

Chelmsford Camera Club
Minutes of Annual General Meeting for the year 2018/2019
held at the Moulsham Mill, Chelmsford.
At 19.30 on Wednesday 22nd May 2019

Those Present:

Alan Watts, Alec Fraser, Alison Johnson, Andrew Pickess, Ann Burley, Bob Pollard, Brian Purdy, Brigitte Whiteing, Clare Price,
Colin Birch, Colin Galley, Colin Slemph, David Bishop, David Clark, David Heath, David Whiteing, Deniz Elmaz, Gary Woods,
Graham Chorley, Greg Keeling, Ian McDonald, Jenny McDonald, John David, John Story, Jonathon Banks, José Deschamps,
Konrad Borysiuk, Mark Taylor, Martin Ventris-Field, Melvyn Frewin, Mike Crack, Mike Leonard, Mike Rose, Pat Frewin, Patrick O'Meara, Peter Tachauer, Phil Voyez, Ron Gregory, Sally Freeman, Stan Brett, Steve Birch, Steve Langridge, Tom Fenwick, Tom Peacock, Tom Plucinski, Tony Clark, Tony Mansfield, Trevor Sadowski

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence.

Annie Ringland, Steve Birch, Pauline Drew

2. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 23rd May 2018.

Proposed by: Patrick O'Meara

Seconded by: Colin Birch

Approved unanimously

3. Matters arising from those minutes.

a. SIG venue:

Tom Peacock suggested the Great Baddow centre for our SIG evenings, but Andrew Pickess enquired, and the rooms weren't available.

In the end Alec Fraser finished up booking the Mill for the September and October sessions for a start, to see how they ran. Clare organised these two evenings.

Note that due to the great response to these evenings, we have continued with them throughout the season.

b. Outings:

A Group calendar was put on the club website by Andrew, so members can add dates of any events of interest. This seems to have worked well and some members are teaming up in groups to go out together.

c. Themes not in League: (Extended season)

Extending the season so as to add an extra League competition, so the Themed competition was not included in the League.

This was rejected unanimously by the committee.

4. Treasurer's report and presentation and approval of the annual accounts.

Year End Accounts at 31 March 2019

The total sum in our bank accounts is £8790

The Income & Expense sheet shows a surplus of £727.

Income is up by £800:

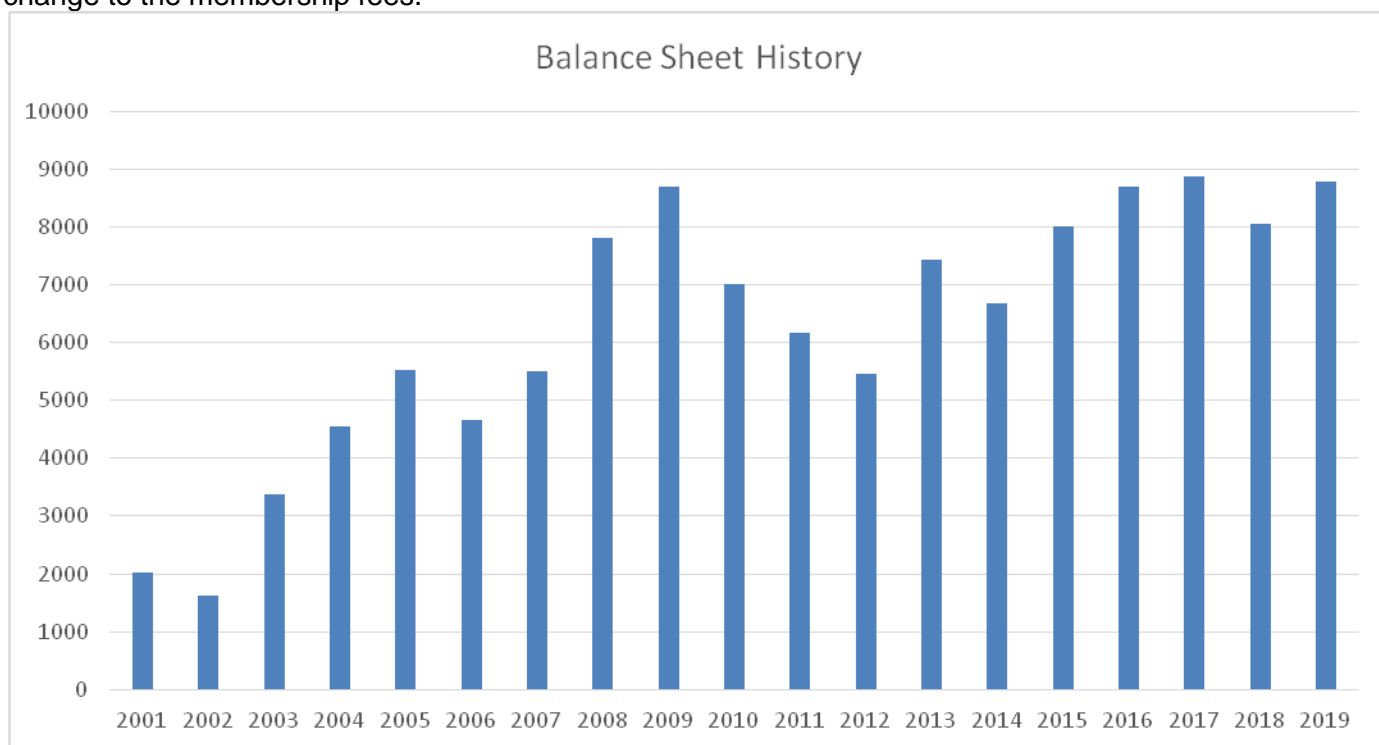
- Membership fees up by £100. Present membership is 98, including 4 Honorary Life Members
- Attendance fees up by £300 – 2 more paid evenings this year. 2017/18 saw us hosting 2 CAPS comps plus the Benfleet Battle; this year we only hosted 1 CAPS comp – there is no entry fee on these evenings. Also, weekly attendance is slightly up
- Attendance fees for the SIG evenings are up by £200. Moving to the Mill and doubling the fee has been a great success. We now see an average of 24 members attending these evenings vs. about 13 last year. Net cost of running these evenings was nearly £200 last year; this year it's about £25.
- Accounted surplus for 4Cs is up £235. This is not a true reflection of the event's finances. Last year we paid for the hall for the 2016/17 comp and the 2017/18 comp (£200) whereas, this year, we've not paid

