

WINCHESTER PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY
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President's report

I began the 2009-2010 season as President keen to support members creativity, wishing to improve exposure of their work within our society, and in the wider photographic world.

At the start of the year I was privileged to be able to go to Connah's Quay near Chester, to attend the National PAGB club print championship on behalf of WPS. Having won the southern federation print league for 2008-2009 we were invited to represent the federation at this event. Although we did not top the table at the end of the day I think we should be very proud to have been there, and therefore in the top 60 clubs in the country (out of more than 800.)

This year we also entered the PAGB cup again – a national digital competition. Of the 92 clubs who entered we came 38th = , although didn't do so well in the natural history competition (76 out of 82.) I am sure that there was better NH work out there and that we can improve our position in future years!

If you want to stay up to date with what's happening in the wider world of club photography I would recommend that you email rod@creative-camera.co.uk and get yourself added to the PAGB e news mailing list

I have helped Anne Ruffell lead the panels group, and hope that you all enjoyed the presentation to the club in November 2009. I am particularly pleased to have seen some great work from newer members. We have also helped some of our members gain distinctions, even if just through the opportunity to discuss work rather than any specific expertise!

The society bought a new digital projector this season, and I hope that the benefit of this is starting to be seen. I believe the digitally projected world is about to become much more important in local federation circles, and I look forward to increasing the standard of play within the club, and the changes that might occur in this area.

The exhibition has been run well this year, with many visitors commenting how much they have enjoyed the show. More pictures have been framed this year, and maybe with another push in 2011 we will see every picture framed? Louise has changed the class structure this year which I think has made the entry more logical. I hope that she and her team will continue to build on this ground work, and that the exhibition will go from strength to strength.

I would like to thank every member of the committee for their support this year, they all give up valuable time to work for the club. I also wish to thank those who arrive early and set up, especially important when both the president and VP have full time jobs! Please take it as read that anyone not specifically mentioned who has helped out is appreciated – thank you everyone.

I now pass on the presidency to Gordon Brown and sincerely hope that he can bear the obvious and probably quite tedious repetitive jokes about his name, and wish him well for the forthcoming season.