

ST IVES
PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

Annual Report

2022 / 2023

Committee Members 2022/2023

Role	Name
President	Brian Sibley
Vice President	Steve Laws
Honorary Treasurer	Peter Wills
Honorary Secretary	Graham Shirra
Programme Secretary	Steve Eeley
Internal Competition Secretary	Louisa Christie
External Competition Secretary	Nicky Cope
Competition Assistant	Paul Dobson
Equipment Officer	Jonathan Sayer
Membership Secretary	Debbie Hall
Communications Officer	Steve Hardy

President's Report 2022/2023

The second year of my presidency has been a somewhat more conventional year as we successfully navigated our way out of the pandemic and returned full time to the Free Church for all our Winter Season meetings.

Many of us enjoyed getting out and about for our summer programme, and once again we discovered some varied and inspiring speakers Online, as well as those who visited us in person in St Ives during our winter programme.

It was especially pleasing to see our highly respected *Interprint* competition return to the Free Church for its much-loved Exhibition of Prints followed by the Judge's comments in its 41st consecutive year of running. A huge "Thank You" to Nicky Cope for co-ordinating the event and also to Debbie Hall for all her assistance.

The *Interprint* event is a very significant date in the club calendar and provides club members with the opportunity to see over 200 high quality prints from some of the best club photographers in the eastern region - very much something to aspire to. This is our opportunity to show what we do, not only to other clubs but to the members of public visiting, which made the disappointingly low number of volunteers helping on the day very disheartening.

With the return to in-person meetings we were pleased to see the return of Print Competitions, although the entry numbers were lower than we'd hoped with less members printing for a variety of reasons. Hopefully the print critique and Gary Dean's passionate talk on his print journey will have inspired more of you to enter print competitions next season.

Speaking of Prints, our Annual Exhibition in November was well attended and as always it was good to welcome the public to view our work.

At a time when many clubs are struggling to survive, and people are cutting back on social expenditure, I'm pleased to report that this year we have seen only a small drop in membership from 62 members last year to 53 this year.

The committee has met in-person six times over the season up until the end of March and continues to work in the background for the club. Attendance at these meetings has been very high and I thank the committee for their dedication and commitment. I'd like to thank Steve Hardy for all his support and contributions as he steps down from the committee this evening.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all club members who have helped make this year a success and I hope to see you all over the summer and back in the Free Church again in September.

Brian Sibley

April 2023

Treasurer's Report from 01/04/2022 to 31/03/2023

2021/22		2022/23
£6881.06	Cash in Current Account	£2280.86
£0.00	Cash in Deposit Account	£0.00
£10,749.96	Cash in Cambridge Building Society	£13838.29
£9.88	Cash in Hand	£365.54
£0.00	Provisions for Outstanding Debtors	£0.00
£0.00	Less Cheques Un-presented Rent for Church	£497.80
£17,640.90	TOTAL CLUB ASSETS	£16,982.49
£248.79	LOSS FOR YEAR	£658.41

Major Expenditure:

Speakers and Judges etc.: £761

Rent: £334.80 Meetings in the Church. Plus un-presented Cheque for £94.80 and Interprint for £403.00. Please note the rent has increased by 5%.

Equipment: £308.06 to improve the IT.

Major Income:

Interprint 2023 Profit was £132.51

Membership subs: 52 + Members. £1,789.00.

It is proposed that membership fees are increased to £38.00.

We have moved £3,000.00 to The Cambridge Building Society. Now up to 1.5%

As can be seen from the above we have had a good year by have a few new members and lost more but Interprint was reduced in size. To date we have 52 paid up members so we can go forward and expect to see you all next year. Thank you all for your efforts in keeping the club together.

The Summer program will help to keep members in contact, and I hope to see many of you over the summer.

Cheque and Cash Account Summary 2022/2023

Income			
Code	Description	2021/2022	2022/2023
101	Subscriptions	£1969.00	£1789.00
102	Visitor Fees	£12.00	£41.00
103	Refreshments	0	0
104	Raffles	0	0
105	Donations	£7.92	£61.00
106	Exhibitions	0	£35.00
107	Club Equipment Hire	0	£60.00
108	Annual Dinner	£50.00	£546.00
110	Interest from Savings Account	£32.74	£88.33
111	Miscellaneous	0	£10.00
112	Unpresented Cheques	0	0
113	Awards for All Grant	0	0
114	Tookeys Images	0	0
116	Summer outings	0	0
117	Members Print Orders	0	0
118	James Bunn Lecture Ticket Sales	0	0
120	Interprint Surplus	£341.66	£132.54
	Total Income	£2413.32	£2762.87
Expenditure			
Code	Description		
201	Premises Rent	£450.00	£334.80
202	Speakers and Judges	£880.90	£761.00
203	Refreshments	0	0
204	Raffles	0	0
205	Trophies	£214.00	£296.50
206	External Competition/Exhibition	£76.81	£178.00
207	Club Equipment Maintenance	0	£175.67
208	Annual Dinner	0	£452.00
209	Equipment Purchases	£394.80	£308.06
210	Post and Stationery	£46.48	0
211	Miscellaneous	£197.54	£82.96
212	EAF and Insurance	£271.80	£186.00
213	Social Events	0	£192.47
214	Tookeys Images	0	0
215	Club Web Site & Domain Name	£79.78	£453.82
216	Summer outings	0	0
217	Members Print orders	0	0
218	James Bunn Lecture	£50.00	0
	Total Expenditure	£266.11	£3421.28
	Income Over Expenditure	-£248.79	-£658.41

