

70th Anniversary Dinner Speech

It is my privilege as the Chairman of the LDCC to welcome you, our members and guests to our 70th Anniversary Dinner.

It is indeed a great honour and privilege for me to deliver this speech here tonight on this great occasion.

On October 25, 1945 a group of ten photographic enthusiasts, formed Arundel Camera Club at the initiation of Herbert Hey, then Town Clerk of Arundel. The first meeting was held on 6 December, 1945 and took place, here at The Norfolk Arms although this is not confirmed, and fifty people attended. The annual fee was set at 10 shillings with a meeting fee of 6 pence, whenever a visiting lecturer came.

Subsequent meetings were held in a room, which was loaned by R.W. Bowles at his premises in the High Street.

Our Motto 'Friendly Photography' was adopted soon after and still remains in place and is relevant today.

Littlehampton & District Camera Club is still going strong. It has survived the past so successfully and will go on to also to adapt successfully in the future too, because of our ability of accepting and more importantly, adjusting to changes.

In conclusion:- any club that reaches 70 years of existence is a milestone in its lifetime, therefore I wish to congratulate Littlehampton & District Camera Club and all its members with this achievement, and pay tribute to all those who kept the Littlehampton & District Camera Club alive all these years and in doing so contributed to the development of photography in Littlehampton and its surrounding districts. It is the continuous individual support and the team effort by all our members that will keep the club in existence, so that future generations may enjoy the benefit of your efforts.

That's enough from me: so could I ask all our members and guests to raise a glass in celebration of previous members, current members and members still to join us.

Toast "To Littlehampton & District Camera Club".

Michael Dove

28th October, 2015

Chairman
Littlehampton and District Camera Club