

Dobson Henry Medal - Citation

This special award of the Dobson Henry Medal is presented only on rare occasions, it is awarded for outstanding contributions in the Audio Visual medium, for furthering the activity of the medium, and for long service to the medium.

The person in this citation started in photography in his early teens, and has been very active in the Audio-Visual area starting under the wing of Sir George and Lady Doreen Pollock in a canal boat in Gloucester Dock.

This person has been successful in all levels of competition from local to international events. Over the years has presented 453 AV shows, including guest sessions at AV days throughout the country.

For those people who wondered where the original front cover design for the latest International programme came from, look no further and also he was instrumental in the Internationals relocating from the aircraft hangar in Bath, as Colin Balls once called it, to Cheltenham Town Hall.

At the first International held there he partnered a long time friend and musician to put on a Saturday night show which was open to the public, with the musicians playing live and images being projected live onto a screen behind them. The event was a cultural and financial success. He remained the local link man for the second festival that was held there.

He and his ex AV partner put on a Children in Need evening at the town hall with their AVs. His contribution to photography and AV has also been acknowledged and he has been awarded the APAGB. He has carried out 130 photographic judging's, 11 Federation judging's and 35 AV judging's and is held in high regard.

This chap led the field in the UK, using or should I say mastering the use of 4 projectors and with his love of the Cotswold's created many magical third images. As a Head teacher he has taken many opportunities to involve the children of his school with AV for a wide range of subjects. He produced an AV with the children to show how the church adjacent to the church school could be modified for a combined use. The AV won all parties over and the changes are now complete and everyone has benefitted.

He has been actively involved with his local club, Cheltenham Camera Club, since 1972 and they recently awarded him a life Membership of which there are only ever 5. He was also founding member of the Cotswold AV Group, and led the team that organized the Cotswold AV days.

He achieved his FRPS at Bath in the Octagon, I believe in the presence of Roy Henry, using 4 projectors and there was never any doubt that he would be successful. Since then he has served on the distinctions panel and chaired juries at AV festivals.

You have probably guessed that the person in question is Martin Fry, who has always helped and encouraged others in AV both on a one to one basis and using his teaching skill at AV days.

I would now like to present **Martin Fry FRPS APAGB**, - The Cotswold Lad, with the Dobson Henry Medal.