



NORTH WALES PHOTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION
 CYMDEITHAS FFOTOGRAFFIG GOGLEDD CYMRU
 Member of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain
www.cffgc.co.uk

THE NORTH WALES PHOTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION

DISTINCTION CELEBRATION EVENING

For Distinctions achieved between
 1st September 2018 and 1st September 2019

Date: Saturday, 28th September 2019
Venue: Llandudno Junction Community Club, Victoria Drive,
 Llandudno Junction, LL31 9PG
Telephone: 01492 581314
Start time: 6.30pm

This is a follow up communication about the North Wales Photographic Association (NWPA) Distinction Celebration Evening that will be held on 28th September 2019. We hope that this will be a fun-filled opportunity for photographers all over North Wales to catch up, get fed, have a few drinks and generally enjoy themselves. We would love it if you could join us on the night and have outlined below some details of the evening.

Who Can Attend?

By virtue of being a member of a Photographic Club in North Wales you are a member of the NWPA. This celebratory evening is a free event for anyone who is a member of any photographic club that comes under the umbrella of the NWPA. In addition, each member can bring one guest free of charge. The evening is, therefore, open to all NWPA members, not just people celebrating distinctions. The idea is to celebrate distinction achievements, showcase images and have a social evening including a free buffet.

Can I bring more than one guest if I pay for them?

Unfortunately not. We have had to restrict guests to only one per member to allow sufficient space for the numbers that we expect to attend on the evening.

I'm confused about the difference between an Award and a Distinction: what do you mean by this event being a "Distinction" celebration evening?

The evening is designed to celebrate the successes of NWPA members who have attained new letters after their name in the last year. These are different to

getting an award for an image: technically, individual images get awards whereas individual photographers get distinctions (typically based on a body of photographic work – either as a panel or a number of individual images).

Are you celebrating all distinctions or just those attained in the last year?

Just in the last year (technically between 1st September 2018 and 1st September 2019). We had some debate about extending the time backward so that extra people might be included, but there would always be a cut off period beyond which some people would have just missed being included by a short margin. It seemed fairer to focus the celebration on a single year, thereby leaving it possible to make this an annual event.

If I have achieved a Distinction will I have to stand in front of everyone and talk about my images?

No. While we do hope to have lots of images for people to see during the evening, we will not ask people to present their work to the room. One of the main reasons for this would be the time involved in doing this. Instead, we are inviting anyone who has had a distinction based on Printed Images (e.g. AWPf, PAgB, IFP) to bring their prints along beforehand. There will be print stands available for you to display your images. If the photographer would like to stand near their prints to chat about the images then that would be great but there is no requirement to do so.

Where a distinction has been gained on the basis of a combination of DPIs and Prints (e.g. FIAP, BPE, PSA), we will invite the photographer to bring along up to 20 DPI images of their work. These will be presented in a slideshow and introduced by Andy Polakowski (NWPA Chairman) during the evening. The showing of projected images will start at 8.30 and will probably take about an hour. Andy will introduce each photographer, name their club and the distinctions they achieved. Again, while we are hoping that all photographers will chose to allow us to show a sample of their images, there is no requirement to do so: you can just show up and enjoy the evening like anyone else. Instructions on how to submit your DPI images will be sent when we know you are attending.

I'd like to attend – what do I need to do?

As the venue require numbers for the buffet, you will need to email Sharon Prenton Jones (prentonjonesphotography@gmail.com) by 1st September 2019 with your name and the name of the guest you would like to attend with you. You will then be sent confirmation of your place.

Also, if you would like your Distinction/s exhibited, please supply details of the Distinction success (also by 1st September at the latest). You will then be sent a confirmation of your place and information on how to bring along your Prints and Projected Images.