

Penwith Photographic Group



**2025-26
WINTER PROGRAMME**

CONTACTING and VISITING PPG

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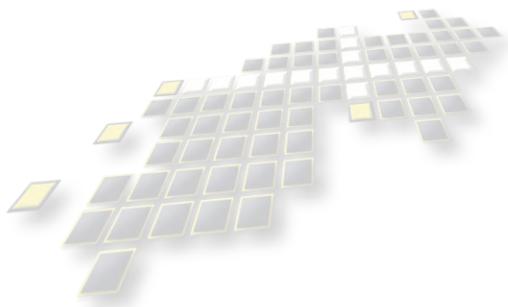
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A BRIEF INTRODUCTION to PPG

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, Codiwomple 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 <i>Members input required with suggestions and demonstrations.</i>
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	SELECTION EVENING
7:30pm Wk 27	Tonight we review and score all PRINTS entered in our selection evening.
06/11/2025	GUEST SPEAKER – Stephen Ball
7:30pm 28	Title "Images of Scotland + Tattoo" Clubhouse with speaker on Zoom
11/11/2025	TECHNICAL TUESDAY – Lightroom & Photoshop
7:30pm TUESDAY	Zoom only event <i>Members input required with suggestions and demonstrations.</i>
13/11/2025	SELECTION EVENING
7:30pm 29	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	PENWITH LEAGUE Round 2 + 3
7:30pm 30	Judge: Peter Weaver LRPS APAGB CPAGB Categories are: Open & 'Water, in all it's Forms'. Clubhouse/Zoom event with judge.
27/11/2025	GUEST SPEAKER – Jason Wharam
7:30pm 31	Title "A Guides View PT 1" - Wildlife Clubhouse with speaker on Zoom
28/11/2025	CPA – NATURE & WILDLIFE COMPETITION 2025 NEW DATE
FRIDAY	Burrell Theatre, Trennick Lane, Truro, TR1 1TH. Start 7pm, Admission £5
01/12/2025	Start of the 10 DAY CHALLENGE
04/12/2025	MEMBERS EVENING – CHRIS COLVER
7:30pm 32	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	PRACTICAL EVENING
7.30pm 33	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	The 10 Day Challenge – Results Evening
7:30pm 34	4 themes, 4 bottles of wine
25/12/2025 Thur	XMAS BREAK
28/12/2025 Sun	XMAS BREAK – Coddiwomple – North Cornwall

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01/01/2026 Thur	XMAS BREAK
08/01/2026	REVIEW – WCPF Travelling Portfolio 7:30pm Wk 35 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	INTER-CLUB BATTLE – PPG vs St Ives CC vs Launceston CC 7:30pm WEDNESDAY St Ives are hosting this year. Zoom only event. Judge: TBC
15/01/2026	PENWITH LEAGUE Round 4 + 5 – PRINTS 7:30pm 36 Judges: Derek Godridge, Penryn CC Categories are: Colour & Mono. Clubhouse event with judges in clubhouse.
22/01/2026	TECHNICAL THURSDAY – Lightroom & Photoshop 7:30pm 37 <i>Members input required with suggestions and demonstrations.</i>
23/01/2026	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. FRIDAY
28/01/2026	DEADLINE WEDNESDAY – Penwith League Rounds 6 + 7 (see page 10)
29/01/2026	GUEST SPEAKER – Jason Wharam 7:30pm 38 Title "A Guides View PT 2" - Wildlife Clubhouse with speaker on Zoom
05/02/2026	MEMBERS EVENING – SHORT PRESENTATIONS 7:30pm 39 An evening of members presentations of various length.
08/02/2026	WCPF – INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 2026 SUNDAY Digital and Prints. Corn Exchange, Exeter – 10.30am start £TBC
12/02/2026	GUEST SPEAKER – Tom Suddes 7:30pm 40 Tom will be giving us a talk about his career on the Cruise Ship Britannia. Clubhouse with speaker in the Clubhouse
18/02/2026	DEADLINE WEDNESDAY – Penwith League Rounds 8 + 9 (see page 10)
19/02/2026	PENWITH LEAGUE Round 6 + 7 7:30pm 41 Judge: Kevin Leah, Truro CC Categories are: Open & 'Reflections' Clubhouse/Zoom event.
20/02/2026	CPA – CHARLES HOSKEN COMPETITION 2026 FRIDAY Burrell Theatre, Trennick Lane, Truro, TR1 1TH – 7pm, Admission £5
25/02/2026 TBC	INTER-CLUB BATTLE – PPG vs St Ives vs St Just CANCELLED 7:30pm WEDNESDAY St Just are hosting this year. Clubhouse Event Judge: TBC
26/02/2026	GUEST SPEAKER – Roger Stevens ARPS DPAGB 7:30pm 42 Title "The Bexley Audio Visual Group" presented by Roger Stevens Clubhouse with speaker on Zoom

