

# **SAPA ~ Southern Fed ~ RPS**

*(Wimborne Camera Club 2011)*

## **Strange sounding names - and what are they? Here's a brief explanation!**

### **SAPA - Reps: Mike Middleton & Mike Harding**

*(No website)*

The Stour and Avon Photographic Association has been in existence for over 40 years. It was formed to give all the Photographic Organisations and Camera Clubs in the 'Wessex' area a focus and a form of communication.

The biggest way that this happens is the SAPA League Battle which is run annually. The member Clubs are 'drawn' in Leagues, and compete twice in a given period to see which Clubs will compete in the final, which is generally held in March/April. There is also a Competition to find the winning print or slide over the League year. The pieces of work with the highest scores are eligible to be entered (two being allowed from each competing Club - one Print and one DPI).

There are regular meetings of representatives from the Member Clubs to keep everyone aware of what is going on. There is an Annual Exhibition of Member Clubs' work held at the Dolphin Centre, Poole; this is also viewable by the general public and therefore hopefully will bring new Members into the Clubs.

### **'Southern Fed' - (No rep at present)**

#### **(Southern Photographic Federation of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain - PAGB)**

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

<http://www.pagb-photography-uk.co.uk/>

The PAGB organises National Events and Exhibitions, and the SPF is one of sixteen Federations which comprise the Alliance. The 'Southern Fed' 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 60 Member Clubs. There is a League run between Clubs in its area, the standard of which is higher than the SAPA League.

Member Clubs of these Federations are automatically affiliated to the Alliance, and each Member Club receives access online to the Alliance Handbook each year, which gives details of judges, lecturers and officers. There are bi-monthly meetings

### **RPS - Your local contacts are Carol & Norman Wiles**

[www.rps.org](http://www.rps.org)

The Royal Photographic Society is run as a charity with a Royal Charter which was recently renewed, and 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 Licentiate, Associateship and Fellowship levels by producing panels of work in many different forms. For example, the Licentiate panel comprises 10 pieces of work, and prints, slides or digital images can be provided to give evidence of a standard of competence in photography. Associate panels require 15 images, and Fellowship 20 images.

<http://www.rps.org/region/Southern>

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