



Carshalton Camera Club AGM

29th March 2021

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Having completed three years in the post it is now time to hand over the reins to a new Chairman. One never knows when taking on such a role quite what to expect. For my part there has certainly been a significant administrative element including, GDPR, Safeguarding, rules and the constitution. Hopefully I've also contributed something to the club from the artistic and advancement perspective. Of course, little of this would be possible without the devoted efforts and support of the Club's Committee members.

Since our last AGM, held in September 2020, the Club has continued to meet online via Zoom. For most of our members this has proved to be an effective way to remain in contact with each other and to enjoy new photographic experiences. I don't think it is an exaggeration to say many of the online presentations have been outstanding, highly enjoyable and somewhat inspiring. For my own part I've been encouraged to try new techniques and review the way I will approach photography when able to roam freely again.

Another benefit of meeting the presenters online has been the opportunity to make new connections and friends. I've particularly appreciated how we can as a whole group get to know presenters in a more intimate way. Indeed, they often reveal quite touching parts of their lives that are influenced by their photography.

From a Club perspective I think it is great that our membership has remained at viable level and that we have even gained a new member. We also have a former member with some friends occasionally join our meetings.

Your Committee has continued to work with considerable devotion to ensure the Club offers a full programme of weekly online (Zoom) meetings. On everyone's behalf I would like to thank those that have, this season, facilitated the smooth running of the Club.

As ever, there are some names that deserve a special mention. In no particular order:

Gerald Kitiyakara (President) for his support, often behind the scenes, encouraging us all, as well as representing the wider interests of the club within the South London Federation.

Dave Rayers (Digital and A/V Secretary) who organises and runs the PDI competitions and provides the technical facilities without which we could not function.

Darren Pullman (Publicity Officer) who does a great job maintaining the website with the latest events, news and results. He is a great sounding board and source of novel ideas.

John Cheshire (Secretary), who in addition to valuable work supporting the committee, keeps us up to date on forthcoming activities and events via regular email communications.

Joan Tucker (Judges Secretary) who books and communicates with the judges of our various competitions – this is a challenging role with the temporary move to online competitions.

Ann Rayers (Print Secretary) who whilst print competitions and associated events have been a rather curtailed, has provided invaluable inspiration on competition matters and ensured the effective running of the Competition Sub Committee. The latter with your photographic contributions has achieved some notable successes in external competitions.

Steve Lenaerts (Programme Secretary) who continues to amaze us by putting together a comprehensive Club programme that includes interesting and informative speakers. He is always working on future programmes based on significant uncertainties.

Gareth Curtis (Vice Chairman) for running meetings when I'm absent and who I'm confident that he will continue to offer much to the future success of the Club.

Lastly to you all, the Club only works because of the contributions and support of the members

Looking forward I'm confident that the Committee will continue to offer you an interesting programme of events. Let's hope there will soon be favourable circumstances and we can once again meet face to face.

Happy photo shooting.

Best wishes,

Nigel

Nigel Laflin, CCC Chairman