

LONDON FREELANCE BRANCH MEETINGS

Managing your portfolios

WE HOPE you enjoyed the summer holidays and were actually able to take some time off. (Less young members may remember being able to afford voluntary holidays.)

The autumn season of London Freelance Branch meetings kicks off on **Monday 10 September**. Creating and managing online portfolios will be the topic under discussion. Our speakers are LFB's own Branch Sec Pádraig Belton and our Welfare Officer Roger Prentis. We will discuss the best ways of using such sites as linkedin.com – and indeed our own freelancedirectory.org – to make clients aware of what you have

to offer. A side-order of Twitter is not inconceivable.

Padraig (www.scribd.com/padraigbelton/shelf) in his own words "scribbles on politics and culture" for a wide range of clients.

Check the meetings page of the LFB website (see below) for details of the meeting on **Monday 8 October**, and keep an eye on LFB's Twitter feed https://twitter.com/NUJ_LFB for updates too.

This issue went to press on **9 August**. Your deadline for the (online only) September issue is **29 August**.

LFB meetings are 7pm to 9pm at Friends House, Euston Road, which is accessible to people who use wheelchairs.

If you need the Branch to pay for care for a child or dependent so you can attend a meeting, call a Branch officer.

For updates on meetings see the Branch calendar web page www.londonfreelance.org/lfb/meetings.html. Volunteer minute-takers are needed for LFB meetings for the rest of the year. For details of the NUJ London Photographers' Branch meetings, see www.londonphotographers.org

Martin Jenkinson

MARTIN JENKINSON, who died in June at 64 after a short illness, will be fondly remembered and missed by all trade union colleagues but especially by photographers. He was the quintessential photographers' photographer. He served at all levels of the NUJ, including the Freelance Industrial Council and the National Executive Council, and was a key negotiator back in the days when we had freelance agreements with national newspapers and magazines groups throughout the union.

He was also a member of the old analogue Wiring Committee, with the NGA (National Graphical Association – the printers' union). This predated new technology, e-mail and digitalisation. He went on to be involved in the founding of NUJnet, the initiative between the NUJ and BECTU to offer members email –

before the internet. Martin sat on a number of outside photographic groups and helped to improve relations between professional portrait and advertising photographers and editorial photographers.

I was proud to call him a friend and served with him on a number of union bodies. My fondest memories were meeting up in a good bar with other photographers and Martin holding court usually while smoking a large cigar talking about motorbikes, music, trade unions and his love – photography.

He was not one for flowery speeches at public conferences. He believed in looking at problems that needed to be solved, joining negotiations to get better deals, and improving pay and conditions for freelancers. He was always a font of knowledge and advice for younger

members and photographers.

Many NUJ members would recognise him from his conference photography at Annual Delegate Meetings: he also covered the TUC and worked for many other trade unions.

© Kevin Cooper



Do you live in Lewisham?

THERE IS a new Lewisham NUJ Branch for both freelancers and staff who live in the London Borough of Lewisham and its immediate neighbouring boroughs.

Very soon after the new Branch was announced, its chair – former LFB member and occasional *Freelance* contributor Dr Francis Sedgemore – contacted us with a pledge to work closely with LFB. Chris Wheal is the new Branch's secretary.

NUJ members with postcodes which fall within the London Borough of Lewisham will automatically be transferred to the new Branch unless they tell the NUJ's Membership department they want to stay with LFB or with whatever Branch they're already with, via membership@nuj.org.uk

UNCLASSIFIED ADS

FREELANCE UNCLASSIFIEDS are FREE to members for non-commercial purposes. To non-members and for commercial purposes, £10 for this much. Acceptance is at the editors' whim; appearance does not imply endorsement. If you have any comments on an advertiser, tell us. Submit your ads by email to unclassified@londonfreelance.org

UNIQUE ARCHIVE: part ex-National cuttings library. Espionage, wars, crime, etc. 12+ boxes, 1,000s of cuttings 1920 – 1971. Buyer to collect from nr Eastbourne. Offers. 07795938712, e-mail david@drdavidlewis.co.uk

IRISH COUNTRY COTTAGE for rent, 1 hour from Cork: remote, rustic cottage, well equipped, recently renovated, sleeps 9. Breath-taking views. Near Macroom and Killarney. Rates €350 June–August, €300 Sept and €250 any other time. Karl 08792 11736, Phil 0868713350. or jkhowe@eircom.net

FREELANCES LOOKING for a holiday break with story idea potential? Retired NUJ photographer/film-maker

Alwyn James, a life-long non-professional palmist is giving themed week-end breaks teaching Palmistry at his Letterkeen House B&B in Co. Fermanagh. Learn enough in one week-end to write knowledgeably on this fascinating subject and we can supply photos, charts, etc. Contact Alwyn on 07718 902678.

LOOKING TO SHARE OFFICE space in North London: After more than a decade working from home, I need a proper office – can provide my own furniture, would need wifi access. The closer to Muswell Hill the better. Contact: ericlee@labourstart.org

SHARE OFFICE, groovy Shoreditch, 5 mins Old Street tube. £200 pcm covers heat, light, receptionist, cleaner, mini-kitchen/loo, phone/internet connection. Only extra is phone-calls. Contact: lswoffield1@gmail.com

LONDON B&B Wimbledon / Putney area in photojournalist's home. Details: www.southfieldsstudio.co.uk or email southfields.bed@btconnect.com or tel: 07836 600 882

CONTACTS

Freelance office

John Toner / Pamela Morton. 020 7843 3706
Membership via switchboard 020 7278 7916
email freelanceoffice@nuj.org.uk
post 308 Grays Inn Road, London WC1X 8DP

Legal emergency only:

England and Wales 0800 587 7530
Scotland 0800 085 3425

Freelance editors

Mike Holderness
Matt Salusbury
email: editor@londonfreelance.org
Follow us on Twitter www.twitter.com/NUJ_LFB

© 2012 NUJ & authors; moral rights asserted.

FREELANCE

Branch contacts: www.londonfreelance.org/lfb
Online Freelance contents: www.londonfreelance.org/fl