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Club News

Hi everyone. Hope you are all well. A happy new year to everyone and we hope you had a safe, healthy and relaxing Christmas break. Our decision to Zoom our club nights for, at least, January has turned out to be the right one given the seemingly exponential growth in Covid infections over the last few weeks. You definitely get the feeling that it's closing in if you haven't had it already and perhaps even if you have. On a lighter note if you Google "Photographer's New Year's resolutions" there's loads of websites to choose from if you are looking for some photographic stimulation. My only advice is to choose one which has a short number of resolutions! Look forward to catching up on all the gossip next Monday. Don't forget that the next submission date for Competition D is the 17th Jan. We'll work out what to do about the print submission at our committee meeting next week.

Call For Images

Paul has been in touch regarding inter club battles we have coming up:

Hi everyone. Happy to new year to everyone and I hope that you had a relaxing and enjoyable festive period. I appreciate that most of the time the weather was not ideal for photography, although I did manage to visit the Sudeley Castle lights.

Over the next couple of months we have a number of our inter-club battles coming up and we would like to have some of your pictures to represent the club in these battles. We will look at the best pictures that have already been in competitions this year but if you have any other pictures that you would like to be considered that you have not yet included within a competition this year or from last year that was not used in an inter-club battle please can you arrange to let me have the details.

Given the continuing Covid climate, these meetings are likely to be via Zoom and as such we are looking for DPI images that are both colour and monochrome.

We are planning on holding a selection session at some stage next week (w/c 10 Jan) so if you are able to use the clubs usual drop box link and mark they are for the interclub battle selection that would be great.

If you have any questions please feel free to email me on either paul.norris@ecclesiastical.com or apnorris100@hotmail.com

Many thanks, Paul

6 Winter Photography Tips

Permajet just released this handy little guide for winter photography. Here's the link:

<https://www.permajet.com/blog/6-winter-photography-tips/>

Monitor Kit for Sale

Jamie has been in touch as he's upgrading his home monitor set up which is for sale:

Hi Mike & Martyn. I'm upgrading my monitor set-up at home, as was wondering whether you would mind mentioning that my current monitors are for sale in the next copy of Vignettes as it might be of interest to the club members? Here are the details.

2 Dell Ultrasharp U2518D 25" colour LCD monitors. These are professional factory colour calibrated IPS LCD screens with 99% sRGB coverage which I've been using as a pair. Resolution of each screen is 2560x1440 (which is known as QHD). These will come with neoprene / lined dust covers, power lead, USB lead (each screen has a USB hub), HDMI lead. £220 and £180 each - the cheaper one has one dead pixel, which is barely noticeable in use. I'm happy for members to email me at jamierstenson@gmail.com or call me on [07435 664134](tel:07435664134) if they are interested in either of these as I don't mind my details being shared.

Many thanks – Jamie

PAGB Newsletter

Here's the latest PAGB newsletter:

http://www.pagbnews.co.uk/sites/default/files/newsletters/en298%2001%20Jan%202022_0.pdf

Happy New Year ... Paul

Sabine Weiss: Legend of street photography dies at 97

Pioneering photographer Sabine Weiss, who was the last surviving member of France's celebrated humanist school, has died aged 97 at her home in Paris.

Although she had stopped taking pictures, Weiss was actively involved in her archive until her death. Born in Switzerland, she learned her art in Geneva, moving to Paris after World War Two.

She became renowned particularly for her images on the streets of Paris, and for 70 years remained at the heart of French photography. Find out more about Sabine in this link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-59816052>

[Quiz of the Year, part one: Are you a 2021 news expert?](#)

David's annual quiz is clearly infectious. On the basis that you don't read the BBC's news website, here's a good annual quiz which is spread over 4 parts. Here's part one, after which you can pick up the other three. See how you get on:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-59634182>

BBC Pictures

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-59740104>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-merseyside-59743605>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-59740106>
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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cambridgeshire-59820361>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-59683268>

Internal Competitions

Subject	Competition	Submission Date	Judging Date
Water (in all its forms)	A	September 27 th , 2021	October 25 th , 2021
Architecture	B	November 8 th , 2021	December 6 th , 2021
Sunrise, sunset	C	December 6 th , 2021	January 17 th , 2022
Coastal	D	January 17 th , 2022	February 14 th , 2022
Winter	E	February 28 th , 2022	March 28 th , 2022
Farming in the Cotswolds	Pitchers Trophy (annual Competition)	April 11 th , 2022	May 9 th , 2022
Various	Annual Competitions	April 11 th , 2022	May 9 th , 2022

The Dropbox link is now up and running and is featured on every Comp submission page, along with as a News item - here is the link.

