

CHELMSFORD CAMERA CLUB

Minutes of the AGM for 2008/2009 held at Moulsham Mill on 20th May 2009

Present: John Bailey, Jackie Bale, Steve Baxter, Amanda Beazley, Paul Beko, Howard Binns, Sheila Binns, Colin Birch, David Bladon, Konrad Borysiuk, Ann Burley, Nick Burley, Trevor Burley, Elaine Butcher, Ann Clark, Dennis Clarke, Arnold Cleaver, Barry Collin (Chair), Derrick Cutts, Kenneth Dawe, Steve Docherty, Andy Donn, Mark Elvin, John Fildes, Glen Forder, Melvyn Frewin, Pat Frewin, John Goodacre, Bruce Gray, Paul Griffiths, Raynor Henden-Bragg, Peter Herries, Ray Lawrence, Lolita Leistromaite, Malcolm MacGregor, Tony Mansfield, Jack Miles, Valerie Miles, Brian Oliver, Andrew Pickess, Matt Poulton, Veronica Rice, Adam Rowe, Marnie Smith, Michael Smith, Richard Stevens, Phil Voyez, David Whiting (48 members in total)

Barry Collin (President) opened the meeting by introducing himself, Paul Beko (Chairman) and Veronica Rice (Hon. Secretary). He explained that the business of the Club is run by the President and the Committee, but certain things must be approved by the Members in General Meeting.

- Election of the Committee
- Appointment of the Auditor
- Approval of the Financial Accounts, and
- Alterations to the Constitution

Each Member, excluding Junior members, are entitled to vote.

In addition, the Committee seeks Members' views on the running of the Club at the AGM, and members are therefore invited to comment on matters put before this meeting or to raise others under Any Other Business.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Roger Brian, Sheila Birch, Tony Cockrell, Mike Hayward, Barry Henshaw, Marion Miller, Annie Ringland, Brigitte Whiteing

2. Approval of 2007/2008 Minutes:

The minutes were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising:

(3) 1. The President reported that three times, at the 2006, 2007 and 2008 AGMs, the subject of repeat images being entered more than once into league competitions was raised. It was therefore agreed that the rules would be changed. This has been done and they now read as follows:

"The same, or substantially the same, image can be entered a maximum of twice into league competitions, but only once in any one season. The second entry may be into the same or a different category. An entry scoring 9 or more points will not be eligible for re-entry into any category. (This rule does not apply to non-league, e.g. panel, competitions)."

(3) 2. The Webmaster agreed to set up a Members' Forum, and Andrew will be covering this in his report later.

4. Treasurer's Report and Approval of Accounts for year ended 31st March 2009

I would like to thank Ron Gregory for auditing the accounts for this financial year ending 31st March 2009.

The Club's membership increased again this year to give a total of 91 members. This figure includes 4 honorary members. We have gained another 5 since the end of the financial year.

You will see by looking at the balance sheet, under Income, that Subscriptions and Attendances have increased in proportion to the increase in membership.

The Joe Cornish Evening shows a loss of £390.21 due to the fact that the money from the theatre and the invoice from Joe were not received by the 31st March. The true profit on the evening was £901.09 this will be reflected in next years accounts. Thanks are due to Melvyn Frewin for organising and managing such a successful event.

Most of the expenses are similar to last year with the following exceptions:

- The raffle shows a healthy profit, and with this in mind the Committee has agreed to add a £10 Camera World voucher to each weeks raffle.
 - The panel of 6 competition shows a small profit, due to having already paid the hall rent for the competition next season in October.
 - The Digital AV Day shows a loss of £36, another 4 people and we would have broken even.
 - Rent for the Mill has increased due to it now attracting VAT.
 - A slight increase in Judges and Speaker fees, this will increase again next year as the club plans to get some new speakers and judges from further away.
 - The club now plans to fund a number of social events and these expenses are now shown separately, the £313 is for the Summer BBQ and the Christmas Event.
 - Engraving and Cups down from last year when a number of new trophies were purchased.
- You will see that the surplus for this year is £883.92, which doesn't reflect the true profit from the Joe Cornish Evening.

The club has plans to purchase a new laptop (before next season) and is planning on a new projector as well in the near future. These 2 items could cost in the region of £3000.

I would recommend that the attendance fee for the practical evenings is removed for next season and that subscriptions and Wednesday attendance fees remain unchanged.

I can confirm that Ron Gregory has agreed to Audit the accounts again next year.