for the hall yet as Springfield Council have deferred the invoice to the 2019/20 financial year. In fact, the 2017/18 comp showed a surplus of £14, and the 2018/19 comp showed a surplus of £55 – more clubs, cheaper judge etc.

Expenses are down by £740:

- No Museum exhibition this year
- No major equipment purchases this year
- Judges expenses down by £170
- The cost of weekly refreshments, however, has increased by £160. This is the result of changing to recyclable cups, as agreed at last year's AGM. Weekly cost of refreshments is about 20p per person.

The chart below demonstrates that the Club's finances remain in a healthy state, and I propose no change to the membership fees.



Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was proposed by Andrew Pickess, seconded by Ron Gregory Approved unanimously.

5. **Officers' reports:** (Proposed by the President that the reports be dealt with in their entirety and then voted upon.) This year all of the Officers Reports have been emailed to members in advance so that they can read them prior to the AGM and have any questions they wish answered.

a. Secretary- Alec Fraser

This year has passed without incident.

This is my last year as Secretary of Chelmsford Camera Club and it is with regret that I'm standing down after eight and a half years on the Committee, due to many other commitments. This is a shame because it's been most enjoyable and of course, connected with our favourite hobby. I would like to thank all Committee and Club members from whom I have learned so much since 2011 as it has without exception been a pleasure to work with them.

I look forward to supporting the Club as an ordinary member.

b. Print Secretary- Steve Birch

LEAGUE

There were six league competitions during the 2018/9 season. The scores from the best five rounds are counted at the end of the season to give the final positions in the league. During the year 55 members submitted a total of 495 prints.

- Level 3 was won by Alan Evans with 95 points. Joint runner's up were Jenny McDonald and Ian McDonald with 94 points.
- Level 2 was won by Annie Ringland with 94 points. Joint runner's up were Trevor Sadowski and Nigel Brewer with 93 points.
- Level 1 was won by Pat Frewin with 98 points. Joint runner's up were Alec Fraser, Elaine Butcher, Veronica Rice and Mike Crack with 95 points.

Three members were promoted from Level 3 to Level 2.

One member was promoted from Level 2 to Level 1.

Three members were relegated from Level 1 to Level 2.

Next season, Level 1 will reduce from 20 to 18 members. Level 2 will increase from 22 to 27 members. Level 3 will have 2 members based on current membership.

The end of season league table accompanies this report.

THE MONOCHROME PRINT TROPHY

This competition consisted of 78 prints from 35 members

In first place was Tom Plucinski with "The Homeless in Jaywick"

Second place went to Trevor Sadowski with "Wandering through the Mist" and third place went to Nigel Brewer with "Open All Hours".

Four members were highly commended – "Jess" by Stan Brett, "Portrait of Memories" by Peter Tachauer, "Bull Elephant, Threatening" by Colin Birch and "Tulip Study" by Stephen Birch.

THE BURLEY CUP

The competition for the best panel of three comprised 25 entries.

In first place was Gary Woods with "Splash"

Second place went to Nigel Brewer with the panel "Capsicum" and third place went to Tom Plucinski with "Three Spoons".

Five members were highly commended – "Butterflies" by Stan Brett, "Wild Pumas in Patagonia" by Alison Johnson, "Views of Valencia" by Colin Galley, "Spring White" by Sally Freeman and "Wave of Bluebells" by Sally Freeman.

THE CYRIL MORLEY MEMORIAL TROPHY

This competition for the best panel of six attracted 11 entries.

In first place was Pat Frewin with the panel "Pink and Blue".

Second place went to Sally Freeman with the panel "Love to Dance" and third place went Nigel Brewer with "Shadows and Shapes".

Three members were highly commended – Pat Frewin with "Fantasy Seascapes", Brian Purdy with "Tools in my Shed" and Deniz Elmaz with "Tranquillity".

