

The President at Haworth Gallery – 12th August 2010

On Friday June 18th our President Christine Widdall , was guest of honour at the opening of Accrington Camera Club's Annual Exhibition at the Haworth Art Gallery, Accrington. The exhibition was opened by the Mayor of Hyndburn Councillor Malcolm Pritchard.

It was a busy evening for Christine who had another appointment that same evening so her visit had to be cut rather short- but not before the Mayor invited her to return to the gallery for a private visit to spend more time viewing the extensive collection of Tiffany glass. The invitation was accepted and the visit took place on August 12th.



Christine Widdall President L&CPU, Jennifer Rennie Curator Haworth Art Gallery, Mrs Irene Pritchard Mayoress of Hyndburn and Councillor Malcolm Pritchard, Mayor of Hyndburn

Christine was welcomed by the curator Ms Jennifer Rennie and the Accrington Camera Club president Harry Emmett and was joined by the Mayor and Mayoress wearing their chains of office. However before viewing the Tiffany collection, the party went “behind the scenes” and visited one of the strongrooms in which the permanent art collection is stored. The photograph shows a watercolour by David Cox who lived in the first half of the nineteenth century and whose works can be seen in the Tate Gallery, British Museum and various regional art galleries.

Jennifer Rennie then introduced the party to the various items of Tiffany glass- over 140 pieces make this collection the largest in Europe. Some of the techniques employed to produce this incredible range of art deco pieces were described as the party made a leisurely tour of the gallery.

The mayoral car then took Councillor and Mrs Pritchard together with Christine and Harry to the Town Hall for a tour of the council chamber then refreshments in the Mayor's Parlour which was a fitting end to an enjoyable and relaxing visit.

Whilst the Haworth Art Gallery has staged many photographic exhibitions (the RPS International was held recently) it is the first time that a President of the L&CPU has been the special guest of the Mayor of Hyndburn.

Harry Emmett, Accrington CC