



## Royal Photographic Society Western Region

Fenton House,  
122 Wells Road, Bath BA2 3AH

**Sunday 15 January 2017**

10.00 am - 10.30 pm (Doors open at 9.30 am)

### Agenda

Welcome by the Regional Organiser

Apologies for Absence

Minutes of the 2016 AGM & Matters Arising

Reports from Officers

Financial Report & Accounts for 2016 (see attached)  
Report from the Regional Organiser

Election of Officers & Committee for 2017

Regional Organiser	David Norfolk
Treasurer	Liz Bugg
Secretary	Suzanne Johnson
Distinctions Advisory Days	Michelle Whitmore
Exhibitions/BRLSI Liaison	John Law
Newsletter	David Norfolk
Training/Web/Facebook	Richard Olpin
Flickr Management	David Norfolk
New Members Liaison	Tony Cooper

Any Other Business

Close

# Notice of an Annual General Meeting

reporting on the year to 31 December 2016

## Important Notification to Members

Western Region members should be aware that at approximately one third through this past year Kevin Schwaerzler, Helen Sugrue and Gordon James were obliged, for distinct reasons beyond their control, to step down from their key positions within your Committee. In the last third of this year David Norfolk has picked up the role of Regional Organiser and has reimposed order from chaos. The Treasurer's function remained unfulfilled with RPS Head Office assuming management of the bank account and the associated payments and receipts.

No minutes of last years AGM had been produced and the financial accounts attached hereto have been drawn together in the last few days from the bank statements for the year leaving much to be desired in terms of detail. We would therefore ask you to read these two documents with a certain degree of forbearance.

## Minutes of the AGM (reporting on year 2015) held in Bath on Sunday, 10 January 2016

*Tony Cooper, Regional Organiser, welcomed attendees and opened the AGM at 10.00am.*

### Minutes of the 2015 AGM

*These were accepted. There were no matters arising.*

### Treasurer's Report & Accounts

*The Financial Accounts showed an increase in the total of bank and cash balances to £8,397.68. The Treasurer noted the overall satisfactory financial health of the Region.*

### Regional Organiser's Report

#### Speakers 2015

Jan 2015	David Spears FRPS
May 2015	Andrew Burns
Jul 2015	Jez Truelove LRPS
	Gay Gilmour LRPS
	Ian Bosworth LRPS
Oct 2015	Pauline Rook ARPS
Nov 2015	Gill Cardy FRPS
	Robert Wolstenholme ARPS
	David Taylor LRPS

### Distinction Advisory Days

*Grateful thanks to Gordon James.*

### Annual Outing

*Black Country Living Museum*

### Newsletters

*Thanks to Gordon James.*

### Facebook, Email & Database

*Thanks to Richard Olpin ensuring we keep in contact with our membership.*

### Western Region Meetings – Charging Policy

*Proposed to retain the present systems of charging. In Bath that means that attendees (members & non-members) are charged £2. for the ordinary monthly meeting without a speaker and £7. for those meetings with a speaker.*

### Thanks to the Committee

*Our special thanks must go to the members of the 2015 Western Region Committee, and the organisers of the sub regions, centred on Highnam (Bob Train) and Ilton (Mick Humphries & John Doe), without whose efforts and generous allocation of their time would render our annual programme(s) impossible.*

*Lastly, Mary & I offer our personal thanks to all of you for your good humour and kind support though 2015.*

### Election of Officers & Committee for 2016.

Regional Organiser:	Kevin Schwaerzler
Treasurer:	Helen Sugrue
Distinctions/Exhibitions/Newletters:	Gordon James
Facebook Management	Richard Olpin
Flickr Management:	David Norfolk

### Vote of Thanks

*Kevin Schwaerzler offered the Region's thanks to Tony Cooper and the outgoing Committee for their many years of generous service to the Region.*

### Any Other Business

*There being no other business, the Annual General Meeting closed at 10.35 a.m.*