

Simon Allen APAGB; Dumfries Camera Club

Simon Allen MPAGB EFIAP of Dumfries Camera Club was nominated for the award of APAGB for long term excellent service to his club, to the Scottish Photographic Federation and to the PAGB. Since Simon joined his club in 1999, over the years he has given a tremendous amount of time and effort not just to his Club but also to the wider PAGB community.

Simon has been a member of Dumfries Camera Club for 33 years and has served on its committee for most of that time, including several spells as Secretary, a post he holds currently, and as President from 1989 - 1991 and 1999 - 2001 (only one of four people in Dumfries to hold the office more than once). He regularly contributes to the programme, for example running print discussion evenings and Photoshop training.

He served on the Scottish Photographic Federation (SPF) Executive Committee from 1996 through to 2001 when he had to step down for family reasons. He has been listed as an SPF judge from 1997/8 and as a lecturer from 2001. Simon has been very active and is a regular visitor to many Clubs, particularly in Scotland and in the Northern Counties, but often further afield.

Dumfries C.C organised and ran the Scottish International Salon of Photography on 3 separate occasions; a huge amount of work which Simon was heavily involved in as a worker and as a vital member of the organising committee.

The SPF Print Championship started back in 1991 and Simon was the principal organiser for the first few years.

Simon was appointed to the PAGB judging list around 2003 and has been involved in judging a number of Awards for Photographic Merit adjudications. He has also helped with the GB Cup judging (held in Dumfries) since its inception in 2008. He provided very valuable assistance in the running of three APM adjudications run in Dumfries. He has also participated in several APM Workshops on behalf of the PAGB, from Yorkshire to Scotland.

Simon Allen has been involved with UK amateur photography for more than 25 years and has become well known on the national scene for his enthusiasm and his willingness to be involved helping out at events all over the UK. Everyone who knows him and the work he does would applaud the award of a well-deserved APAGB

Simon Allen: Brief Record of Service

1982 Joined Dumfries CC
1983 Elected to Dumfries CC Committee (continuous ever since)
1990 SPF Area Rep
1996-2001 Served on the EC of the Scottish Photographic Federation
1997/8 Appointed to the SPF JUDGES LIST
2001 Appointed to the SPF LECTURERS' LIST
2003/4 Appointed to the PAGB JUDGES LIST.
1991 - 1993 Simon was the organiser of the SPF Inter-Club Print Championship

Early Internationals Judged inc. Bon - A - Slide 2000; 141st Edinburgh International - 2003; 85th Scottish - 2004; 30th Smethwick - 2004; 65th South Shields - 2005