Andrew Pickess – Hon. Treasurer

Two queries were raised by members; one by Dennis Clarke asking for clarification of the Equipment Purchases which Andrew explained were for Flash Transmitters, 2 new Notice Boards, a Print Stand and the purchase of Elements 7 for the Club's laptop, and Jack Miles queried the Travel cost of £74.55 about which the Chairman advised it was agreed committee members could claim mileage when required to travel on Club business e.g. for print competitions bearing in mind the high cost of fuel.

There were no further questions and approval of the accounts was proposed by Dennis Clarke, seconded by Valerie Miles and approved unanimously.

The President, Barry Collin proposed that the following Officers' Reports are dealt with in their entirety and voted upon at the end of the Reports.

5. Officers' Reports

5.1 Secretary – Veronica Rice

This has been my third season as Secretary, my principal task is to act as the Club's prime contact with outside organisations, and the initial contact with prospective members.

And it has been a very exciting and exceptionally busy year with an increasing number of enquiries regarding membership, a large number of whom I am glad to say have joined the Club. I also receive numerous notifications of external competitions, courses, photographic holidays, exhibitions and occasionally second-hand photographic equipment etc and, as in the past, I have sifted through these and brought to members' attention those which I think will be of interest. The majority of enquiries and correspondence received is via email.

I believe our once-monthly workshops are also a great incentive for new-comers to join our Club, especially perhaps those starting out in photography, although many of our more

experienced photographers in the Club, also benefit from them. The workshops are enjoyable and a way of getting to know other members and to exchange ideas and information.

One of the Club's objectives is to reinforce its position as the leading photographic club in the area and we have well and truly succeeded in doing that this year. We have been exceedingly successful in inter-club competitions and we are lucky to have amongst our membership, photographers who have been very successful in national and international competitions, and who are an inspiration to the rest of us. Such successes, together with events such as our very successful Joe Cornish Evening organised by Melvyn, the Annual Exhibition, the club's activities published in the Chronicle and our excellent website maintained by Andrew, help to raise the profile of the Club and attract new members.

I will be retiring from the committee this year and I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Committee, with special thanks to Andrew and Barry; and to all of you, the Members, for your help and support. We are very fortunate indeed to have such a friendly Club. I know you will give my successor the same level of support you have extended to me. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the BBQ in August and again in September for the start of next season.

Veronica Rice DPAGB, Hon. Secretary

5.2 Programme Secretary – Melvyn Frewin

2008 – 2009 was my first year as programme secretary taking over from Arnold Cleaver who had arranged for the speakers, which left me to sort out the Judges.

We had three cancellations of judges and speakers which had to be replaced at short notice; generally I feel that the speakers and the judges proved to be satisfactory which resulted in a good balanced programme.

At an increased cost to the club the committee voted to include some prestige speakers for the 2009 – 2010 season to enhance the value of the membership for the members. The first of who is "Peter Patterson" from Edinburgh giving his show "Photography my Way" on Wednesday 16th September 2009. This is a definite date for your calendars.

All of the Speakers for 2009 – 2010 have been sourced which include some very well know photographers including : Brian Beaney, Ann Miles, Colin Westgate, Neil Malton, Colin Southgate, Richard Revels, Liz & Barrie Hatten and Barbie & Russell Lindsay. This should give the club a very high profile list of speakers.

Due to the club winning the CAPS (Chelmsford Association of Photographic Societies) Digital Competition, we now have to host the competition for the 2009 – 2010 season. This will be on the 28th April 2010; I have had to reduce the Projected Image competitions by one which will leave five for the coming season.

I am striving to book a high quality list of judges including some new faces which the club may not have seen before. I am currently half way through that task, which will be complete for the new programme shortly.

Melvyn Frewin LBPPA, LRPS, DPAGB – Programme Secretary

5.3 Projected Image Secretary – Bruce A.A. Gray

This has been my final year as projected image secretary. I would like to thank Steve Baxter and Arnold Cleaver for projecting the film slides. Also my thanks to John Fildes and Andrew Pickess for standing in for me at the start of the season and to Tony Cockrell for covering the annual awards. I would also like to again thank Eileen for assisting me on projected image evenings.

Entries for film slides during this season have been disappointingly low . There were only 5 members competing during the first 5 league competitions and this fell to 3 members with just 7 slides for the final competition number 6. Film slide entries for the annual awards were also significantly down on last year with just 30 slides covering 3 entry classes compared to the previous year with 54 slides. In just 4 seasons the number of slides entered for annual awards has fallen from 105 to the current 30.