ANNUAL AWARDS

There were 243 entries submitted for the annual awards. The results will be added to this report at a later date.

Thank you to all the members who participated in the internal print competitions – the standard of the prints across all levels was of a high standard and it was good to see a number of new members doing well across the various competitions.

Finally, I would like to thank those members who have assisted me with the scoring and displaying of the prints during the competition evenings.

c. PDI Secretary –David Heath

End of Season League Results

The league positions at the end of the season are as follows:

Level 1

Competition Level 1	PDI 1	PDI 2	PDI 3	PDI 4	Themed	PDI 6	Total	Lowest	Comp
Pat Frewin	17	20	20	20	20	18	115	17	98
Clare Price	19	20	20	17	20	19	115	17	98
Patrick O'Meara	19	20	20	17	0	20	96	0	96
Alison Johnson	17	20	18	20	16	20	111	16	95
Colin Birch	19	18	19	17	20	18	111	17	94
David Heath	17	20	17	16	20	20	110	16	94
Mike Crack	17	20	19	18	0	20	94	0	94
Stephen Birch	20	17	0	19	18	20	94	0	94
Veronica Rice	17	19	20	19	0	18	93	0	93
Alec Fraser	17	18	17	20	20	17	109	17	92
David Bishop	16	18	20	19	15	19	107	15	92
Nigel Brewer	17	19	18	16	18	20	108	16	92
Tom Plucinski	17	18	17	20	18	18	108	17	91
Brian Purdy	20	18	18	17	17	16	106	16	90
Jonathon Banks	14	16	20	20	16	18	104	14	90
Bruce Gray	16	18	20	17	18	16	105	16	89
Mike Rose	15	19	20	18	14	17	103	14	89
Greg Keeling	17	19	17	17	18	0	88	0	88
Peter Tachauer	17	17	18	17	0	19	88	0	88
Bob Pollard	16	17	17	17	17	19	103	16	87
Ron Gregory	15	16	15	19	15	19	99	15	84
Brigitte Whiteing	16	0	17	17	18	16	84	0	84
Steve Langridge	17	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	17

Level 2	PDI 1	PDI 2	PDI 3	PDI 4	Themed	PDI 6	Total	Lowest	Comp
Sally Freeman	19	19	20	19	20	20	117	19	98
Gary Woods	20	20	18	20	20	17	115	17	98
Martin Ventris- Field	19	18	20	20	18	20	115	18	97
Mike Leonard	19	17	20	17	20	20	113	17	96
Rita Thorneloe	17	17	20	19	20	16	109	16	93
Tim Ahern	16	20	20	0	18	19	93	0	93
Colin Galley	18	19	18	20	17	17	109	17	92
Les Mann	17	19	20	16	16	19	107	16	91
Pauline Drew	16	19	17	17	18	19	106	16	90
David Whiting	17	17	17	19	17	19	106	17	89
Steve	16	18	16	17	19	17	103	16	87

Wilkinson									
Allan Puzey	15	16	19	19	16	17	102	15	87
Tony Clark	0	17	17	17	18	18	87	0	87
David Clark	17	15	18	20	0	16	86	0	86
Chris Hackett	15	16	15	17	18	18	99	15	84
Andrew Pickess	16	17	16	17	0	16	82	0	82
Tom Peacock	16	17	0	15	0	0	48	0	48
Dennis Clarke	0	15	18	0	0	0	33	0	33
Jose Dechamps	0	17	0	16	0	0	33	0	33
Trevor Sadowski	16	16	0	0	0	0	32	0	32
Brian Haydon	0	0	0	0	0	17	17	0	17
Level 3	PDI 1	PDI 2	PDI 3	PDI 4	Themed	PDI 6	Total	Lowest	Comp
Peter Rockliffe	20	19	20	20	20	0	99	0	99
David Jeffery	20	17	18	18	16	20	109	16	93
Ian McDonald	18	18	19	17	17	19	108	17	91
Monika Wasilewska	19	17	17	18	20	0	91	0	91
Jenny McDonnald	17	18	19	17	16	19	106	16	90
Deniz Elmaz	0	0	20	19	20	20	79	0	79
Dave Moffat	0	16	0	0	20	17	53	0	53

PDI LEAGUE COMPETITION 2017-18

Level 1 Level 1 will lose 1 by relegation from level 1 to level 2 (who entered only one competition) and gain 4 by promotions from level 2 to level 1.	Level 1 will increase from 21 to 24 next season
Level 2 Level 2 will lose 4 by promotions to Level 1 and gain 5 from promotions from level 3 to level 2 (no relegations from level 2 with the current rules),	Level 2 will increase from 17 to 18 next season.
Level 3 Level 3 will lose 5 by promotion to Level 2.	Level 3 will have only 2 members before the new intake.

