



### **Royal Photographic Society:- RPS**

Web site:- [www.rps.org](http://www.rps.org)

This is a national photographic organisation, which also has an international dimension to its membership, who are all individuals, rather than clubs or other organisations. It draws its membership not only from the amateur world of photography but also from the professional photography. A number of Northallerton CC members are members of the RPS. A registered charity, it is run by a council of elected members from its headquarters in Bath. It is perhaps best known for its provision of distinctions for photography that can be obtained by them. It also provides patronage to International Exhibitions and Salons worldwide (including the Northern Counties International Salon of Photography) but unlike FIAP and PSA does not provide any awards or distinction structure for those taking part in events patronized by them. It also runs International Exhibitions open to all and generally promotes the art and development of photography. It produces a high quality monthly Journal which is circulated to all its members. Like the PAGB it does have a regional structure, each run by an Organiser and a small committee. Northallerton Camera Club falls geographically in the Yorkshire Region, but traditionally its members who are also RPS members tend to support the Northern Region, which has more or less contiguous boundaries with the NCPF and is perhaps more active. So much so that the club has for a number of years run joint lectures with the RPS, notably in our Anniversary Year, with Jean Claude Bacle, Des Clinton, and Rikki O'Neil.

### **Federation Internationale de l'Art Photographique:- FIAP**

Web Site:- [www.fiap.net](http://www.fiap.net)

This is a worldwide organisation with affiliations from over 90 countries, stretching around the globe. The PAGB is affiliated to FIAP and does have representatives on its council, which meets in Paris. Again it provides an umbrella service to its member countries which include Biennial Competitions. It also provides patronage to International Exhibitions and salons world wide, including to the Northern Counties International Salon of Photography. As a result Acceptances and Awards from such events count towards and extensive distinctions structure that is provided by FIAP.

### **Photographic Society of America:- PSA**

Web site:- [www.psa-photo.org](http://www.psa-photo.org)

This is the United States and Canada's version of the PAGB. However it like the RPS has a substantial international dimension to its membership, which can either be as a club or photographic organisation or as an individual. For example, the NCPF is a member of PSA, as is Hexham PS (a member club of NCPF). A number of Northallerton CC members are members of PSA. It also provides a patronage service and awards structure to International Exhibitions and salons world wide, which whilst structured differently are of equal standing to FIAP distinctions. It provides patronage to the Northern Counties International Salon of Photography as well as FIAP and the RPS.

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**United Postal Postfolios of Great Britain:- UPP**

Web site:- [www.uppofgb.org](http://www.uppofgb.org)

This a stand alone club which at one and the same time has a national membership, but which operates within the national club structure through affiliation to one of the regional Federations. It has a membership of nearly 400 which is divided into a number of "Circles" consisting of about 10 to 15 members per circle. Each circle circulates photographs between its members in portfolios and they give observations, comments and marks to the photographs of fellow members; taking out their own old photograph and replacing it with a new one each time a portfolio comes to them. The UPP holds an annual meeting at the time of its AGM when the best photographs for each circle are entered into a national competition. A substantial number of Northallerton CC members are also members of UPP.