Competition results for film slides during the past season are as follows:-

2008/2009 league competition

1 st place	Malcolm MacGregor	with 48 marks
2 nd place	Colin Birch	with 43 marks
3 rd place	Brian Oliver	with 41.5 marks

2008/2009 annual awards

Class 1 winner Malcolm MacGregor
Class 2 winner Malcolm MacGregor
Class 3 winner Paul Beko

Best Slide and Presidents cup Paul Beko for "Thurn Dyke Windmill"

During the 2008/2009 league season for digital projected images 39 members competed which is an increase of 14 members over the previous season. The annual awards were equally well supported with 20 members submitting 114 images . This compares to 13 members last year with 64 images submitted.

Competition results for digital projected images during the past season are as follows:-

2008/2009 league competition

1 st	Ray Lawrence	with 48.5 marks
2 nd	Mark Elvin	with 47.5 marks
Joint 3 rd	Ann Burley	with 46.5 marks
	Stuart Bultitude	

2008/2009 annual awards

1st place Ann Burley for "An evening walk home"

The organisation and format of projected image competitions has been discussed at length during recent committee meetings and the following decisions have been taken affecting the competitions next season.

In view of the poor support from members for film slides and in line with actions taken by the East Anglia Federation, the committee has decided to drop film slides from all club competitions for the next season . We feel that this will better suit the interests of members by extending the time available for digital projected images

The digital projected image competition will be brought into line with print competitions with Premier, Advanced and Entry level sections. Promotion requirements for advancing through the groups will be in line with current print competition requirements.

As with current print competitions, Entry level will be judged as one group with the Premier and Advanced workers judges as a second group.

This will incur twice as much work for the Projected Image secretary and in order for this to go smoothly your co-operation is sought in complying with modified instructions for saving and presenting your images. Revised instructions are available to view on the club web site and a separate sheet giving these instructions will be sent out with your membership renewal letters before the start of the next season.

Tony Cockrell has kindly offered to take on the position of Projected Image secretary beginning next season. He has my support, thanks and best wishes in taking on this job and I

would ask you all to give him your full support and co-operation to make next season run smoothly.

Bruce Gray DPAGB,ARPS, Projected Image Secretary

5.4 Print Competition Secretary – Colin Birch

League

There were five competitions in the league this season with 48 people submitting colour prints and 26 submitting mono prints. This made a very competitive year with an average of 86 entries to be judged at each competition evening. This is quite challenging for a judge and ways of limiting the numbers have been discussed, but it has been decided to let it ride for the moment.

League Mono

Entry Level was won by Tony Mansfield and he and John Story move up to Advanced Level. Advanced Level was won Ray Lawrence who moves up to Premier, and the winner of the Premier section was Ann Burley. There will now be 8 members in the Premier section for 2009/10.

League Colour

Entry Level was won jointly by Derrick Cutts and Steve Docherty and they move up to Advanced Level together with John Story, Jackie Bale, Tony Mansfield, Marion Miller, Richard Stevens and Mark Elvin, who, incidentally, achieved this having entered only four of the competitions. Advanced Level was won by Ray Lawrence who moves up to Premier, and the winner of the Premier section was Trevor Burley with an unbeatable five 10s. There will now be 10 members in the Premier section for 2009/10.

Burley Cup

The competition for the best panel of three prints was well supported with a total of 24 panels submitted. It was won by Steve Docherty with a panel entitled Footworks.

Panel of Six

The Cyril Chorley Memorial Trophy for the best panel of six prints was won by Pat Frewin with a panel entitled Mystic Forest - Madeira. There were 11 entries, reflecting the amount of work involved.

Annual Awards

There were 171 prints submitted which is an increase over last year, resulting in many excellent prints being shown on the annual awards evening.

Many thanks to all those who participated in these competitions: they were very successful and the standard of the prints was praised by the judges. Thanks also to Sheila who manned the laptop and helped to organise the competitions.

Colin Birch – Print Competition Secretary

5.5 External Competition Secretary – Pat Frewin

This has been our most successful season to date. We have won 10 out of the 16 competitions we entered.

Harlow Battle: Joint 1st with Ware (6 clubs)

EAF Print Championships: 7th of 22 clubs. (Old format)

Basildon Battle: WIN

ICON Inter Club Battle: Joint 1st with Cambridge. (5 clubs)

Benfleet Battle: WIN + Best Colour Print (Solitude by Pat Frewin)

CAPS Print Competition: 1st of 7 clubs.

Halstead Battle: 1st of 3 clubs.

