

Chairman Report AGM 2018

As all good Chairman's reports start:- It's been another good year for Woodbridge Camera Club. No, it's been a great year! As Chair I have enjoyed every minute, with no time to think about retirement.

Membership is up 6 this year and we close the year with 42 members, there will be some who do not renew, but we are confident that new photographers will be joining us after the interest expressed at the exhibition and from the Clubs website.

Our programme this club year has been full with Speakers, practical sessions, competitions and outings.

With Speakers on AV Presentations and Encouraging a Photographic Eye.

Practical sessions on Getting to know your camera and flash photography, and for some a visit to Top Floor Studios.

Our four internal competitions on People, Autumn & Winter, Open & Water were very well supported. The quality of our entries has seen a marked improvement even if the marks were a little harsh on our Water entries, we can all learn from these "Critiques"

The weather was with us for our 'Postcard from Orford' and a great night was enjoyed by all who were able to come along.

The 'Woodbridge Walkabout' was also great fun, another fine afternoon of family fun. Our thanks to Nigel & Steve for their hard work, where shall we go next year?

Our members Christmas social Event was at the Riverside Restaurant & the Xmas Card Competition was as popular as ever. Good Food & Good Company, look out for this years.

The Exhibition, my biggest anxiety of the year and our greatest success. When I did a write up for the freesheets 'Art meets Photography on Woodbridge Waterfront' I optimistically said 70 images, we had thanks to you all over 120 including the Postcards, brilliant for a small club. You all know the statistics but I must gloat over them!

552 visitors counted over the three days and many pages of nice comments, 16 Prints sold (one twice). £81.96 in the Donations box. We had a great member & guest evening with our Mayor, great publicity and an opportunity to showcase our work and thank Woodbridge Town Council for their grant which went toward our new display boards which were used for the first time at the exhibition.

I hope you have all seen the Virtual Exhibition on Youtube?

Shall we do it again next year?Well

I have re-booked The Longshed for next year, same weekend in August 9th - 11th. Please put it in your Diary!!!

Finally the thank you's. To Helena who is standing down as Minuet Secretary to give her more time with the Art Club. To all the members of the Steering Group who have supported the Club and me throughout the last year, to the tea makers & washers up and all members for your support and long may we continue as Woodbridge Camera Club.

Remember - my email box is always open for your comments & suggestions, please give me some feedback !!!!