the latest:

www.thePPG.org.uk Facebook.com/atThePPG

COMMITTEE

The club is run by a small team of members, the current officers are:

Chair Clive Kennard
Vice-Chair Laurence Osborne
Secretary Deb Ramsay-Trease

Treasurer Pat Millett
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Programme Secretary Steve Cann

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