Interprint Account Summary 2022/23

Income		2021/22	2022/23
Code	Description		
301	Club Entry Fees	£380.00	£500.00
302	Programme Sales	0	£180.00
303	Raffle	0	£260.00
304	Visitors Donations	0	0
305	Return Postage	0	0
306	Advertisements	£20.00	£60.00
307	Refreshment Sales	0	£247.10
308	Voucher Donation	0	0
309	Miscellaneous	0	0
	Total Income	£400.00	£1247.10

Expenditure			
Code	Description		
401	Premises Hire	0	£403.00
402	Van Hire	0	£120.00
403	Judges Fee and Expenses	0	£237.94
404	Trophies	0	£35.00
405	PAGB Ribbons	£44.49	£49.50
406	Printing	0	0
407	Refreshment Costs	0	£165.32
408	Voucher Presented	0	0
409	Miscellaneous	£10.00	£53.80
411	Post/Stationery/Phone Calls	£3.85	£3.85
412	Web/domain name	0	0
413	Raffle	0	£50.00
	Total Expenditure	£58.34	£1114.56
	Income Over Expenditure	£341.66	£132.54

Balance Sheet 2022/2023

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£248.79	LOSS FOR YEAR	£658.41

I have examined the accounts of St.Ives Photographic Club for the year ending 31st March 2023 and find them in accordance with the books bank statements and other documents produced.

Peter Wills – Treasurer

Marc Human – Independent Examiner

Date: 17th April 2023

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Internal Competition Secretary's Report 2022/2023

This is my first season as internal competition secretary; the roles having been split following Alice's resignation at the end of 2021/2022. It has been a learning curve with trying to adopt new ways of making not only the competition evenings run smoothly, but all the administration which goes on behind the scenes.

I've had great support from my support team Paul & Johnathan who have provided invaluable assistance on competition nights. Nicky has been a rock on both competition evenings & behind the scenes hopping in on many an occasion assisting with admin. It's not all been plain sailing, we've had a few hiccups on scoring, but mainly due to the set up on FFPX and learning on my feet with aspects of the software programme which is not always user friendly & easy to decipher.

We had a full 6 months of face-to-face monthly competitions this season which was a great achievement. Overall PDIs were down slightly on 2021/2022. But it was nice to see newer members taking part & the leader board closing in tight towards the end of the season.

The monthly DPI and monthly Print competitions were both won this year by Gary Dean with some amazing wildlife images. It was so close with 1 point in it for 2nd spot, which was shared by Elizabeth Watson & Louisa Christie.

Prints overall was disappointing on the number of entries. Various factors have contributed to this. Hopefully with the success of the 'members print night' & Gary's excellent talk on 'The Story behind the print' might help boost print entries for next Season.

Our stand-alone competitions have been well subscribed to this season, with 44 PDIs for the President's Challenge. The subject on 'Lines' brought an eclectic selection of images. The George Dellar had 29 DPI entries, down on last year. The George Dellar was won by Graham Shirra with a great shot taken from our local Michaelmas Fair. The President's Trophy was won by Louisa Christie with 20 Fenchurch Street. Steve Eeley & Steve Laws also scored 20. As for the Quartet, we had 4 print entrants and 30 PDI entrants. The digital section was won by Elizabeth Watson while Steve Laws took first place in the print section.

The Annual PDI competition was a good event this year with 72 images across six genres of Landscape, Macro, Creative, Sport, Transport & Street. The overall winning image was Ise Berridge in the Macro section. Steve Laws had the best overall cumulative score on the evening.

Louisa Christie
April 2023

External Competition Secretary's Report 2022/2023

This was my first year as External competition secretary and I think that it is fair to say that it has been a learning curve, especially as I was also tasked with the running of Interprint.

