**SCPF** **~ PAGB ~ RPS**

***(Wimborne Camera Club 2023)***

**Strange sounding names - but what are they?**

**Wimborne CC belongs to one of them so here's a brief explanation!**

**SCPF - Rep: Alan Bentley**

**(Southern Counties Photographic Federation**

**part of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain - PAGB)**

<http://www.southerncountiespf.org.uk/>

<http://www.thepagb.org.uk/>

* The PAGB organises National Events and Exhibitions, and the SCPF is one of many Federations which comprise the Alliance. The 'SCPF' serves Berkshire south of the M4, East Dorset, Hampshire, part of West Sussex, East Wiltshire, Isle of Wight, and the Channel Isles( Jersey and Guernsey) and at present has over 70 Member Clubs. Reps' meetings (4 a year) are attended by a rep from each affiliated Club. There are two Leagues run between the Clubs in each Federation, one for Prints and one for PDIs.
* Members of Clubs belonging to affiliated Federations of the PAGB can obtain Distinctions in five levels: BPAGB, CPAGB, DPAGB, EPAGB, MPAGB

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Member Clubs of these Federations are automatically affiliated to the PAGB, and each Member Club receives access online to the Alliance Handbook each year, which gives details of Clubs, Judges, Lecturers and Officers. There are also bi-monthly meetings which are attended by a Federation rep.

**RPS - Your local contact is Norman Wiles**

[www.rps.org](file:///E:\Wimborne%20Camera%20Club\WCC%20-%20Documents%20re%20Club\www.rps.org)

<https://rps.org/regions/southern/>

The Royal Photographic Society is run as a charity with a Royal Charter which was recently renewed, HRH The Duchess of Cambridge is the new Patron, and it was founded in 1853 ‘to promote the Art and Science of Photography’, a mission it continues to this day in the UK and Overseas.

Membership is open to anyone, there is an annual subscription, and once a Member, Distinctions can be obtained in three levels; LRPS, ARPS & FRPS.

The 'Southern Region' provides a more local contact, with Events, Exhibitions, Speakers and Workshops, and a Meet-up Group, arranged for Members and non-Members.