Winchester Photographic Society

Report on the 2016 Annual Print Exhibition to the AGM held on 31st May 2016

This year we changed from an open Exhibition to members only and as a result we were able to show more members work. 714 prints were entered by 60 members and 174 were accepted.

The new Classes introduced last year, Street, Action and, and Straight out of the Camera were well supported but the entries to the Beginners and Hampshire Landscape Classes were disappointing. The Monochrome Class was very well supported and the standard was particularly high.

We have taken the opportunity to recognise the achievement members of our RPS Distinctions Group, 8 of whom gained their LRPS in the past year. Following the presentation of the Exhibition Trophies and Certificates of Merit by Vanessa Slawson FRPS and RPS Council Member, she will present them with their Distinctions and they will in turn show their panels and speak briefly about them.

In the past Exhibition Catalogues have been on sale at £1 but few are sold. This year we are allowing a Winchester Charity, Wells for India, to fill a spare page in the Catalogue and intend to offer copies of the Catalogue to visitors for a minimum donation of £1 to the Charity. A number of members have been to Rajasthan with Paul Sansom who supports the charity and images taken on these trips were exhibited last year and will be this year.

After a gap last year we are able to offer prints and cards for sale again this year.

We could not run this Exhibition without the help of members. The commitment and team work of the core team of 9 has been exemplary. In addition a further 27 members will have helped during judging the entries, hanging and stewarding the exhibition.

We are also greatly indebted to the Hampshire Cultural Trust who now run the City Space. They prepare the space to meet our requirements, assist with hanging, and have a member of their staff present throughout the opening hours, at no cost to us.

Ron Foulkes

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