



Earl Shilton Camera Club.

Chairperson's report

This is the end of my second term as Chairperson of the club and I would like to say how much I have enjoyed the role. In the first year I was only able to see and talk to you via our weekly Zoom meetings so I have been delighted to be able to meet face to face all this season. I have tried to engage on a personal level with everyone in the club during the year and I did particularly try and make all of the new members very welcome.

I believe we have had another very good year with a lot of successes in external competitions and exhibitions. The internal competitions have again been well supported and images continue to be produced to a very high standard. I believe these competitions are a healthy way for us all to strive for improvement and constructive feedback is always a welcome part of the process.

This year we have been able to arrange two sessions with models, the first with Ivory Flame and the second with Geoff Amos. I particularly want to reiterate my thanks to Jules and Phil for their valued input to these sessions and also the use of their lighting setups. Another different session was when we had an evening walkabout around Earl Shilton. This proved to be quite enjoyable with a varied number of images produced by those taking part. Our Christmas social event took place again at the Red Lion in Huncote where we enjoyed fantastic food and a competitive game of long alley skittles. I thoroughly recommend this evening as a good way to mix and enjoy the wonderful food on offer.

Again, I would like to thank all members of the committee for all their work and support this last year. In particular I would like to record a big thank you to Gary for his massive contribution to the club in the capacity of Competitions Secretary. So great is this that it looks like we are going to share around all of the tasks he fulfilled amongst a few other members. I'm sure you will all share my gratitude for all his work. Gary will of course continue to be a member of the club so we will still see plenty of him.

It had been hoped that we would be able to take advantage of using Zoom occasionally to experience speakers from further afield as we had done in the previous year. However it became clear that this would not be possible at the Conny Club so our one Zoom session, with Phil Savoie, needed to be via our home setups. For the remainder of the season we continued with face to face meetings at Earl Shilton.

I would like to add my congratulations to Julie Holbeche-Maund for winning the Wendy Jarvis Photographer of The Year trophy, to Debbie Lowe for the Secretary's challenge, to Phil Mallin for both the Trevor Wain UK Landscape trophy and the Neville Jackson Image of the Year. There is one other trophy to be awarded, which is the Chairman's trophy, and this will be announced at a later date. I would also like to add my congratulations to all those members who have participated in and had success in external competitions and exhibitions. We have already mentioned the various

successes during the season and usually on our website or Facebook group. May it continue next year.

Finally, I would like to say that if I am re-elected I hope I will be able to continue to fulfil the role to your expectations, hopefully as we meet face to face. I am always willing to receive any comments or feedback from anyone in the club and if something needs addressing I will try and ensure it happens.

Thank you for your support and I hope this will continue into the future.

Paul Steans, Chairperson, May 2022