

# WINCHESTER PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

## Report on AV Group for 2014 AGM

About this time last year, we re-launched an initiative for the Society: a Special Interest Group for all Society members who were interested in the topic of Audio-Visual Presentations. I would like to again express my thanks to Roz and Colin Pritchard for taking the early lead in establishing this group and setting its solid foundations. Unfortunately, Roz & Colin elected to step down as leaders towards the end of last year and I was encouraged to step into the breach.

Loosely following the format of the successful Panels Group, the AV Group meets on a regular basis at Littleton Hall. With a large range of individual's skill levels and at least two software offerings to deal with: finding a successful structure has been challenging. However, we have a strong nucleus of regular attendees and our meetings are always interactive, educational and hopefully enjoyable & inspiring. We also have themes for each session, but would welcome any piece of work to discuss. The interaction is about AV styles, techniques, and also of course the underpinning technologies of PicturesToExe, ProShow and Audacity. Most meetings also include a purchased Tutorial covering one specific AV technique of potential interest to members.

We do not have any rules, in general, for the evenings, but are conscious that part of the groups' intention is to encourage participation in the internal annual Dunelm Cup, which does have some guidelines to follow. In September, we'll be selecting the Society's entrants for the Southern Counties Photographic Federation AV Cup, of which we are the current cup holders.

Again, like the Panels Group, all members of the Society are welcome to attend. There's a small charge of £3 to cover the cost of the room hire, tea & coffee. All Littleton meetings are always on the Society website & noticeboard; our next meeting is June 11<sup>th</sup>.

I'd like to add my thanks also to John Davis & Colin Chase for their assistance in running the meetings, and to all participants for their support; I hope that we can continue to grow & thrive as we enter our second year.

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