League Competition Winners

The joint winners of level 1 were **Pat Frewin** and **Clare Price** with 98 points
 The joint winners of level 2 were **Sally Freeman** and **Gary Woods** with 98 points
 We may have to think of a way of separating equal scores for future competitions. Taking all six scores in the event of a tie would have sorted Level 2 but not Level 1.
 The winner of level 3 was **Peter Rockliffe** with 98 points
 Runner up was **David Jeffery** with 93 points

THEMED PDI COMPETITION (#5) 2018-19

The themed competition took place on the 13th March and was judged by Mike Fuller
 37 people entered the competition, each supplying one image in each of the three themes – Wide Angle, Mood, and Still Life, which led to 111 images to be judged on the night. Overall Themed Competition (marks out of 60)

Equal 1st were **Clare Price and Gary Woods** with 54 marks

Equal 3rd were **Alec Fraser** and **David Heath** with 53 marks

PDI ANNUAL AWARDS

The Annual Awards this year was judged by Ron Tear. Over the last 5 seasons the number of entries was as follows.

2014-15	148
2015-16	180
2016-17	143
2017-18	204
2018-19	183

This season there were 88 **Open** entries, 51 **People** entries and 44 **Wildlife** entries. The results of this competition are as follows. The number of entries was down on last year's record number.

THE ANNUAL AWARDS PDI COMPETITION 2018-19

Class 1 – Open		Author	Title
Places	1st	Tom Plucinski	Cuba
	2nd	Steve Wilkinson	Mahatma Gandhi looking down on San Francisco
	3rd	Rita Thornelow	Flower Study
Highly Commended		Alison Johnson	Peek a Boo
		David Heath	Jewelled Web
		Pat Frewin	Mandarin Duck
		Pat Frewin	Frigate-L'Hermione
		Pat Frewin	Bathing Pelican
		Pete Tachauer	Blairgowrie Dawn
		Rita Thornelow	Arum Lily
		Sally Freeman	Cecil Brewer Staircase
Class 2 - People		Author	Title
Places	1st	Tom Plucinski	Dreaming
	2nd	Sally Freeman	Reach Pointe
	3rd	Tom Plucinski	Mr Nice
Highly Commended		Alec Fraser	Holiday Mood
		Martin Ventris-Field	Mock Horror
		Pat Frewin	Checking the time
		Pat Frewin	Innocents
		Pat Frewin	Mr Wilkes
		Pete Tachauer	Wait 'til the Buffet
		Tom Plucinski	At Home

Class 3 - Wildlife		Author	Title
Places	1st	Brian Purdy	In for the kill
	2nd	Colin Birch	Fighting Hippo
	3rd	Colin Birch	Lion Cubs Suckling
Highly Commended		Alison Johnson	Andean Flamingos
		Brian Purdy	Streamlined
		Colin Birch	Evening light on Black Backed Jackal
		Colin Birch	Young elephants suckling
		David Bishop	New Zealand Silver Eye
		Pete Tachauer	Crested Grebe with fish
		Rita Thornelow	Suckling Deer

The best Level 3 entry was judged to be 'Derwent' by **Deniz Elmaz**.

The best overall PDI image for the 2017-18 season was 'Dreaming' by Tom Plucinski.

EQUIPMENT

It has been decided to buy a new laptop to be used for the competitions and for speakers. The current laptop will be passed to the Print Secretary.

The i1 Profiler has been offered to all members of the club for free calibrations – to be returned at the following club meeting.

As usual we bought a single year copy of the McAfee anti-virus software. This could be transferred to the new laptop. **NB McAfee require these to be bought on a rolling automatic renewal. However, it is much more expensive to do this, and we usually cancel this and buy a new one locally each year.**

THANKS

I'd like to express my thanks to the people who helped me out with computer and projection problems, especially Andrew, Mark and Colin. I'd also like to thank Mark again for running one of the competitions when I was not available and especially for taking over the PDI secretary job when I retire at the end of this season.

d. External Competition Secretary- Pat Frewin

We have had a successful year, having achieved 4 Wins, 2 Best Print, and 4 Meritorious Awards.

The Results are:

Colchester 8 x 8 Competition - Judge: Mike Fuller

This is for 8 prints, 8 clubs, and 8 different authors.

Chelmsford won by 1 mark., with Colchester in 2nd place.

Thanks to Colin for covering the competition.

Harlow Battle - Judge: Malcolm Rapier

This is for 20 digital images., and is a direct battle with Harlow.

The result was a draw, with both clubs gaining 349 marks.

Thanks to David Clark for covering for us, and to Colin Galley for his support.

Baddow Mono Print Competition - Judge: Vic Hainsworth

This competition is for 6 Mono Prints., between 6 clubs.

Chelmsford won the trophy, gaining 111 marks, second was Maldon with 108 marks.

The Best Print was awarded to "Boulevard of Dreams" by Nigel Brewer.

We also received a cheque for £25

Thanks to Pete, Colin, David, Ann, Trevor and Colin Galley for their support

EAF PDI Championships, 10th February 2019

Unfortunately our first 15 images didn't score enough to enable us to enter the second round. We lost out by 2 marks. 34 clubs took part. Chelmsford came 16th overall.

The winner was Beyond.

Thanks to Colin for covering the competition for us and for the support of Sally Freeman, Tom Plucinski and Martin Ventris-Field.

Benfleet Battle, 11th February 2019 - Judge: Clive Tanner.

The competition is for 10 Mono prints and 10 Colour prints.

