

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 17 September 2019

Good evening and welcome members to my second chairman's report, last year I said it had been a great year for WCC. This year has been even better. Our membership has increased as Sue will detail in her report.

As members you have done great work this year, our four competitions were supported with quality and quantity. The Judges (some more competent than others) had their work cut out to give good feedback and choosing the winners.

The Tripod Trophy was disappointing with Wickham Market dropping out at the last minute, we hope to rise to the challenge this November. The Granville Foulger Trophy was another disappointment, (Judges!!) but with the quality of images entered into this year's competitions I am confident our selection will do better in next April's competition.

Our practical & workshop sessions were a great success this year and we look forward to another workshop with Alan Sarsby in March. The Outdoor Shoot was a victim of the weather this year, but you still managed to surprise us with a dozen of your Scavenger Hunt boards at the Exhibition. The Exhibition, another success!

With 536 visitors to see your work, more entries than last year, 74 prints 60 PDI's, I'm sure you will all agree it was a great event. We have re-booked The Longshed for next year, same weekend in August 14th - 16th. Please put it in your Diary!!!

Alan Sarsby chose his favourite images and gave great commendations & encouragement. Our visitors saw images taken by members in support of other organisations and I must express my thanks on behalf of the club for their hard work this year and hope we will continue with it through next year.

We all had a great night out at the Riverside for our Christmas meal and hope many more of you will be joining us on Tuesday 17th Dec this year. I need a few more challenges in the Christmas card competition, it would look bad for me to win three years in a row! Now back to the business of the night, over to Sue for the Finance Report.

Robin Garrod, Chairman.