

## President's Report

I have very much enjoyed my year as president of this dynamic Society. This year has seen the largest level of membership, at around 160 with a significant number of new members, many of whom have made significant progress in their photography - as we have seen with the standard in the Beginners section. We are one of the biggest clubs in the Southern area, and I believe, one of the most dynamic and varied, both in terms of our membership and out activities.

My year has been made more enjoyable by the hard and dedicated work of not just the committee, but also a sizable number of the members, ensuring things run smoothly and efficiently. A few deserving particular mentions are:

Louise Brown, for tirelessly managing the exhibition process, and her many helpers.

Paul Irvine, for continuing to improve the web site, and promptly fixing bugs.

David Taylor, for running the web site and keeping it up to date.

Rosie Aldridge, for designing and printing the handbook and exhibition programme.

Mervyn & Chris, for controlling the sound and lights every week.

Everyone else on the committee for carrying out their work so well and effectively.

And to the members for turning up each week! Otherwise I'd feel a bit of a lemon speaking to an empty hall.

We have had a varied and interesting programme this year, in particular several evenings by our own members, including Roger Buchanan, Paul Davidson, Stephen Hewitt and Colin Chase and the whole Panels Group, showing the wealth of talent within our own membership.

Who can forget John Swannell's evening? Our Spring Lecture has become one of the highlights of the year.

I'm not going to go through the whole programme, but could easily highlight several evenings of note each month.