

**TRURO CAMERA CLUB AGM**  
**Held at Carnon Downs Village Hall**  
**MONDAY 16 APRIL 2018**

***Apologies for Absence***

Simon Bray, Neil Jones, Nicki Martin

***Members Present*** – see signed sheet from meeting.

***Matters Arising*** – No matters arising from the 2017 AGM

***President's Report - Adrian Rowlands***

I believe this is the first time Truro camera club has had an active president.

It has been a learning curve for me and the committee that I think has worked out well.

I have been able to offer advice when asked and give support whenever I can.

There has been more time on club evenings to get to know members. This is always difficult for committee members who are usually too busy to have any spare time on Monday evenings.

The committee works long hours away from club nights arranging the varied programme and all the competition nights and judges. All their duties have to fit together like a seamless jigsaw.

We also have a very supportive group of members who get very little recognition but without who club nights would not run so smoothly. From the tea team and washer uppers, raffle ladies and those who put out the chairs and pack them all away at the end of an evening.

The most important members are you who attend week after week producing work that is the lifeblood of the club. Your feedback and input each week shapes the future of the club.

It has been a pleasure to work with and meet all members during this past season and I look forward to the 2018-2019 season.

***Chairman's Report – Nicholas Richards***

After my first year draws to a close I look back over the last twelve months and try to judge whether I have been successful as chairman.

But of course how do you judge or benchmark success.

Certainly the membership of Truro Camera Club has continued to grow which to me suggests that as a whole club we are getting things right. It has been good to meet so many new people and apologies if I haven't yet made time to

get to know you properly. I hope that you been made to feel welcome within our club and encourage you to get involved with all of our activities.

The overall standard of our photography as a group has continued to improve. It has been good to hear the positive comments from our judges about the quality of our whole body of work. Participating in and achieving such success in the Western Counties Photographic Competition was a real encouragement to us all.

It has been good to see that the relationships and camaraderie generated from the summer team competition has continued all year. It was a pleasure to both learn and work with my team over last summer and again encouraged that we have 33 members participating this time around. Many of you I know continue to make time to meet up with each other outside of regular club nights. Long may it continue.

Although personally I haven't come away with any cups or awards myself this year, so from that point of view I haven't been successful, but when I review my images from this year compared with last I can see my own improvement and with that I am satisfied.

The Christmas meal was a great success so much so that it has been requested that we do it twice a year.

Also successful was the regular once a month meeting at the Carnon Inn and propose that we aim to continue with this over the summer break on the first Monday of the Month.

We are grateful to Margaret for running our successful bi-annual Summer Hunt & Shoot. For those of us concerned with getting it "right in camera" it is a level playing-field and so interesting to learn who scored what with pure camera skills.

A recent success that was introduced during the latter part of last year has been the club's closed Facebook page. This was an initiative suggested by Jo Howell and is a welcome extension to our activities. We have had a weekly theme that even encourages members, some of who choose not to enter the main competitions, to participate. It is as useful medium in which to arrange activities and recommend you all drop in regularly to see what is going on.

Another success this year has been the introduction of DropBox for ease of uploading of our digital competition images. I understand that this makes the pulling of images together for competition much easier and from a members point of view makes it much easier to choose when to upload.

Not sure if it's a judge of success but the number of emails I've received and sent have grown exponentially during the last 12 months, but it's good that there is so much going on within the club.

The committee of course are fundamental to the club's success and I would like to thank them all for the manner that we work together as a team.

Although it's dangerous to start naming names but having for the first time a president has been a great asset to the club. We also gratefully acknowledge the support of his wife not only in supporting him but also checking that our finances are kept in order.

Running of our successful competitions takes a significant amount of time and I would like to thank Chris Bailey for all the hard work she puts into the club. The introduction of "Commended" images along with "Highly Commended" has been very successful and has at least given me some cause of celebration. This year Chris has enlisted John Yarrow, Paul Nash and Sean Simmons to help her and we are all grateful for their input and help behind the scenes.