We won both, with a final score of 172 to Chelmsford and 155.5 to Benfleet.

Best colour went to Alison Johnson for "Coronet Hummingbird, Ecuador" and the best Mono print to "En Pointe" from Benfleet.

Thanks to Colin for covering for us.

Essex Inter Club, 14th February 2019 - Judge: Peter Espley.

This competition is for 6 digital images. 8 clubs took part.

Unfortunately we came second with 53.5 marks, being beaten by Benfleet with 57.5 marks.

Braintree Shield, 5th March - Judge - Mike Fuller

This is a mono competition, entering 6 prints.

Chelmsford came 4th of 9 clubs. Thanks to Barry for his support.

EAF Print Championships 10th March

This competition is for 25 prints, with set restrictions. We made it to the second round, and did well to come 7th of 23 clubs. Cambridge won, with Ware coming second and Focus 24 third.

Thanks to Clare, Colin, Sheila and Mike Rose for their support.

CAPS Joint Print and PDI Competition, 27th March - Judge- Roger Winter

Only 3 clubs took part this year, submitting 6 prints and 7 PDI images.

Photofold came 1st overall, with 243 points, Chelmsford 2nd with 232 points and Ingatestone 3rd with 217 points

Maldon Challenge, 6th April - Judge- Ken Payne

This is for 4 colour prints, 4 mono prints and 6 PDI images.

We did well to come 3rd out of 9 clubs. We achieved 4 Meritorious Awards and the Best Colour print.

Thanks to Clare, Pete, Colin Galley, John Story, Ann & Trevor Burley and Ian & Jenny McDonald.

The 6-Way Harlow Battle was cancelled this year.

My thanks go to all the members that have supplied me with their work to use at these competitions, especially to some of the new members that are producing good work.

Thanks to Colin and David Clark for covering some of the events in our absence, and to David Heath for supplying me with all the PDI images and for running the CAPS Competition.

I have been External Competition Secretary now for 15 years, and feel it is time to hand over to someone else to maintain our good name amongst the other clubs.

I have enjoyed steering the club to the many successes that we have achieved, and look forward to seeing many more in the future.

e. Programme Secretary- Colin Birch

We have had some very good speakers this year, quite a variety, in fact. People like Ken Sullivan on underwater photography, Peter Warne on wildlife in Epping Forest, Peter Milsom on sport and Ady Kerry on his life in photography. Then, for the technically-minded, Chris Woodhouse on Astrophotography plus many others who gave us an interesting evening.

About half of our Wednesday evenings are competitions so that is quite a lot to ask of the judges. While we may not always agree with their scores, they have done a good job and we couldn't do without them.

Next season's programme starts with Ann Miles followed by Jon Lord on drone photography. Damien

Demolder, past editor of Amateur Photographer returns with a new talk, as does Gavin Hoey on

photographic and post processing techniques. Then there is Gordon Bramham on wildlife, John Hooton

from Ireland on landscapes and Margaret Salisbury, the Welsh Dragon, on people and places. Naomi Saul

will judge our Annual Awards, and Clive Tanner will judge the 4Cs interclub panel competition.

The new programme is complete and will be available in time for the barbecue. Jackie Bale has again agreed to do the artwork.

If you can recommend a good speaker then please let me know and I will see if I can fit them into the programme.

f. Exhibition and Publicity Report- Greg Keeling

Last years exhibition at County Hall was well attended and supported by the councillor responsible for Arts in Essex. This year's Annual Exhibition will be held from Saturday 10th August to Saturday 24th August inclusive.

g. Rota and New Members Report- David Clark

I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered to help the club to function on our Wednesday club night. It's very important that the club has the support of its members in this task. The helpers have all arrived in time to open the club for everyone.

There has only been some cancellation, due to illness or work commitments, but they have all notified me in plenty of time to fill their place, which I thank everyone.

I would like to give a special thanks to Tom Peacock for his help during my absence due to my hospital operation, and he has filled in at moment's notice when asked.

I would like to thank certain members who helped without a second thought to how many times they had already supported. They are Ron Gregory, Tony Clark and David Bishop.

Although the club has 100 members, only 60% or less of interested members attend the club nights, this does mean that most members will have to help at least three times each. As over the season we need 180 members for these tasks.

Although there are a small number who will **not** volunteer for any of the club chores, but certainly like the way the club nights are organised, so that they can enter the premises without too much delay and have a tea break.

New Members

Since the start of the season last September, eleven people have joined, when asked how they had selected the club; the majority had searched the internet for photographic clubs, and looked at their web sites before deciding to join our club.

The following are the new members:

John David, David Moffatt, Stan Brett, Graham Chorley, Michael Fowler, Teresa Fowler, Mel Harvey, Brian Saxby, Jose' Dechamps, Brian Haydon, Alan Delany.

All the new members were impressed with the variety of the club nights. We are still recruiting new members late into the season.

h. Web Master Report- Andrew Pickess

Usage of the site:

- Visits: 7,503 (Previous year 8,991)
- Page views: 27,197 (Previous year 30,573)

Members galleries have now been added back, but the take up is not great with 9 of 90+ members having submitted a gallery.