Basildon Rose Bowl: 1st of 9 in Prints, 1st of 9 in Slides. This is the first time we have won both trophies.

Baddow Mono Print Competition: 4th of 8

Colchester Battle: WIN

Braintree Shield: 2nd of 11. Lost by ½ mark.

Essex Inter Club: 3rd of 8 clubs. We regained Best Slide award for "Life behind the grille" by Ann Burley.

EAF Print Championships: 2nd of 23↓

EAF Digital Championships: 2nd of 31↓ This is our best achievement of the season, coming 2nd to Beyond in both competitions. This qualifies us to represent the East Anglia region in the National Championships, which is the first time ever for our club. The Digital Championships is on 11th July at Warwick University and the Print Championships is on 24th October at Connah's Quay

Maldon Challenge: 1st of 13 clubs + Best Print, "Hope" by Trevor Burley and Best Slide, "Life behind the grille" by Ann Burley. This is the 2nd year running we have gained all 3 awards.

CAPS Digital Competition: 1st of 7 + Best Image, "Life behind the grille" by Ann Burley.

My thanks go to all the members for supplying the excellent work I have used. It is because your work is getting to a higher standard that we are doing so well. It is also good that I am able to use some work from new members, which must give them great encouragement.

I would also like to thank the members who have come and supported the club at the competitions. It makes it more enjoyable to share our success.

Lastly thanks go to Bruce Gray, Colin and Sheila Birch for covering some competitions when I have been away.

Lets hope next season will be as successful, but this year is going to be hard to beat!

Pat Frewin LRPS, DPAGB, BPE1*- External Competition Secretary

5.6 Exhibition & Publicity Officer – Colin Birch

Annual Exhibition

The annual exhibition in the atrium outside Chelmsford Library was organised last year by Arnold Cleaver, thank you Arnold. It was a successful enterprise seen by lots of people and resulting in a number of new members to the club. The exhibition this year will run from August 17th to 28th and volunteers to spend a couple of hours manning the exhibits would be much appreciated.

Community News

A write-up in the Essex Chronicle each week gives a summary of each gathering plus contact information for the club.

cmONE

Advance programme summaries were placed in the What's On, Where section of the free advertising booklet cmONE. Publication has currently been suspended but the summaries will be resumed when it goes back into circulation.

Volunteer Centre Chelmsford

The club undertook to take pictures for the Volunteer Centre Chelmsford when they undertake a project, but after an initial flurry of activity there have been no recent requests.

Galleries

Members' prints are displayed in Broomfield Hospital and in the Triangle Club within the Essex County Council buildings. They are renewed approximately every six months.

Colin Birch – Exhibition and Publicity Officer

Following Colin's report, members discussed the site allocated to us by Broomfield Hospital and that Springfield Camera Club and Baddow appeared to have better pitches. It was suggested that with the massive expansion programme being undertaken at the Hospital, a better site should be sought, and if successful the Club should consider investing in better quality frames. Colin said he would follow this up.

5.7 Webmaster – Andrew Pickess

The web site continues to be a way of attracting new members to the club - 10 this year have stated the internet as their way of finding out about the club.

The site is well visited, some statistics from Google Analytics:

- 10,500 views of the home page
- 1,500 views of the programme page, the most popular.
- 3,500 visitors to the site
- 49% of visitors directed from Google, the club site comes first in the list if you enter 'Chelmsford Camera Club'
- 42% of visitors know the address of the site.
- Site viewed from many countries, US 455 visits down to 1 visitor from Latvia, who spent 2.49 minutes looking at 4 pages !!

After a request for new members galleries recently I got another 3 added, a few others have been updated as well – but there are only 19 we have 90 members – don't be shy, all you need to do is send me 6 of your favourite images, note your favourite not just 10's from a judge.

I still have to look at implementing some sort of secure and moderated discussion group which I promised to do last year – there are many ways of doing this. Google Groups, FaceBook, MySpace, Bebo Any preferences?

Andrew Pickess - Web Master

Andrew noted those who had indicated an interest in the possible discussion group and would be contacting them individually. He also made it plain that this site would only be available to registered members of the Club, possibly by way of a password.

Tony Mansfield thanked Andrew for managing the website which he described as excellent.

5.8 Chairman's Remarks – Paul Beko

It gives me great pleasure to report that once again Club records have been set in membership numbers, club finances and inter club competition results.

This evening also brings to an end my three year tenure as Chairman and indeed my eleven years or more as a committee member. I will now retire to the 'back benches' and make way for 'new blood'.

