

Andrew West - Fraserburgh Photographic Society.

Andrew joined Fraserburgh Photographic Society back in 1958 when the club had only been on the go for some 7 years. Since then his only break from the club was during 1959 to 1961 when Andrew was based in Wales with the RAF on national service. So if you do the maths, Andrew has been a member of the club for 60 years, an amazing length of time.

His interest in photography started way before that with an old Box Brownie camera that he used as a boy. He then joined the society in 1958 when he got a new camera.

As the years rolled on Andrew has owned a few cameras, and reluctant to sell or part with any of them, the collection soon grew to the point that at the annual Art Exhibition Andrew's camera collection was at the centre of the Society's Photographic display.

In 1976 Andrew was elected President of Fraserburgh PS, a position he was to hold for 43 years.

In the absence of other candidates he also took on roles as Secretary and as Treasurer, so it can be confidently said that Andrew has kept the club going through all sorts of changes, particularly through the transition from film to digital, and believe it or not Andrew still has a dark room in his loft.

Then, at the Society's AGM in 2019 Andrew announced he was standing down as President. It was unanimously agreed by that AGM that Andrew should then hold the position of Honorary Life President.

Subsequently, the SPF received a Roll of Honour nomination that Andrew be added to the SPF Roll of Honour which was supported wholeheartedly by Fraserburgh's President Mike Chandler and Allan Gawthorpe, an SPF Past-President. Allan was well placed to support this nomination as he had come across Andrew for many of these years when he visited Fraserburgh as a Judge or as the SPF's Grampian Area Rep.

The SPF were delighted to approve this nomination for someone who has been on their Club's committee for such an exceptionally long time, possibly even one of the longest ever serving office-bearers!