Our catering, on which so much relies, is headed up by Thelma along with Chris R but we are also thankful for those stepping in to wash up and to fill in where necessary.

I am always grateful to Simon Bray, who although he is not often able to make our meetings, is on hand to give me words of advice.

And finally I would like to thank Sue our secretary for not only her efficient manner in taking minutes but also her efficient manner she organises her team in taking raffle money from us all.

I am sure that like me you look forward to a successful 2018-2019 season

### ***Treasurer's Report – Chris Rowlands***

We have had several new members join us this year, including some very welcome teenagers, and we currently have 62 members in the club.

#### **INCOME**

The bulk of our income is from members subscriptions, a total of £1680. Added to this is £423.15 profit from the raffles and £300 from refreshments.

#### **EXPENDITURE**

Our biggest expenditure is of course the cost of hiring the hall at £958. This is less than last year as the Hall management have simplified the hiring system and we now pay an hourly rate instead of an evening session.

We paid out £435 to speakers and judges, most of whom only asked for travel expenses.

We pay subscriptions to WCPF and CPA and we get our insurance through the WCPF, in total £191.91.

We made a £200 contribution the CDVH towards the new chairs as we are regular users.

And when David Heard (a valued member of the club) died we had a collection for him that the club made up to £100 and was donated to the Cornwall Wildlife Trust.

At the end of our year we have £3819.67 in the bank and £15.01 cash in hand.

### ***Winter Programme Report – Nicholas Richards***

2017-2018 is the fourth year that I have been programme secretary and again this year it has been good to work with our secretary Sue Cockle and **Chris** Bailey our competition secretary to pull things together.

Again for this year I have tried to construct the programme to my formula of one week each of competition, member-led, technical and guest speaker evenings. However it is my feeling that this year we have been short on the instructional/training.

To confirm this I have looked at the programme over the past year and the analysis shows that on Monday evenings we have had 11 competition nights and approximately 6 each of member led, guest and technical evenings.

Of course I also feel that the competition evenings should be viewed as a technical, instruction evening and personally I feel that the best judges are the ones that give their best technical advice about the images rather than just describe what they see, but nevertheless suggest the inclusion of more gear/software training sessions next year

With the welcome influx of new members it was good to see the results of the recent survey as to what members actually want and I was broadly satisfied to see the results.

Generally as a group we were satisfied with the overall balance of the programme. There is an appetite for more instructional evenings and also guest speakers. It might be possible to combine these two requests by bringing in guests to talk about the technical aspects of photography, indeed it is essential to extend the overall skill set within the club so as not to become introverted and to push our craft forward. Moreover we have members who are willing to share their talents and it seems a shame not to use them.

I have expressed my feelings before that it is difficult to invite experienced photographers from further afield due to travelling expenses, but feel that with sufficient money in the club's funds it is an avenue that should continue to be explored.

We've had some great presentation from some of our guests. We've travelled around the coast in a Kayak, travelled to Madagascar and travelled back in history with glass Black and White slides just to name a few. These evening have all been recommendations from club members and if you have ideas don't keep them to yourselves, pass them on.

For next year's programme I have already started to work with Chris Bailey and Paul Nash as I feel that after five years I am starting to run short on ideas. I choose to give notice now that I shall be stepping down from the post of programme secretary at the end of next season.

A few of you added notes to the survey. It was good to see the positive response to our Christmas meal and can we arrange a summer BBQ. There was also a request for more days out, these are all suggestions that I welcome. Possibly the committee like some clubs should look at appointing a social/summer secretary but really any member is to be encouraged to organise off-site events.

With the welcome introduction of the Facebook Group it is an easy way to invite all members to be somewhere at some time. Paul and Jo have already done these, spur of the moment, weather looks good, invites and I was pleased that by using FB seven members of the clubs photographers were on the chilly cliffs at St Agnes on Easter Saturday to watch a car hill-climb. I know that others of you have interests that folk would love to share and commend you to invite others along.