I took over as Chairman with some trepidation, but in the event found the job considerably easier than I had anticipated. This was due to the support that I received from three sources:-

- Firstly, Club President, Barry Collin. Barry and I do not agree about everything, but we do agree about most things and particularly about the direction in which the Club is developing. His support has been most valuable and I much appreciate it.
- Secondly, the Committee. With the number of members that it has, there are bound to be differences of opinion and problems to be resolved. Nevertheless their diligence and hard work has been fundamental to the success of the Club over the past three years.

- Finally, yourselves. The atmosphere on a Club evening never goes without comment by visiting judges and speakers who are usually surprised, and are often amazed, by the vibrancy of the place. This makes the job as Chairman a particularly pleasurable one, the only difficulty being getting people to sit down after the interval.

I would now like to take this opportunity to talk about the three lady members of the Committee.

Pat Frewin has done a wonderful job as our External Competition Secretary, her drive and determination has established the Chelmsford Camera Club as one of the leading clubs on the EAF competition circuit. I would like to give her our grateful thanks on behalf of the Club.

Veronica Rice our Club Secretary has, like me, decided to leave the Committee. Most of the work she does, as the prime external contact for the Club, is 'behind the scenes'. But she has done a great job and deserves the gratitude of the Club.

Finally, Sheila Binns who is also about to leave the Committee. Sheila has performed the role of 'Club Shepherdess' during my Chairmanship, a role she has very much made her own. With a bubbling personality and pad of sticky labels she has made herself known to everyone, and has ensured that every newcomer has been made to feel welcome. She has also shown concern about members who have fallen ill and I can vouch for the fact that a telephone call from Sheila when one has been under the weather is one that is most welcome, and makes one feel part of a Club family.

I would also like to thank Bruce for standing in for me on more than one occasion.

I would like to finish by saying that being Chairman of a Club like ours with such a cheerful and eclectic mix of members has been a most enjoyable experience for me. It has been a privilege to serve you and I wish you all well in the future. You can rest assured that the future of the Club is in good hands.

Paul Beko LRPS – Chairman

Peter Herries proposed approval of the above Reports en bloc, seconded by Arnold Cleaver and carried unanimously.

6. Year 2009/2010 Subscriptions.

The Committee sought members' approval to the proposal that "**the 2009/2010 subscriptions should be as follows: Annual membership £27; Concessionary membership £22; Family membership £44 and the entrance fee £1.50 on Wednesday Club nights**", i.e. **no change for membership fees from the current year.**" This proposal was carried unanimously with the exception that **Overseas membership of £10** should also be reinstated, which had been erroneously omitted. It was also proposed that **the Thursday workshops should be free entry** and this was also unanimously agreed.

7. President's remarks – Barry Collin

Paul has thanked many who rightly deserve our thanks, and I would like to add my thanks to Paul for his third and final year as Chairman, and also to his wife Sue for all those teas, coffees and tasty biscuits provided on committee evenings. There is more to the job of Chairman than just reading out notices and introducing speakers and judges on a Wednesday - the Chairman leads the Committee throughout the year and ensures the business of the Club is completed and runs smoothly; not always an easy task when there are many different views to be balanced after everyone is given a chance to have their say. So, thank you Paul for your leadership and diplomacy, and to Veronica and Sheila for their sterling work to the Club. This has been a great year for successes, both for individual Members and for the club: Trevor Burley has gained the prestigious international award of AFIAP - so he is now an *Artiste of the International Federation of Photographic Art*, Veronica Rice has gained her *DPAGB Distinction for Photographic Merit*, and many members have gained acceptances and medals in

National and International Exhibitions. Veronica's submission of 15 prints is on display this evening.

Also, I am pleased to see yet more new names succeeding in the lists for both League and Annual Awards.

The Club has won 10 out of 16 external competitions, and in February the Club was placed second in the East Anglian Federation Championships - for both Print and Projected Image sections, so will represent East Anglia in both of these in the National, GB Championships. Our thanks go to those Members who submitted pictures for selection and to Pat Frewin for her untiring work as External Competition Secretary, with Melvyn's much-appreciated help, and for taking along all of our entries to clubs all around the area.

And, let us not forget their generosity in hosting our annual BBQ.

No club can exist without a programme, and I congratulate Arnold for his final effort this last season. Melvyn Frewin was appointed a year ago and his first programme promises to keep up Chelmsford's reputation as the Club with excellent and high quality speakers.

We must congratulate him once again on arranging the fantastic Joe Cornish evening last March.

