I took over the Programme Secretary's position fro Anne Burke at the previous AGM. I inherited an excellent programme with every detail covered and for which I am most grateful.

During the season my priorities have been to ensure everything worked to plan and to prepare the 2012-2013 season. There was just one cancellation, Fernando Matoso. Tony Worobiac stood in at short notice with an inspirational talk on "Black and White Photography in the Digital Age".

Thanks to Roger Buchanan, Paul Davidson, Colin Chase and Stephen Hewitt for their excellent Member's Evenings, they clearly demonstrated the quality and range of photographic skills in our club.

Whilst every speaker inspired us in some way, there were, for me, two events worthy of a special mention. Ken Scott's "A Journey" and our Spring Lecturer John Swannell, what an evening that was!

My thanks to George Walsh for organising the judges - and to Joy Auty for keeping an eye on things when I have been away.

Inspired by comments from members, next season we see only four print and DPI competitions. There will however be more opportunities for members to show their work and greater emphasis on improving our photographic skills.

I have now taken over the responsibility of booking the Judges and with the help of the committee I will attempt to provide the best available to appraise and judge our images.

It has been a huge learning curve, but I have enjoyed my first year as your Programme Secretary and I look forward to the coming season.

In ending this report I would ask that if anyone has any comment to make about the programme, speakers or judges they please let me know, good or bad. It's your programme.

Tony Smith 20 May 2012