

## Fred Johnstone: A Life in Photography



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Lancaster Photographic Society is sad to have to announce the death of its oldest member and Honorary Life President, Fred Johnstone, a few days before his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Fred was a member of the Society for almost half a century, regularly attended meetings until a little over a year ago, and was an enthusiastic competitor and fine photographer until the end. After helping to form Prestwich Camera Club in 1956, he moved to Lancaster in 1964 and joined Lancaster Photographic Society. Since then his name has been repeatedly inscribed across almost all of the Society's trophies. He won the Best Monochrome Print award 11 times since its inception in 1998, and the Photographer of the Year trophy on 7 occasions. Last year the Society unanimously elected him as its first Honorary Life President.

Last year Fred's step-daughter, Joy Ahmed, organised an exhibition of his work which Fred helped to prepare. A further exhibition is planned in the summer in the Ashton Memorial, Lancaster. With his passing, LPS has lost a good friend, a committed and enthusiastic member, a link to a previous photographic era, and a fine photographer.

We offer our sympathy and condolences to Joy and her family.