

DOBSON HENRY MEDAL

CITATION FOR PETER BROWN, ARPS. DPAGB. Hon PAGB.

This year's recipient of the Dobson Henry Medal has given an outstanding contribution over many years to photography and to the Audio-Visual medium in particular.

He was a founder member and Chairman of Leicester Forest AV Group (now the East Midlands AV Group) and has recently retired from this position after 23 years.

He started the New Horizons AV Competition for the MCPF in 1993 and took over from Brian Jeffs as Mid-Phot AV competition organizer in 2001. He ran both competitions combined until 2005 when New Horizons was dropped. Sadly this year he decided to step down as MidPhot organizer to enjoy a well earned rest.

In this role he helped and encouraged new workers to show their work and on many occasions he has had to cajole experienced workers to produce new work to ensure that the event continued to maintain its prestigious status on the AV calendar.

He has been a major worker for the National Audio Visual Championships. He was Treasurer from 1997 until 2003 when he became Chairman and Treasurer continuing in both positions until 2009. He still continues as Treasurer for the 2011 championships.

He is a past President of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain and also the Midland Counties Photographic Federation.

From the very beginnings of the PAGB awards for photographic merit in 1994, it was decided to include AV among the categories open to potential applicants. For the last seven years the responsibility for organizing the assessments, as well as acting as Chairman of the adjudicating panel, has been devolved to our medal recipient.

Although no longer a member of the PAGB Executive Committee (EC) he has undertaken these co-opted tasks with enthusiasm and great skill, and has always been meticulous in advising the PAGB EC of the outcome of the awards assessment days. In addition he has managed to achieve a most commendable reduction in running costs for an event that traditionally ran at a financial loss prior to his input.

His enthusiasm and dedication to this task and to all the many roles he has undertaken has been of the very highest standard. Whatever job he takes on he always does it with dignity, charm and quiet determination. He is an excellent ambassador for the AV world and photography generally.

It therefore gives me very great pleasure to present the award of a Dobson Henry Medal for his outstanding contribution to Audio-Visual to PETER BROWN, ARPS. DPAGB. Hon PAGB.

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