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 Padraig 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.

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 the NUJ acted as the bargaining agent for the 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 language and was always a font of knowledge and advice for younger photographers. 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 — and indeed our www.londonphotographers.org

Do you live in Lewisham?

THERE IS a new Lewisham NUJ Branch for both freelances and staff who live in the London Borough of Lewisham and its immediate surrounding 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

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