

Photographic Group National Council Advisory Officer Report to 2018 AGM

This was a new experience for me but a responsibility I personally feel it particularly necessary for one of the PG elected officers to undertake. I am grateful to Pat Perkins (chauffeured by John) for standing in at the September 2017 meeting when we were holidaying in Switzerland and France. For those members who are not aware (and I was one of them) this is PG opportunity to contribute to matters at national level. As a Special Interest Section with less than 3000 members we do not have a vote but there is ample opportunity to voice opinion on behalf of the Section and share/discuss with other Sections. Vivien and I also attended the Club AGM in October which is an option for any member to attend. Receiving all of the Club Committee minutes we are well informed as to what is happening and how that may affect our Section. Points of interest/discussion to date:

- Future of the Section Forum (there is a meeting at Blackmore March 2018)
- GDPR (update from HQ expected at February 2018 meeting)
- Revised Green Paper - guidance for Stewards. This clarifies the pup tent definition allowed within a unit pitch and introduces a fee for non-members using pup tents. In members pitch.
- There was shock at The Club AGM when the incumbent Vice Chairman was not re-elected by the national vote. The Director General is now discussing with lawyers options to protect from this happening again.

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) enhancing the current Data Protection Act comes into force in May 2018. There are implications as to what member data can be shared with Sections and there may well be necessary changes in the methods that are used to contact you by email and for publishing Photocamper amongst others.

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