



Carshalton Camera Club AGM – 29 March 2021 Secretary's Report

Hoping to meet in person again soon but CCC committee working hard to keep thing going online

Okay, I admit it, I am not a big fan of Zoom meetings. They have issues which I won't go in to but the fact is they are a great technical solution to an ongoing problem. Indeed, online meetings have been very efficient for the Committee and Sub Committees and they may be worth trying for club meetings for a few weeks in the next cold mid winter. Even your Zoom-sceptic Club Secretary has started playing with green screen backgrounds.

Many thanks to Nigel Laflin as he steps down as Club Chairman, but thankfully not goodbye

I still feel relatively new to the Club Secretary role but from the start Nigel has made my job easier and it has been a pleasure working with him. In particular but by no means limited to – the arranging and conducting of this and our previous AGM. We all in the Committee are pleased that Nigel has accepted the ex-officio role of Past Chairman for the coming term and his input and advice will be much appreciated.

Welcoming Gareth Curtis as Club Chairman

I look forward to working with Gareth who is always full of tasty ideas, including the Easter raffle. I enjoy Gareth's softly spoken Welsh language words in closing meetings and members will be pleased to note that I will not turn this in to a celtic double act with closing words in Irish.

League Competitions

Photoentry has been working well and ongoing thanks due to Dave Rayers for his work with that and the Zoom PDI competitions. Even the best laid plans sometimes go awry and Dave did one week have to battle against scores being awarded to our critique class. The Standard and Advanced classes were closely contested, discounting the luck of Irish enjoyed by your Club Secretary. Joan Tucker works tirelessly with the unenviable task of Judges Secretary.

The Club continues to entertain and educate with varied and quality guests

As always, thanks is due to Steve Lenaerts for masterfully succeeding with the very difficult task of creating a quality Club programme.

External Competitions

Thanks due to the members of the Competition Sub-committee with their work behind the scenes selecting panels for external competitions. The lack of print competitions does not mean an easy life for Ann Rayers who is very active in this, other sub committees and of course the main Committee.

CCC came first out of six clubs and progress to SLF Finals Day. Darren Pullman helping us on our way there with two certificates.

In the friendly Croydon Camera Club Challenge we came second out of eight clubs, just half a point behind the first place winner. The 2021 challenge is due on 24th March and results not known at the time of writing this.

Our Club was also represented at online AV presentations to Reading Camera Club and

Goldaming Camera Club, so thanks to Dave Rayers for doing that.

Thanks to our President Gerald Kitiyakara for everything including SLF representation

We thank Gerald for everything including years of hard work as our representative for the the SLF, a role he is now looking to pass on to a capable successor.

General Notes

The club aims to keep members informed of various club and external events through email and the web site and Steve Lenaerts produces a wonderful list of exhibitions each month. Members are welcome to let us know if they are aware of events that other members may be interested in then these can be notified to the Secretary for circulation to the whole club.

The club committee work to try and concoct a varied programme for the members but as we say every year it is perhaps worth reminding you all here that the committee are always happy to take suggestions for new activities or presentations that individual members may want to put forward – this is your club!