

The Kendal Mountain Festival, 16-19 November 2017, was a lively event.

The literary festival was of particular interest to me, and it did not disappoint. Compliments for the excellent program go to AC member, Henry Iddon, who is part of the curating team for the festival.

Of particular note was the Boardman Tasker Award, which this year was won by Bernadette McDonald for her book on Vasyek Kasyka. She was ably interviewed by our President, John Porter, who called on the Vice-President, Sandy Allan, to profile some questions and comments. At a separate event, Bernadette gave an talk on her book, providing further insight into the protagonist and the (not always easy) process of writing about him.

Also shortlisted were books written by



John Porter and Bernadette McDonald
AC members; the (readers) Magician's Glass by Ed Douglas and the (thoughtful and gently provocative) Days to Remember by Rob Collinson. The shortlisted authors were grilled by AC member and ex-President, Stephen

Venables, and Martin Wragg, also an AC member, holds the position of Chair of the Trustees of the Boardman Charitable Trust.



Martin Wragg



Stephen Venables

Helen Mort, poet and climber, was Chair of the judges this year and brought eloquent freshness to the afternoon's proceedings.

Adèle Long

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SVAALBARD AND NORTHERN NORWAY JANET JOHNSON 13 FEBRUARY - 1 MAY 2018



Snowmobile Catcher in Lyngnes Fjord



Midnight Sun with Fulmars Roosting on the Ice near Pyramid



Glacier from Trygghamna Fjord with White Fox



Esmarkfjorden from beach

The Janet Johnson exhibition of watercolours and oil paintings recording the mountains and sea from a sailboat inside the Arctic Circle will be on display at 55 Charlotte Road. There will also be archive paintings, books and maps from the AC collection.

Members will be able to view the pictures on lecture nights and during office working hours by prior arrangement by phoning the office.