Firstly a huge thank you to the people who have helped me this year, both with External Competitions and with Interprint. Thanks go to - Alice Kendrick, who handed over the role and has also helped with image selection, Louisa Christie who has helped me to select all the entries and also helped hugely with IT for Interprint, Debbie Hall who helped me with the Interprint exhibition and has been a great support generally. Thanks also to Steve Laws, Tom Lane and Brian Sibley and Debbie Hall who have helped with image selection for external competitions. Thank you also to Gary Dean who came to meet me to make sure I was on the right track with Interprint, and to Steve Hardy and Brian Sibley for their work on the Interprint webpage and to Dave Norman for setting up the brochure. Thanks also to Graham Shirra who accompanied me to the External competitions and to Peter Wills who collected Interprint entries for me. Lastly a big thank you to everyone else who came along to help with Interprint, particularly Ise, Richard and Jennifer who looked after all the catering downstairs, and to everyone else who came along to help on the Friday night and on the Saturday. I have to say that in all honesty more help was needed, and I feel that those who contributed worked extremely hard over the two days.

To sum up the year, it has been one of mixed blessings. Our first External Competition was on 17th November against Swavesey Camera Club. 12 DPI and 12 Prints were entered by each club. Unfortunately, we came second, due to a huge difference in scores in the print section, although we did come out on top in the DPI section. Results were DPI - St Ives 197, Swavesey 195. Print - St Ives 188, Swavesey 216. Total - Swavesey 415, St Ives 385.

The next competition was the Cambridge Independent, which is a new competition run by the Cambridge Independent newspaper. We came 2nd with images by Dave Cole, Debbie Hall, Gary Dean, Louisa Christie, Petros Spyrou and Steve Laws. Cambridge Camera Club were the winners. A feature article was published in the newspaper following the event.

On 21st January we entered the Cambridge Digital Competition, where scoring generally was very high indeed. We scored 93 points and finished joint 12th out of 27 clubs. Winners were PICO with 99 points, and Welwyn Garden City were second with 98.

We were not so successful at the EAF Digital Competition, where we finished last with 146 points. 25 clubs entered and the winners were Beyond Group with 185, followed by PICO on 183. Again, in the print competition, we didn't do very well, but did manage to keep off the bottom spot, finishing 17th out of 18 clubs with a total of 153 points. Winners were PICO on 184 points.

Our most notable success this year has to be our own Interprint Competition, where we finished a very credible 3rd. This is particularly gratifying since print entries have been down this year and we have not had many high quality images to choose from. Congratulations also go to Louisa who attained a PAGB bronze medal for her Firework



image. A successful event for St Ives altogether, as the event ran along without any hitches, despite our feet paddling very hard under the water!

At the time of writing this report, we have the Brotherhoods and A45 competitions still to come. We have sent our entries in, and look forward to hearing the results.

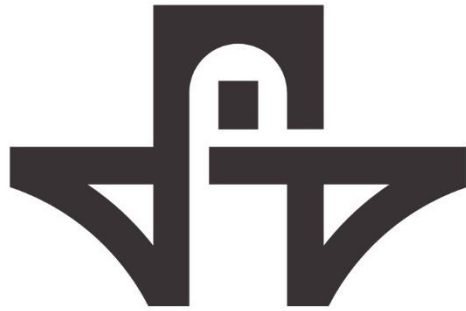
It would be lovely to see images from more club members going forward to External competitions next year. Images which score 18 or higher in our Internal competitions are included in our selection process for External competitions.

Nicky Cope

April 2023

Awards 2022/2023

Position	Monthly Projected Image	Monthly Print
1	Gary Dean	Gary Dean
2	Elizabeth Watson, Louisa Christie	Lynne Cole
3	Nicky Cope	David Cole
	Quartet Projected Image	Quartet Print
1	Elizabeth Watson - Harvest Mice	Steve Laws - Thames Bridges
2	Steve Laws - Papplewick Pumping Station	Ise Berridge -
3	Ise Berridge, Stephen Hardy, Graham Shirra	Louisa Christie -
	Annual Projected Image	Annual Print
1	Steve Laws	TBC
2	Jennifer Horn	
3	Gary Dean	
	Best Annual Projected Image	Best Annual Print
	Ise Berridge	TBC
	Monochrome Award Print and Projected	
	TBC	
	President's Challenge Trophy	
1	Louisa Christie - 20 Fenchurch Street	
2	Steve Laws, Elizabeth Watson, Steve Eeley	
3	Graham Davey, Debbie Hall, Marc Human	
	George Dellar Memorial Trophy	
1	Graham Shirra - Girls just want to have fun	
2	Stephen Hardy	
3	Nicky Cope, Gary Dean	
	Annual Exhibition – Public choice	
	Steve Laws - Abandoned Boats	
	Club Member of the Year (Peter West Trophy)	
	Nicky Cope	
	Best Newcomer	
	Jennifer Horn	



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