

Dobson Henry Medals

Citation for Edgar and Linda Gibbs

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One of the strong aspects of Audio Visual production in the country, is that it is often a team effort. We see many couples, evident here this weekend, who work together to produce AVs of great merit and support AV around the country.

Today the RPS AV Group wish to honour two of our friends and colleagues, for the contribution they have made to the whole Audio Visual movement. They are a couple, who I'm sure you will soon recognise.

They joined their local photo club in the mid 1980's where they saw their first AV presented by the late Phil Jones. They were immediately hooked in the medium and in October 1987 went to their first AV weekend at Dyffryn House organised by the great Richard Tucker FRPS. There they met the Mad Duo of Martin Fry & Dave Carpenter with their latest AV show. Inspired by the weekend they found every opportunity to learn the craft, attending as many AV events as possible including MidPhot, the Nationals, RPS Internationals and Internationals abroad.

1989 seems to have been a pivotal year for our couple, he first entered the Nationals in 1989 with '*The Royal Welsh Show*' followed by their first joint AV, '*Rolling Home*' two years later. The Welsh team was born and successful sequences followed with '*Love Remembered*' and '*Deep beneath the Quiche Lorraine*'.

At the same time, 1989, way back in distant memory, they became closely involved with AV activities in South Wales. The first mention as RPS AV Group South Wales area organiser appears on the calendar, in issue 76 of AV News, the event was an evening meeting in Cardiff in March 1989. It is remarkable to think that twenty eight years have passed and 131 editions of AV News have dropped onto the doormat since then. Two issues later and our recipients are listed as joint organisers of the very first South Wales AV Day, which was held on Saturday September 30th 1989. Richard Brown recalls fond memories of that event since he, Keith Brown and Clive Atkins were the guest presenters.

They continued and still continue, to support AV in Wales, but in 1996 the RPS International moved to Cheltenham and they joined this committee, where she was one of the pre selection judges and then 'Friend of the Jury' and he co-ordinated sponsorship. Since that time the Welsh Duo have gone from strength to strength lecturing in AV and encouraging members with their productions.

By now you will know that our recipients are Edgar and Linda Gibbs, both of whom continued, over the years, to gain awards and distinctions. Edgar gained his Fellowship of the RPS and they jointly gained their AV-AFIAP for their successes in International competition. More recently they have again jointly gained their Master photographer award from the PAGB.

Edgar has also served on the RPS Distinction Panel and continues to be a member of the RPS AV committee, as Vice Chairman. He has been the Chairman of both the National AV Championships and the RPS International AV Festival.

Although it may be Edgar's name that appears most often in the listings, there can be no doubting the old adage that behind every good man there is a good woman. Linda and Edgar are an inseparable team, both as AV producers and organisers. Together they have made an enormous contribution to AV both in South Wales and nationally.

It gives me great pleasure, on behalf of the AV community, to award Linda Gibbs MPAGB AV-AFIAP and Edgar Gibbs FRPS MPAGB AV-AFIAP the Dobson Henry medal for their outstanding contribution to the Audio Visual medium.