Some important background work due to the underlying software used on the servers will be undertaken following the AGM, the site might disappear for a few hours or if it goes badly several days whilst I sort out the problems.

i. AV Report- Andrew Pickess

This year there were 10 entries to the competition, the best we've had certainly since 2015, with first time entries from 3 members.

HC David & Brigitte Whiting with "Great Central Railway"

HC Gary Woods with "Restless Sea"

3rd Colin Birch with "Cost Rica"

2nd Andrew Pickess with "Alan Turing"

1st David & Brigitte Whiting with "China, the Silk Road"

Well done to Gary on getting highly commended with his first entry.

j. Chairman's Report- Clare Price

This is my second and last speech as chairman of Chelmsford Camera Club.

Once again, it has been a great honour to have been at the helm of such a prestigious club. I am very sad to be going but I leave you in the capable hands of Peter. He has been by my side for the last two years, I believe we have made a good team and I know that he will carry on with the work that we started.

I thank my committee, they each have their very specific role and this they practice with great diligence.

Next year is seeing some major changes within the committee, Five members are leaving and there are three proposed changes of role, so it will be interesting times. The retiring members are Brian Purdy, David Heath, Alec Fraser, Pat Frewin and Melvyn Frewin. I wish the departing members a relaxing retirement. They have given exceptional and, in some instances, extremely long service to the club and to the committee, they will be missed. I welcome the new people on board, hopefully ready with their sleeves up!

A vacancy in the presidential role, doesn't happen very often, therefore it can give the committee the opportunity to review and revise, if necessary, the role and the scope of the Presidency. As our current constitution say we must have a president, Bruce Gray has agreed to temporarily take on the role, for a year, assuming this is agreed by the members.

Bruce joined the club in 1999 and immediately took on the role of print competition secretary, then projected image secretary (slides in those days). He was seriously instrumental in introducing digital projected images to the club at league gave the first demonstration of AV to the club. Vice chairmanship followed during which he introduced the internal and external panel of 6 competitions. Finally he was chairman from 2009 until 2012. A good CV!

As I have just mentioned, Pat is also leaving the committee after an astonishing 15 years in the role. To fill this vacancy, I have put together a small team. Sally Freeman will be the new External Competition secretary, it will be Sally's role to attend the external competitions and report back to the committee. Sally will work with Alison Johnson and Steve Birch, two very prestigious members of the club, and together they will form the new Selection Panel. I'm sure they will do their best to keep Chelmsford Camera club's name up there with the top clubs.

You may ask why only 3 members when our constitution currently states that this panel should be made up of 5 members. I have been a competition secretary myself in another club, and I believe that 3 is probably sufficient. It is also easier to upscale than downscale.

Whilst on the subject of our external competition successes I need to pay tribute to Pat who has got an excellent eye for what images are the right images for which competition and which judge. She has honed this skill over many years, and every external competition night she has fretted until the final result is known, then and only then can she relax. Well done Pat!

Continuing the competition theme, this year the EAF Exhibition received 1000 print entries and 1000 dpi entries, the judges had to whittle these numbers down to 220 per medium. The members of this club entered 36 images in total, 13 (7 pdi and 6 print) were selected for the actual EAF Exhibition and 3 images of those images are to go forward for selection for the PAGB (Photographic Alliance of Great Britain) Exhibition. Those 3 members were:- Colin Birch for 'Fighting Hippos', Trevor Burley for 'The Tractor two' and Pat Frewin for 'Bernadette'. Again well done!

These EAF submissions are made individually and Barry Collin is kind enough to collate all our entries and monies, so please have a go next year, it's only 60p per image or print. We need more entries from our members, Colchester entered 213 images, with 54 acceptances and 11 forwarded to the PAGB selection and Ware (with Peter and Hugh Milson) had 18 images put forward for the PAGB selection.....

This year Tom Plucinski has achieved his CPAGB, Martin Ventris-Field has achieved his LRPS and Colin Birch has achieved his CPAGB AV. Currently there are two people looking to obtaining their LRPS and their CPAGB. We wish them well.

Last year we had a very well rounded program of lectures, difficult to single out any one talk but perhaps one of my favourites was the 'Underwater Photography' by Ken Sullivan, a diver turned photographer, I was blown away by the colours within his images.

This year has seen the reintroduction of the Phototrek, over the years Andrew has kindly set up this challenge for the summer months and we have another one already arranged for this year. I was present at the judging session last year at Pat and Melvyn, not only was it a successful evening for the winner Gary Woods but it turned into a very pleasant social gathering. This is the vibe that I'm hearing from the members that they are enjoying having time and opportunity to chat to fellow members.

The substitution of the Love2shop voucher instead of the Marks and Spencer voucher appears to have been very successful, as has the introduction of the new coffee cups which can be put in the cardboard recycle bin. Inadvertently, the extra volume has been appreciated by many members although this was designed to prevent any spillages...

Our monthly SIG meetings have been exceptionally successful, beyond my wildest dreams. Last year I sat here and discussed if we should continue with these meetings and where could we possibly hold them as the poor dilapidated Bell centre was being knocked down!

