

Presidents Report 2005

As I said when taking over the Presidents position last year, I had very big shoes to fill, and as the year progressed I found that they were very large indeed. I am not sure that I have completely filled them but it was not for the want of trying.

The year was made difficult by the changing of policies within the Centre by Council, which caused quite some disruption to our training program. Also with my being away for some 4 weeks on holidays that didn't help much. Tom also away for some 6 weeks made it difficult.

Some of these difficulties show that we are desperately in need of a few volunteers to help out in various areas. Tom needs a hand with the web page. Anyone who would like to help in that area would be most welcome.

The resignation of Val during the latter part of her term, required us to find someone to look after this and Sheila Culverwell ably filled the Secretary's position for a short period. Fred and Gwen and Hans and Gina have done a great job with Digital Photography. Thank you all very much. Also our Social activities have all been most successful.

We as a Committee have worked wonderfully well together and I would like to thank them all for the participation over the year. It was with regret that we had to accept the resignation of Angela early in the year due to pressure of work, however Arthur Turvey ably took over the position. Also the email birthday cards I feel have been a great success, keep up the good work Christine. And who could forget our esteemed keeper of the monies, Dixon, Well done.

I am afraid that I cannot single out everyone who helped in this difficult period but rest assured that all have my very heartfelt thanks. It would be remiss of me not to mention my Vice President Robert who did an excellent job whilst I was away and also whilst I am here.

I would like to thank Moira from the centre and all the centre staff for their co-operation and helpfulness over the past 12 months. During this period a lot of negotiations took place and we were given a good hearing, and I think achieved results.

In closing I would like to say that I had thoughts of standing down this coming year, but after all the positive feedback by members who approached me to stand again, I decided to give it another go.

Looking at the nominees for the upcoming Committee it is hoped it will be a most productive year. I wish them all the best and look forward to working with them all again.

Merv Brindley
President
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