



## Earl Shilton Camera Club

### Secretary's Report

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The 2021/22 season has seen a gradual return back to normal with the Covid 19 restrictions gradually being lifted, which has meant the club has been able to meet regularly at the Cony Club each week. The Committee have still found this year a challenge as many other clubs, judges and guest speakers have been reluctant to meet in person which has meant some last minutes re-organizing. As a result, the Committee have met no less than 7 times since the last AGM, but the majority of which unlike last year have been face to face curiously of Ian Waites hospitality.

The Committee have worked extremely hard this year to deliver yet again a diverse and engaging programme, which has been motivated to improve the photography of it valued members.

During the past year the Committee have been discussing a wide range other topics, some of which are listed below.

- The introduction of new committee members, Debbie Lowe, Steve Pears and John Denny.
- Creating a new club calendar on the club website
- Workshop evenings for the new season.
- Arranging two model shoots.
- Creating a new programme for the 2022/23 season
- Agreeing the POTY rounds for the new season
- Arranging for an evening walk around Earl Shilton.
- Reviewing the POTY format with members.
- The annual exhibition
- Club financial and membership fees
- Arranging the Christmas Meal.
- Arranging end of season trips.

The 2021 end of season exhibition at the Atkins Building in Hinckley was a huge success with a fantastic selection of high quality images from a wide selection of our members. The evening was made extra special with Oliver Wain presenting his Grandfathers landscape of the year award to Isobel chesterman. The exhibition was also well attended by Earl Shilton Town Council who have kindly sponsored the club again for this season's exhibition.

This year the Club continued to issue minutes of the committee meetings to its members and these have been issued by Paul on a regular basis, and hopefully members have found these to be insightful. The Committee has again tried to be pro-active in its approach to running the Club, and every effort has been made to engage with members, asking for their comments, thoughts and feedback.

For me personally, the highlight was to prepare a press release for the club to promote the annual exhibition, which was published in the Hinckley Times and the Local Rock. The article demonstrated the fantastic spirit we have at the club, even in the face of national lockdown. The committee have been passionate to continue making the club better for its members, and I have been delighted to support them along the way.