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05/03/2026	Pre-AGM and SOCIAL EVENING
7:30pm Wk 43	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.
11/03/2026	DEADLINE WEDNESDAY – Image of the Year (see page 10)
12/03/2026	THURSDAY PRINTS HAND IN – Image of the Year (see page 10)
12/03/2026	MEMBERS EVENING – SHORT PRESENTATIONS
7:30pm 44	An evening of members presentations of various length.
19/03/2026	PENWITH LEAGUE Round 8 + 9
7:30pm 45	Judge: TBC Categories are: Open & 'Summer Programme' Clubhouse/Zoom event.
26/03/2026 TBC	INTER-CLUB BATTLE – PPG vs Truro CC
7:30pm 46	PPG are hosting this year. Clubhouse Event Judge: TBC
30/03/2026	INTER-CLUB BATTLE – PPG vs Kirkcaldy PS (battle of the tartans 4)
7:30pm MONDAY	KPS are hosting this year. Zoom only event . Judge: Geoff Hichens
02/04/2026	IMAGE of the YEAR COMPETITION
7:30pm 47	Our lotY, the competition with our best images from throughout the winter. Judge = Chris Robins, Truro CC
09/04/2026	The AGM
7:30pm 48	Free event.
11/04/2026	Start of the NEW 10 DAY CHALLENGE
16/04/2026	GUEST SPEAKER – Geoff Hichens
7:30pm 49	Presentation Title: "It was Over in a Flash" Clubhouse with speaker.
23/04/2026	MEMBERS EVENING – Andy Penney
7:30pm – Week 50	Andy will be showing images from his recent travels.
24-04-2026	CPA – ANNUAL COMPETITION 2026
FRIDAY	Burrell Theatre, Trennich Lane, Truro, TR1 1TH – 7pm, Admission £5
27/04/2026	DEADLINE MONDAY – Images for New 10 Day Challenge
30/04/2026	PROGRAMME FINALE
7:30pm 51	Meal and Awards presentation at the Old Key House.
02/05/2026 TBC	WCPF – MEMBERS EXHIBITION 2026
SATURDAY	TBC May – Ticket
26 MAY 2026 TBC	INTER-CLUB BATTLE – PPG vs Conwy CC vs Farnborough CC
7:30pm TUESDAY	Host is TBC . Zoom only event . Judge: TBC

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.*

Image of the Year: 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. In 2026 this was moved to April to give our members more daylight hours.

NOTES

COMPETITION DEADLINES for image submission

	Maximum no. of images allowed	DIGITAL	PRINT
28-08-2025	Nature & Wildlife Competition (<i>CPA club members</i>)	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) – <i>digital copies of print</i>	5*	-
23-10-2025	External Competitions (prints) – <i>hand in prints</i>	-	5*
29-10-2025	Penwith League Rounds 2 + 3 <i>open/theme=Water, in all it's Forms</i>	2+2	-
19-11-2025	Charles Hosken (<i>CPA club members</i>)	6	-
15-12-2025	10 Day Challenge	6	-
17-12-2025	Penwith League Rounds 4 + 5 (prints) – <i>digital copies</i>	-	2+2
18-12-2025	Penwith League Rounds 4 + 5 (prints) – <i>hand in prints</i>	-	2+2
28-01-2026	Penwith League Rounds 6 + 7 <i>open/theme=Reflections</i>	2+2	-
18-02-2026	Penwith League Rounds 8 + 9 <i>open/theme=Summer Programme</i>	2+2	-
11-03-2026	Image of the Year (digital)	2	-
11-03-2026	Image of the Year (prints) – <i>digital copies</i>	2	-
12-03-2026	Image of the Year (prints) – <i>hand in</i>	-	2
27-04-2026	10 Day Challenge	6	-

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:*