Luckily the Mill was available on the first Thursday of the month, but the cost per evening was almost prohibitive. The committee and I took the decision, and risk, to pilot 2 sessions at £52 per evening and although in previous years the ethos of the club was that it was not necessary to break even on these tutorial evenings, we felt that we must increase the entrance fee to £2. I'm pleased to reiterate Mike's finance figures that for the whole year the SIG evenings only made a loss of £25.

These evenings average about 23-25 members, running 4 or 5 SIG sessions per evening. Over the course of the year we have offered at least 10 different topics and I'd like to thank those members who have volunteered to run these sessions. We would still like new suggestions for these sessions and more volunteers to help run them.

As a result of the success of these evenings we have extended the role of our equipment officer. The new nominee officer, Colin Galley, will now be in charge of organising everything to do with a Thursday night SIG evening, from sorting out which sessions are running to ensuring that the correct equipment is available on the night.

In November we had the first of our two very successful member's evenings, Peter Tachauer entertained us for the whole evening, he discussed how to sell our images, showed a very gritty street photography AV and a selection of his own images. Well done Peter!

The second of our Member's evenings was a buoyant and highly interactive affair. Many members took part in the hugely successful bring or buy sale which was still going on during the break. As a warm up we had a fun digital knock out competition, followed by several members giving a brief discussion on one or a few of their favourite or unusual images. Five members were brave enough to give a 10-15 minute chat about a topic of their choice or a selection of their images.....the night went on to close of play.

The feedback I received about this evening was that again members enjoyed the buzz, chatting to fellow members and can we have more please?

Each year the committee discusses the Xmas party – What are we going to do this year? I think we've almost got the right formula, a short quiz, lots of food and time and space for a good natter. I hope you agree.

I'm afraid the Google calendar hasn't been that successful although I know that a small group of members have formed a What's app group to be able to contact each other about an up and coming event.

The calendar is still there and ready for use, you only need to logon and password from Andrew.

If you want to belong to this What's app group either speak to Trevor Sadoski or email Mike Crack with your mobile number and he will pass this information on to Trevor.

The Summer program is now on the website, it has followed a very similar pattern to last year. We have increased the number of pub nights but as yet not sorted the full day's outing normally held in August.

We hear on the grapevine about other camera clubs that are struggling either for numbers of members or for volunteers for the officers' posts, yet Chelmsford has had the maximum number of members for several months and we are able to fill our all committee positions comfortably. I say again, as I did last year, we must be doing something right.

Since last year's meeting we have sadly lost Dennis Clarke and Heather Tabor, and John Goodacre is not fit to attend the meetings unfortunately.

Dennis had been a treasurer and a chairman of the club, a lovely man, and it is fitting that the Mono Print Trophy Competition will now become the Dennis Clarke Memorial Cup.

Heather, whilst at the club had gained her CPAGB, and was becoming a very specialised photographer in the animal portrait genre. We will miss them both.

Finally I need to say that my role now as caretaker is over, I've done my very best for the club and its members, I've listened and acted accordingly and hopefully fairly. I now pass on the chairmanship to another caretaker, called Pete!

6. **Year 2019/2020 subscriptions:** The committee proposes that the 2019/2020 subscriptions should be held the same as last year. Annual membership £30, Concessionary membership £25, Family membership £50, Junior/Student membership in full time education under the age of 21 £10, Overseas Member £10, normal Wednesday entrance fee £2.00. SIG Evening workshops £2. Proposed by: **Mark Taylor** Seconded by: **Steve Langridge** Carried Unanimously.
7. **Membership Renewal:** Existing members are requested to rejoin by the end of the summer break as we are near our maximum membership and would like to be able to offer places to new members in September.

8. President's remarks.

Another year has gone by, with an excellent and varied programme, thanks to Colin, which was enjoyed by all.

The large number of entries in the league competitions shows how keen all of our members are, especially our newer members. This has added an extra potential for the club by adding a variety of new skills from different members. Some of these images have already had their work accepted for use in External competitions.

Some of our existing members have again achieved photographic distinctions this season, so well done to them, and good luck to those who may be seeking distinctions in the future.

We also had successes in the EAF Exhibition, 13 prints or PDI images were accepted, and 3 of these were selected to go on to the PAGB Exhibition. These, plus the successes in the External competitions, all helps the status of the club.

The 2018 exhibition in Chelmsford Library was again a great success with work being shown from all ability levels of the club. Once again Greg Keeling arranged for a councillor to select their favourite prints. The winners were thrilled with their results.

We have four committee members standing down - Alec Fraser "Secretary", David Heath "PDI Competition secretary", Brian Purdy - "Equipment" and Pat Frewin "External Competition Secretary" (who has held this position for 15 years). They have all done their jobs to the highest standards and I thank them all for their time and effort put in on the club's behalf.

The club always has a very busy schedule each season with a wide range of competitions and speakers, but still manages to maintain a very friendly atmosphere, which I hope is enjoyed by our members. I look forward to seeing this continue for the 2019-2020 season.

Keep producing your good work for the 2019-2020 season and I wish you great success for your Prints and PDI images.

