

Another Sad Farewell



Carole Attrell

on Wednesday 23rd May 2018, aged 70

For those of us who enjoy creating Audio Visuals, it is with much sadness that I must report the recent, sudden passing of Carole Attrell, a shock to us all.

Up until October 2012, Carole held the post of Audio Visual Secretary on the WCPF Executive. It was Carole who implemented the showing of shorter sequences - which then were separated and judged on their own. Things have moved on since then - but Carole started the ball rolling!

Pete Fry, who took over the role from Carole at the October AGM that year, has made the following comments : *“She was a great supporter of various photographic events as well as attending Barnstaple and Bideford Camera Clubs in her area. I remember her telling me that she was very keen for the WCPF to continue to promote and encourage photographers to try the medium of Audio Visual. You always knew where you stood with Carol, and I can also recall several occasions when she encouraged me to look at things in a different way! She will be missed, and I offer her condolences to her family at this time.”*

I am greatly indebted to Trudy and Andy Butcher, Carole’s daughter and son-in-law, who at this sad time, and with so much to organise, have very kindly provided me with a few words of remembrance of Carole’s earlier life - together with helping to source some of Carole’s photography to illustrate this Tribute.

“From a young age, Mum had physical difficulties with her health but this never stopped her from showing her amazing talent and love of photography.

From an early age my brothers, Adrian and Ashley and I remember her always having a camera in hand when out on trips. She even took family portraits in our living room; saved paying someone else! She was also great at all our weddings, always seeming to capture that special shot!

Her first Camera Clubs were Merton, Carsholton and Morden in Surrey which she joined to connect with like-minded people, and for social occasions.

This is where Carole met Anthony Coxall, who was also to become an important member of Bideford Camera Club, where she was ultimately made a Life Member. They decided to move from Surrey, and fell in love with Westward Ho!, which is where they lived until they both ultimately passed away.

A bright, enthusiastic and talented person, with a can-do attitude with everything she did.

All who met her, were touched any Carole’s caring and nurturing way - and not only within her camera clubs. She was also involved with many community groups who knew her well, including the Cancer Research Charity Shop which she managed for over 10 years.

We say our goodbyes, but she will be forever in our hearts.”

Trudy, Adrian and Ashley.

Only a very limited selection of Carole’s huge photographic legacy can be shown here. However, after the funeral service at the North Devon Crematorium on Friday 15th June 2018 at 13.40, the family are planning a Celebration of Carole’s life at Westward Ho! Baptist Church at 15.15, where more of her work can be seen.

By special request - no black or suits, please? Also, no flowers. But if you wish to make a donation in memory of Carole these can be made to Cancer Research or sent care of A. D. Williams, Funeral Directors, 9a Fore Street, Northam, EX39 1AW.

*Ann Owens - Publicity Officer
But with lots of help from Trudy and Andy. My grateful thanks.*

A Photographic Resume of Some of Carole's Photographs.



How aptly these few images reflect the beautiful North Devon coast, towns and little back streets?