I have a couple of events in mind over the next couple of months which I will announce nearer the time via FB and email but please give it some thought about arranging your own and inviting me and the others along.

### ***Competition Secretary Report – Chris Bailey***

- It's been an interesting winter season both for Truro Camera Club and for me as the competition secretary.
- The influx of new members has produced stiffer competition for us older members and the challenge has been good for individuals as well as the club as a whole.
- Although I'm not involved with the running of it, I would like to mention the huge success of the Summer Team Competition and would like to add my thanks to Alan for all his hard work to make it such a success. From the competition secretary's point of view, it was good to note that it encouraged more members to try their hand at club competitions and it's been good to see standards and enjoyment grow as a result.
- Another event enjoyed by many members was the 'Hunt and Shoot' organised by Margaret during last summer and judged last autumn. A lot of

members rose to the challenge and we all enjoyed the presentation evening when Richard Thompson judged it for us.

- More people entering into competitions has increased the range of images being submitted and has this has also increased my workload considerably.
- Fortunately, we have a great team on the committee just now and I would particularly like to thank Paul Nash, John Yarrow and Sean for their very valuable contributions to the smooth running of the competitions before, during and afterwards.
- The introduction of 'commended's into our scoring system seems to have proved popular with both judges and members and it has been good to hear some new names mentioned on competition nights. It is proposed that we continue with this next year.
- All in all, 38 members have entered into at least one competition, over half of our membership so that is great.
- Without exception, all the judges have commented upon the high standard of our work and some have found it difficult to choose the winning images as they were spoilt for choice.
- This enabled us to do well in inter-club competitions as we beat Falmouth/Penryn and then St Austell/Helston and were only beaten by Camborne/Redruth club by just 3 points.
- A particularly pleasing result for the club was coming 5th out of 57 clubs throughout the South West in the WCPF competition and being the best Cornish club. As a result, we won the Rookie Cup for the best new club. Thank you to Barry and Angela for their hard work in organising our entries and congratulations again to Paul for his ribbon for Godrevy Storm.
- It remains to be seen how we did in the Charles Hosken competition and of course, the CPA entries are being judged this week so don't forget to come along to the presentation evening in May to find out how we do.
- The results of all the competitions are here on various spreadsheets for your perusal during the tea break and particular mention will be made of individuals during the presentation of certificates.
- However, please do remember that the continuing success of our competitions, both internal and external, does depend on members entering their images and I would like to thank you all for your efforts so far. It has been a great privilege to receive and present all your images to judges.
- Don't forget, not everyone can be a winner but we all benefit from hearing other's views on our images and how we can improve them so it's beneficial to us all to join in as much as we can.
- As always, committee members are always striving for improvement and some of us have not been happy with the selection procedure for some of our external competitions. We have decided to utilise features of Dropbox which will be implemented next year to increase both the democratic nature and efficiency of our selection procedure.
- I believe that some of you will be pleased to hear that, for next year, competitions will be more spread out through the whole winter season to avoid having them too close together.

- Also, again in the name of progress in response to suggestions made by some members, one of our open competitions will be judged internally within the club. Details will follow in due course.
- I feel that one of the club's particular strengths is the social aspects of our meetings enabling like-minded individuals to share their love of all aspects of photography. Our resulting camaraderie is reflected in the friendly rivalry we enjoy on competition evenings. It's always lovely to note the encouragement given to members newly entering into competitions.
- Thank you all again for your part in helping Truro Camera Club to be a great place to be on Monday evenings.