Sadly we have seen the passing of two of our members this season. Dennis Clarke was a long standing member, who was Treasurer and Chairman. Heather Tabor fought her illness bravely, but lost the battle. Both will be sadly missed.

I have been President for 8 to 9 years approx. but now feel it is the time to stand down.

It has been an honour serving you and take this opportunity to thank you for your support and having me as your President.

Should any of you require any help or assistance as in the past with your images you only need to ask.

Themes:	PDI	PRINT
	Pairs	Food
	UK Landscape	Picture in Picture
	Instruments	Urban

9. Election of the President.

Nomination for President- Bruce Gray

(Bruce left the room)

Proposed by: **Clare Price** Seconded by: **Peter Tachauer**

Election of Bruce Gray was carried unanimously on a vote of the members present.

Bruce was duly elected to serve as President and immediately took over the chair from Melvyn.

10. Election of Officers and Ordinary Committee Members.

(members requested to vote on the whole list)

The following persons having been duly nominated and seconded individually have agreed to stand for the positions indicated below:

Chairman: **Peter Tachauer**

Vice Chairman: **Martin Ventris-Field**

Secretary: **Clare Price**

Treasurer: **Mike Crack**

Programme Secretary: **Colin Birch**

Comp Sec PDI: **Mark Taylor**

Comp Sec Prints: **Steve Birch**

Ext Comp Sec: **Sally Freeman**

Committee Member Web: **Andrew Pickess**

Committee Member Sound: **Mike Leonard**

Committee Member Publicity: **Greg Keeling**

Committee Member Members Sec: **David Clark**

Committee Member Equipment & SIG: **Colin Galley**

Committee Member Rotas: **David Clark**

Approval of the appointment of these persons was proposed by: **Alan Watts**, Seconded by: **Jonathan Banks**

On a vote of the members present, election of the above persons to the respective committee positions was carried unanimously.

11. Election of Honorary Life Members

Nominations for HLM: Pat Frewin, Melvyn Frewin

Unanimous election by Committee.

12. Election of Honorary Auditor.

Barry Collin was proposed by: **Melvyn Frewin**, Seconded by: **Colin Galley**

On a vote of the members present, election of Barry Collin to the position of Auditor was carried unanimously.

13. Proposed changes to the Constitution:

5 – JUNIORS & STUDENTS: Membership of the Club is not open to children under the age of 16yrs Junior Members are between the ages of 16 and 18 years at 1st April, with the proviso that written authority is obtained from a parent or legal guardian. Student Members are those aged between 18

years and 21 years at 1st April and still in full-time education. Student members are entitled to all member benefits, including voting rights.

Proposed by: **Colin Galley**, Seconded by: **Clare Price**, Carried unanimously on vote by members.

12. Any other business:

a. Questions from Members submitted in advance:

Tony Mansfield:

"With the success of the Members Evening (well I thought it was good) can we have similar evening/s next season. Apart from hearing what other members are doing. It was more relaxed and easier to chat to other members. Perhaps some encouragement for members to form small groups to help to produce 10 to 15-minute show (for next season) on what they like to do. Give them some advanced notice".

At the meeting Tony offered the following additional thoughts:

Team Presentations. Don't let them overrun. Just their favourite picture and how they came to take it.

There was general agreement from the meeting. **Action: Peter Tachauer** to pick up this idea.

b. **Peter Tachauer**, newly elected Chairman, notified that he would propose

- the use of videos of famous photographers on how to take pictures. Fun evenings are essential.
- Moving to another venue – He believes that the Mill is not fit for purpose (eg for disabled)

c. Ann Burley: Proposed that Themes for next year's competitions are announced 12 months before the relevant competition evenings- ie at the end of each of this year's theme comp evenings

Action: PT & committee to discuss

Ann Burley: requested clarification of "picture in picture" which was given.

Alison Johnson: requested that successful Annual Awards images can be published on the Club Website in the same way as League photographs.

Action: PT to take up with Committee

15. Presentation of:

a. The League Awards

League Prints:

- Level 3 was won by Alan Evans with 95 points. Joint runners up were Jenny McDonald and Ian McDonald with 94 points.
- Level 2 was won by Annie Ringland with 94 points. Joint runners up were Trevor Sadowski and Nigel Brewer with 93 points.
- Level 1 was won by Pat Frewin with 98 points. Joint runners up were Alec Fraser, Elaine Butcher, Veronica Rice and Mike Crack with 95 points.

League PDI:

- The joint winners of level 1 were **Pat Frewin** and **Clare Price** with 98 points. In third place was Patrick O'Meara.
- The joint winners of level 2 were **Sally Freeman** and **Gary Woods** with 98 points. In third place was Martin Ventris-Field with 97 points.
- The winner of level 3 was **Peter Rockliffe** with 98 points, second was **David Jeffery** with 93 points, in joint third place were Ian McDonald and Monica Wasilewska with 91 points.

b. Photographer of the Year Award

Joint Third Place: Colin Birch and Sally Freeman

Second Place: Gary Woods

Winner: Pat Frewin

c.The Nice Cup.

Awarded to Pat Frewin for 15 years of outstanding service to the Club

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed by the new President Bruce Gray at 9.10 pm.