

President's Report

AGM 2013

My year as president began unexpectedly, but with a desire to do my very best for a society I have been proud to be a member of for 28 years. I was fortunate to be able to build on a strong foundation and my aims have been to ensure that our membership continues to thrive, that all new members are made to feel welcome and benefit from the weekly meetings, workshops, Panels Group and all the society has to offer. My thanks to all who have been willing tutors, organisers and advisers.

We have enjoyed an exceptional season of lectures, in particular our spring lecture and once again have been fortunate to benefit from the talents of our own members including Michael White with his audio visual skills, Philip George, Tony Smith, Ron Foulkes and Mervyn Edwards who presented evenings.

I have always been a supporter of external competitions and was pleased this season that we won the SPF AV Championship, an inter-club AV competition and came top of the SPF Print League in Division 2.

I have been delighted by the number of members who have achieved photographic distinctions, a record number this season and the well deserved SPF award of roll of honour to Anne Ruffell.

In my role as president, I have had the support of a very hard working team of officers and committee members whose help has been invaluable. You all know how much we owe them for the smooth running of the society. There are many of you who contribute in a variety of ways, including the refreshment team. My thanks to all of you and to the technical team for organising the sound system and lighting. A special thank you to Simon Mann and his team without whom we would not have been able to hold our 80th exhibition. Please take as read that anyone not specifically mentioned, who has helped out, is thanked and appreciated.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as president and I wish my successor, David McKibbin, good luck for the forthcoming season and know that you will support him in maintaining the status of WPS as a very successful club.

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President