

Jennie Pearson

Jennie was a member of Alton Camera Club for over forty years and undertook diverse tasks, ranging from weekly tea lady up to club chairman.

Over thirty years as press officer she wrote approximately 1800 reports, mostly before the use of a computer made this a less onerous task. She co-edited the club magazine Highlight for over twenty years and also kept edited the handbook and introductory booklet. For twenty-five years Jennie co-produced and presented Presentation Evening, the club's annual prize giving. When Eric Bennett was elected to the post of Programme Secretary, Jennie acted as his correspondence secretary and in the summer of 2006 Jennie did most of the work preparing the club's successful Lottery application.

An active participant in the Audio Group she regularly submitted AV sequences for the club's annual audio visual show both individually and as a co-author. Over the last few years she fronted the group's AV shows given to clubs and organisations around the district.

Jennie enjoyed travelling and was still organising the annual club weekend with her son. Jennie with Eric also organised half a dozen of the ever popular club safaris, a photographic treasure hunt, back in the 1980s. Even in the last few years she was able to visit the USA and was still entering club competitions with her travel photography. She was also an active member of the Disabled Photographers Society and often went on their trips too.

Members of the Southern Photographic Federation will remember her representing Alton CC with Eric at many events. The SPF were particularly grateful for her fund-raising efforts co-ordinating print-box orders and in 2009 Jennie was very proud to receive the SPF Roll of Honour award.

More recently, with slowly failing health, she was able to take a more back seat role but was always there to advise and add her wisdom to whatever activities the Club became involved with.

We shall always think of her with considerable warmth and affection knowing that the Club we are involved with was developed by her efforts, gentle humour and considered direction. The club and its members owe her a great deal.

Our thoughts are with her family and Eric at this difficult time.

*Dave Robinson
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