



# Hertford and District Camera Club

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**PRESS RELEASE**

## **Hertford Camera Club Awards Honorary Membership to Cllr. Peter Ruffles in Recognition of His Long-Standing Support for the Club**

**Hertford, 11 February 2013** – Hertford Councillor **Peter Ruffles** has been appointed an Honorary Member of Hertford and District Camera Club in recognition of his tireless work for the town, and in particular for his support of the Club over many years. He was presented with a hand-drawn certificate confirming the award at a brief but enthusiastic ceremony during the Club's regular Friday evening meeting on 8 February.

One of the Club's longest serving members – Barrie Stockwell, a member for more than 40 years – spoke of Peter's involvement in many areas of the local community. He has visited the Club many times over the years, both as a judge of members' images of Hertford and as a speaker presenting the town's history in old photographs – always with a string of interesting anecdotes about every aspect of Hertford life.

In July 2012, as part of the Club's Summer programme, Cllr. Ruffles took members on an extended tour of Hertford, pointing out the special and sometimes unique features of the town's architecture. He followed this up by setting members a competition for pictures of the town, which he judged in November, awarding prizes to the winners.

In reply to the award, Peter expressed his own continuing interest in photography, but suggested that his photographic skills might not match those of the Club's members. Honorary membership of the Camera Club is offered to a non-member who has consistently acted to benefit the Club; in practice it is rarely awarded, with no more than five or six recipients in the Club's 60-year history.

**Full text of Citation:** *“Honorary Membership: Conferred on Peter Ruffles MBE in recognition of a lifetime's work for and dedication to the local community with its varied activities. In particular we wish to mark our appreciation of the encouragement and the support given to the Club over many years. Presented at the Club Meeting on 8th day of February 2013.”*

**About Hertford and District Camera Club:** HDCC meets at 8:00pm on Friday evenings – from September through to May – in St John's Hall (near All Saints Church), Hertford. Its aim is to help its members gain pleasure from their photography by improving their photographic technique and by fostering their eye for a picture. The Club was formed in 1951, and in 2011 celebrated its 60th anniversary with a major 2-month exhibition in Hertford Museum.

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