

## LONDON FREELANCE BRANCH MEETINGS

## Lobbying to defend copyright, in Parliament

ONCE MORE, the government is having a go at copyright law: see page 5. So our meeting on **Monday 12 November** will discuss what we're doing about it. Our speakers will include Mike Holderness, who is Chair of the Creators' Rights Alliance, to which the NUJ belongs.

Go to the ramp to Parliament's public entrance: **arrive by 18:40 to be sure of getting through security** checks in time. You are going to the meeting in Committee Room 4, hosted by Viscount Bridgeman. Keep an eye on LFB's Twitter feed [https://twitter.com/NUJ\\_LFB](https://twitter.com/NUJ_LFB) for updates and a pointer to full directions.

On **Monday 10 December** we're holding a seasonal social event, jointly with the NUJ's London Magazine Branch, at the NUJ HQ, Headland House, 308 Gray's Inn Road: nearest Underground King's Cross.

The meeting on **Monday 14 January 2013** will be the Branch Annual General Meeting. Send any proposals to update the Branch rules, to [editor@londonfreelance.org](mailto:editor@londonfreelance.org) before 22 November.

This issue went to press on **20 October**. Your deadline for the December / January issue is **22 November**

LFB meetings are usually from 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](http://www.londonfreelance.org/lfb/meetings.html). Volunteer minute-takers are needed for the LFB meeting in November and next year. For details of the NUJ London Photographers' Branch meetings, see [www.london-photographers.org](http://www.london-photographers.org)

## LETTER

## Battle of Alamy?

I was disappointed to see the last copy of the *Freelance* quoting my old friend and fellow photographer, Julio Etchart, commending Alamy picture agency. This company is notorious for undercutting NUJ recommended rates and I hope that LFB is not endorsing Julio's words or celebrating any other company adopting the supermarket model of "piling them high and selling them cheap".

The NUJ should be publicising why decent rates are necessary and shaming the companies that charge

less, especially if they won't negotiate sustainable rates.

I acknowledge Julio's supermarket analogy, but do portray it for what it really is: an unequal and exploitative relationship between large companies that hold too much power over their competing suppliers.

In response to these business models that serve only to harm our members' long-term interests and sustainability, it's about time the NUJ told them to BOGOF rather than doing their work for them – below the Union rate.

Stefano Cagnoni

## PRÉCISION

## Wilde at heart

The caption to our illustration of the perils of libel lawsuits was not entirely precise.

The lower-left panel indeed shows the auction of Oscar Wilde's effects on 24 April 1895 following his withdrawing from a libel action against the Marquess of Queensberry.

The main illustration, however, is of the opening on 26 April of Wilde's first criminal trial for gross indecency, in which the prosecution used evidence presented at the libel suit. Wilde was convicted at a second trial.

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## Ballots and Council vacancies

BALLOTS for the election to fill a vacant London seat on the Union's National Executive Council (NEC) should have reached NUJ members with a London postcode by now, and completed ballots need to arrive by 6 November. There are also vacancies on four of the NUJ's "Industrial Councils": the Branch will be voting on nominations at its 12 November meeting, so if you're interested letting the Branch Secretary know of your interest before then. Details: [www.londonfreelance.org/fl/1210nec.html](http://www.londonfreelance.org/fl/1210nec.html)

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