### ***Election of Club Officers.***

President – Adrian Rowlands

Chair – Nicholas Richards

Proposed – Margaret Hocking

Seconded - Roy McBryde

Vice Chair – Thelma Hope

Proposed - John Yarrow

Seconded – Lynn Pascoe

Treasurer - Chris Rowlands

Proposed – Vicky Vinnell

Seconded – Tim Deller

Winter Programme Secretary – Nicholas Richards

Proposed – John Bailey

Seconded – Lynn Pascoe

Competition Secretary – Chris Bailey

Proposed – John Yarrow

Seconded – Lynn Pascoe

Secretary – Sue Cockle

Proposed – Lynn Pascoe

Seconded – John Yarrow

Committee Members

David Duffney, Jo Howell, Sean Simmons, Barry Thompson, John Yarrow

Proposed – Chris Rowlands

Seconded – Roy McBryde

CPA Representatives – Thelma Hope, John Yarrow



### ***Presentation of Awards***

<b>Truro CC Certificates</b>	<b>2017/2018</b>
<b>1st - Colour Print League</b>	<b>Barry Thompson</b>
2nd - Colour Print League	Angela Thompson
3rd - Colour Print League	Margaret Hocking
<b>1st - Colour Print of the Year</b>	<b>Barry Thompson</b>
<b>1st - Digital Image League</b>	<b>Barry Thompson</b>
2nd - Digital Image League	Angela Thompson/Chris Bailey
<b>1st - Digital Image of the Year</b>	<b>Paul Nash</b>
<b>1st - Monochrome Print League</b>	<b>Angela Thompson</b>
2nd - Monochrome Print League	Barry Thompson
3rd - Monochrome Print League	Nicholas Richards
<b>1st - Monochrome Print of the Year</b>	<b>John Yarrow</b>
<b>John Crowe Challenge Cup</b>	<b>Angela Thompson</b>

**Hunt and Shoot** – This was a joint win by Sue Cockle and Simon Bray. Margaret Hocking presented a certificate and a bottle of wine to Sue Cockle. Simon Bray was not present and will receive his awards at the next convenient opportunity.

### ***Any Other Business***

**Chairs** -Pet Chapman raised an issue with the new chairs that she felt were unsafe, saying that they were inclined to fall backwards. Adrian Rowlands said that this issue had been raised with the manufacturers who said it was the first time a complaint had been raised about them and they were deemed to be safe.

**Image Size** – Nicholas Richards proposed that the size of competition images should be changed to 1600 x 1200 pixels. This will be in line with PAGB and RPS rules. This was agreed. Paul Nash said this was already planned for the summer competition to help with the change.

**Publicity** – **Roy McBryde** suggested further publicity in the West Briton and Radio Cornwall to attract new members. Adrian R explained that at present



we have a high membership and would not have sufficient chairs to meet an increased membership. This will be kept under review.

Data Protection – Nicholas R spoke about the new Data Protection regulations in May 2018. The club needs to be aware of the appropriate data held on its members and this will be reflected when membership information is renewed in September 2018.

Exhibition of Work in Village Hall This will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Adrian R said that the Village Hall committee also ran a lottery to help raise funds and would ask if members would be interested in contributing to it.

Summer Meetings - The club will meet at the Carnon Inn, Carnon Downs on the first Monday of the month from May to August. This was very successful and well attended during last summer.

#### Themed Competition

Voting was invited to all members to choose the Theme for the 4th competition. These were "Reflections", "Abstracts and Textures" and "It Should Not Be Like This". The topic of "Reflections" was selected by 15 votes to 13 for Abstracts and Textures. 'It Should Not Be Like This' had 6 votes.

#### WCPF Members Exhibition 2018

Barry Thompson reported on the Results for members of Truro CC  
Margaret Hocking had five acceptances of these one selectors award and one commended.

Nicholas Richards had one acceptance.

Angela Thompson had twelve acceptances, of these three selectors awards and two commended.

Barry Thompson had fourteen acceptances, of these two selectors awards and three commended.

John Yarrow had two acceptances

Barry Thompson was awarded the Margaret Aven Trophy for highest number of acceptances in the exhibition.

All the results and pictures can be seen on the WCPF website.

