Earl Shilton Camera Club.

Chairperson's report

This is the end of my third year as Chairperson of the club and I would like to say I have continued to enjoy the role. Again this year we had a few new members join, some of whom decided not to see out the full year but others who have and I hope they have enjoyed the time spent with us and will continue. We have been looking at ways of ensuring that new members are well supported and one of these is to assign a mentor from the club as a first point of contact who will advise the new member on requirements of competitions. Additionally the mentor would be able to introduce other club members who may have specific skills or knowledge to help the new person improve their photography. So far I think we have had a bit of success but I am aware that we need to do more and be more consistent.

Sadly one of our members, Brett Lawrence, passed away this year. Brett had been an active member for many years but not so much lately as his health deteriorated. I'm sure the members who knew Brett will remember him fondly.

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. We introduced a change to the POTY final league standings at last year's AGM and we will discuss this at the next AGM to evaluate whether it has been beneficial.

The programme has followed a very similar pattern to previous years as this gives a mix of evening which we always hope will be well supported by all club members. 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. It is planned to do the same next season.

As always, I would like to thank all members of the committee for all their work and support this last year. The committee has met quite a few times during the last 12 months and as the minutes have been made available to everyone you have been able to see what we have been doing behind the scenes, so I don't need to repeat any of it here. One thing I would like to record is a big thank you to Debbie for undertaking the massive task of Competitions Secretary. It was always going to be a big job so thank you. As always Ian has done a great job of organising the programme for another year, and John continues to keep us well informed of the finances of the club. Thank you both. I would also like to thank Dan Wood for taking on the role of Webmaster and successfully transferring the website to a new host. The website is looking great and is a much higher standard than some other Camera Club sites I have visited!

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. 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 2023