A pictorial celebration of the glorious natural treasures and landscapes of Wales.

*Landscape Wales* is a sumptuous offering of over eighty photographs which celebrate the beauty of the Welsh outdoors, and the rich history of the land in its different moods, seasons, topography and its sheer breath-taking beauty.

Within the pages, spaced between these magnificent photographs, are twelve essays by Professor Terry Stevens, each focusing on a place in Wales which is not only special to him but rich in history and significance.

From Sycharth, the ancient castle that was once home to Owain Glyndŵr, to the glistening beauty of the Wye Valley, these essays are gateways to discovering the special and unique history of Wales and its countryside.

These are some of the best locations from across the whole of Wales; the mountains of Snowdonia, and the lush, green rolling hills of the Welsh valleys; the world-famous Pembrokeshire coastline and the iconic architecture of Portmeirion; the ancient, rural castles of Powis and Carreg Cennen and the modern urban life of Cardiff Bay; the natural beauty of the Gower Peninsula and the man-made wonder of the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct.

Professor Terry Stevens says “The sheer diversity of the countryside, entwined with the deeply significant culture and built heritage, creates a palette of opportunities to delight the eye, exercise the body, stimulate the senses and invite further exploration and discovery.”

“Three hundred years ago the mountains and upland areas of Wales were landscapes to be avoided at all costs. Today these wild, majestic places are the reason why so many people travel to this country.”

“This book will not only inspire the newcomer, it will delight the long-time resident, picking out hidden treasures from every corner of this beautiful country.”

Photographer Drew Buckley says, “As a landscape photographer who is lucky enough to live and work in one little corner of Wales, I was very humbled to be asked to contribute to *Landscape Wales*, a fabulous new celebration of our country in images.”

“From snow-topped mountains of Snowdonia and the Brecon Beacons, to the rugged coastlines of Llyn and Pembrokeshire; serene beaches backed by wooded river valleys in Gower to magnificent castles of north and south Wales with rich and diverse history. When it comes to landscapes, Wales truly does have it all.”

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Photographer Harry Williams says, “I have been fortunate enough to photograph Wales over many years, showing the true fabric of the landscape and how people interact with it. A good example of this is ‘The Point’ at Nefyn Golf Course – where Welsh granite meets the wrath of the Irish Sea and in between lies one of the most iconic golf courses in Britain.”

Peter Gill of Graffeg says, “

Landscape Wales was one of our first books when we started publishing in 2003. It was a great success and we went on to publish the book in three sizes; a large hardback, a paperback and a pocket book edition. This 2016 edition has a new collection of stunning landscape pictures taken by some of the best photographers in Wales. It’s another landmark for Graffeg.”

Photographer Nigel Forster says, “There is nothing more thrilling than seeing the sun light up the landscape in the breaks between dark clouds or the way that it transforms into simple shapes and golden colours in a misty dawn. Wales is the perfect setting for my style of photography; rapidly changing light and weather patterns combined with a beautiful and diverse natural landscape.”

“My image of Mynydd Llangorse is a perfect example of this, using backlighting under a dark sky to maximum effect. I would encourage everyone with a love of the landscape to disregard popular perceptions of ‘nice weather’ and explore the beauty of Wales throughout the year.”

Notes to editors:

Interviews
Terry Stevens is available for interview. To book an interview, contact Lauren Sourbutts lauren.sourbutts@graffeg.com

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Photographers
Barri Elford, Billy Stock, Chris Geary, Chris Warren, Dan Santillo, Dave Newbould, David Wilson, Drew Buckley, Graham Smith, Harry Williams, Janet Baxter, Nigel Forster.

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