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/DpAdq7inLJSz17gWu2Bg>

Quote of the Week

It is more important to click with people than to click the shutter - Alfred Eisenstaedt

Cheers and stay safe

Martyn (thehoneys@btinternet.com)

Mike (mike.cheeseman1777@hotmail.com)

Appendix 1: Club Face to Face (F2F) Meetings - Covid Measures

The easing of Covid restrictions over the summer as part of the Covid roadmap has made physical club meetings a practical proposition and Watermoor Parish are now permitting hire of their hall facility again. To enable this and to satisfy their insurers there are a number of things that hirers have to provide to gain approval for hire. After some consideration, below is a summary of the club's approach to enable meetings to take place within the requirements. We will aim to put the relevant docs on the website if members want to have a look.

Clearly members will need to make their own judgements in light of their individual circumstances, but it is hoped that the pragmatic approach taken allows the club to recommence face to face club (F2F) nights as per the season's programme in an enjoyable manner. As always with these things this is subject to any changes in guidance. Please get in touch with me, or other committee members, if you have any issues arising. Many thanks. Stephen

Watermoor Church Hall Hire Covid Measures

Our activities must remain consistent with government guidelines at the time of the event. The requirements from the hall involve some element of cleaning by the club before and after the evening's programme.

Emphasis will be on precautions taken and as such the club:

(i) advises that anyone feeling unwell or having been notified for quarantine under Track and trace or NHS App or as a result of travelling requirements should not attend club meetings.

(ii) will ensure that seating, social distancing and ventilation are consistent with government guidelines.

(iii) request that members bring personal crockery/cutlery for any refreshments - some disposable items will be made available. We will not utilise hall crockery, just the kettle/boiler as appropriate.

(iv) suggest members consider continuing to use facemasks during meetings when appropriate.

Club Approach

1. The club will provide hand sanitiser for members use on entrance and exit from the hall.

- 1. The hall has QR posters displayed for members who wish to utilise the NHS app.*
- 2. In accordance with general "Health and Safety" good practice, a log will be kept of attendees on a F2F club night in case of the need for evacuation from premises which facilitates a roll call.*

3. *Access to kitchen facilities will be restricted to reduce contacts and users will sanitise hands before and after use of kettle etc. It is noted that no cleaning of switches is to take place (for safety) therefore the emphasis is on sanitising hands before and after any such operations, ensuring hands are dry.*
4. *Access to W/C's is restricted to one person at a time under the hall guidelines. Members should sanitise hands on entry and exit. At the end of evening contact points are wiped down as part of the exit process.*
5. *The club will use readily available Covid appropriate cleaning materials in the form of spray /paper towel and/or sanitising wipes to facilitate cleaning and provide bags to remove used material from the hall on completion.*
6. *Hard contact points e.g. door handles/locks, window handles/locks will be wiped on first contact when being operated and on final use when closed prior to exit.*
7. *The club anticipate utilising a restricted number of members on a given night to clean and handle equipment/chairs etc. thus reducing the number of potential contacts.*
8. *Those members should sanitise hands before commencing any handling, using spray/wipes to clean contact points when moving /setting up chairs etc. On completion of set up handling, members should sanitise hands again before commencing the actual event.*
9. *It is assumed that club materials in the locked storage may also be potentially contaminated and therefore contact points should be wiped before handling and on replacing in store.*

Although it all sounds a bit complicated, I hope that we will soon get into the swing of things in managing what we do to minimise impacts. Do get in contact if you have any queries. Stephen.