

IT Secretary's Report May 2016

This has been a very busy year, with the procurement of new equipment, major website infrastructure updates, new sections added to the website for the Winchester National Exhibition, the Members Galleries, the Distinctions Galleries, and the start of the Society History section. We also added the ability to conduct surveys.

The New Projector

It was agreed at the 2015 AGM that a new projector would be purchased. Gerard Carlin with the help of Peter Orr, and Glyn Paton, selected and then purchased the new projector. With the additional help of Mervyn Edwards this was configured and set up. The new projector has successfully been in use for some time. One visiting judge even commented on the quality of our images projection.

New Video Camera

With the acquisition of the new projector it became more apparent the camera lent to us by Gordon Brown for the print evenings needed updating. Also it was not right to continually ask a member to loan personal equipment to the society. The Committee tasked me to purchase a new Video Camera. After consultation with Peter Orr and suggestions from a few members a new Video Camera was purchased. This is now in use.

New Apple Computer

After representations from the Digital Projected Image Secretary, the committee decided to acquire an Apple Laptop. Peter Orr was tasked with acquiring the appropriate computer. This appeared to work more successfully with our projection software and was more compatible with what most visiting speakers were familiar with.

Gerard Carlin
IT Secretary

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The website infrastructure has had a major upgrade. This was done without any downtime, though future upgrades may require some downtime as in the past.

New sections added to the website include the Winchester National Exhibition, the Members Galleries, the Distinctions Galleries, and the start of the Society History section. We would still like some more contributions of content, particularly in the Tutorials and Advice section.

The addition of survey functionality was straight forward. The production of our first survey and the subsequent production of the results was challenging and successful. We had 132 responses to the survey.

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