

## Tony Redford Joins His Heroes!

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Many were delighted to see Tony Redford's great contribution to club photography in the region recognised this year by him being elected to the roll of honour. His own words were that he was privileged to join a group which contained many of his heroes!

Tony has made an enormous contribution to the success of his own club; North Cheshire PS. Since joining 30 years ago (it was then Hazel Grove PS) he has rarely missed a meeting and has held just about every position on the committee including President (in 1983, 2006 and 2007).

He has been heavily involved, since their inception in the early 80's, with the organisation of the two major inter-club competitions held during North Cheshire's Annual Exhibition. These are now well-established events on the North West's calendar and have recently earned their own dedicated title and website : **The North Cheshire Challenges** [www.northcheshirechallenges.info/](http://www.northcheshirechallenges.info/) They are well known for the superb quality of organisation and presentation, due in no small part to Tony's work.

Tony helped organise North Cheshire's 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> re-union events at which they were able to welcome many of our previous Presidents and Committee members to celebrate the continuing success of the club.

He considers it an honour to continue to serve on the committee at NCPS and is keen to encourage their new, enthusiastic and younger members to take up the reins with their progressive ideas. This generous leadership should ensure the continued success of the Society.

He was "surprised and delighted" to be made a Life Member of North Cheshire PS at the end of the 2010/11 season.

As to his lecturing; let Tony tell you himself how it all started..

*"Some 20 years or so ago I was persuaded to "put something back into club photography - you've had plenty of pleasure out of it. Don't stick your prints under the bed, take them round the clubs and make up a story about them". These were the wise words of the late and great Arthur Downes FRPS.*

"I've since had the great pleasure of sharing some of my experiences over the years with so many fellow photographers throughout the L&CPU and beyond - more recently together with my long-suffering wife, Dorothy, showing our digitally projected travel presentations with music and commentary. In past years, many of these sequences were slightly modified for commercial use by a number of well

known travel organisations and earned the family some memorable holidays. Latterly I prefer the pressure to be off and just enjoy the moment!

“My enthusiasm for our great hobby has never dwindled and I hope this has inspired, and will continue to act as a spur to some of the newer recruits to my own club as well as providing some light entertainment to the clubs who might continue to invite me back!

You’ve joined the heroes Tony, because you are one!

(Tony Redford was elected to the L&CPU Roll of Honour in 2012, the photograph was taken at the presentation, in Manchester Cathedral, by Ed Roper EFIAP. Item compiled by John Royle L&CPU Webmaster. July 2012)