We have continued to gain many new members, which again is due in no small way to Andrew's website and to the warm and friendly atmosphere that greets us on our arrival, fostered admirably by Sheila Binns.

So, I wish the Club well in the coming year and hope to see you all here again in a year's time after another successful season. Thank you.

Barry Collin LRPS, CPAGB - President

Following a question from Tony Mansfield regarding limiting membership numbers, Barry said the Committee had discussed the question, especially numbers on print nights. The Committee were reluctant to turn prospective members away or to move premises as Moulsham Mill is central to Chelmsford, but the Committee will be monitoring the situation next season.

8. Appointments for 2009/2010 President and Vice Presidents

President: Barry Collin (proposed by Colin Birch)
Vice-Presidents John Daniels, Pat Freeman, Peter Lemin, Terry Ruggles
(all proposed by Barry Collin)

Seconded en bloc by Dennis Clarke and accepted unanimously.

Barry thanked all Committee Members, those that are going on the Committee and those that are retiring.

8.1 Officers

Chairman:	Bruce Gray	(proposed by Paul Beko)
Vice-Chairman Gray)	Colin Birch	(proposed by Bruce)
Secretary Rice)	Annie Ringland	(proposed by Veronica)
Treasurer Rice)	Andrew Pickess	(proposed by Veronica)
Programme Secretary Colin Birch)	Melvyn Frewin	(proposed by
Print Competition Secretary Beko)	Colin Birch	(proposed by Paul

External Competition Secretary (Pickess)	Pat Frewin	(proposed by Andrew Frewin)
Projected Image Competition Secretary (Frewin)	Tony Cockrell	(proposed by Melvyn Cleaver)
Exhibition & Publicity Officer (Pat Frewin)	Arnold Cleaver	(proposed by Pat Frewin)

The Officers proposed above were seconded en bloc by Peter Herries and accepted nem con.

8.2 Committee Members John Fildes (proposed by Andrew Pickess), Ken Dawe (proposed by Bruce Gray), Elaine Butcher (proposed by Sheila Binns) and Marion Miller (proposed by Sheila Binns).

The Committee members proposed above were seconded en bloc by Glen Forder and accepted nem con.

9. Election of Honorary Auditor

Ron Gregory had signified his willingness to be re-elected. Proposed by Andrew Pickess, seconded by Paul Beko and accepted nem con.

10. Any Other Business

10.1 Annual Awards Paul Beko raised the point that as the number of slide entries has greatly diminished, it cannot be justified having three categories for the Annual Awards and this should be limited to one category. Discussion ensued concerning the committee's decision to end all slide categories in the Annual Awards, as reported by Bruce Gray in his Competition Secretary's report, and it was agreed that the new committee would resolve the matter at its first meeting and with reference to previous minutes.

Digital currently only has one category and it was suggested that this should be changed to three categories, i.e. Pictorial, Portrait and Record as is the Print section. Barry asked those present whether they would like the Digital Competitions categorised into three categories and approximately 50% indicated they would prefer this. It was left to Bruce Gray and his new Committee to resolve this matter also at their first Committee meeting.

10.2 Themed Competitions Discussion took place on whether membership would like themed competitions. After a vote it transpired over 50% of those attending would prefer to have at least one themed competition.

Nick Burley suggested a themed cup for the Annual Awards.

Derrick Cutts made the point that the last projected image competition was a themed one, which was a good idea.

10.3 Interval Refreshments Veronica Rice advised that Tony Cockrell was not able to be present today but would like to thank the members who had volunteered and helped with the tea/raffle/reception duties throughout the season.

11. Presentation of the Nice Cup

Awarded for Meritorious service to the Club; so named after Ron Nice erstwhile manager of the Chelmsford Camera Shop.

Traditionally given to a Member who has given service well above the call of duty. The President, Chairman and Secretary have the pleasant choice of who should receive the award, but it is not awarded every year, because often it would be unfair to single out one individual from the many who work hard for the Club.

However, we are breaking with tradition this year, because the President and Chairman have decided between them that the award this year should go to the Secretary, Veronica Rice. She has worked tirelessly throughout the whole 12 months of the year, writing up the minutes of the seven Committee meetings, very difficult when 13 people all want to have their say, and she is also the point of contact for all who want more information on the club with a view to visiting or

joining. She also writes the annual welcoming letter to everyone to persuade them to rejoin in the new season - and at least a hundred other little jobs.
So thank you Veronica for your 3 years of hard work.

12. Presentation of the League Awards

The League Awards were presented by Barry Collin.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.25.