



Vignettes 44

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Club News

Hi everyone. Hope everyone is well. We've now heard officially from the church which has, as discussed at our last Zoom meeting, now made our decision for us:

Dear Hall Hirer

Parish of Cirencester with Watermoor

Just to give you an update on our position re: the hiring out of our halls. At a meeting on 29th July with Canon Graham Morris (the Vicar), and the Halls' Committees, it was recognised that at the present time, following Government guidelines, we are still unable to offer you a Covid-secure premises for your group activity. For those of you who have responded to our previous communication, we are very appreciative of the measures you are prepared to take on behalf of your groups. However, there are still so many stringent regulations that we have to adhere to, so we, like other organisations with premises for hire, realise that with the present Government instructions in place, we cannot safely open our halls for general use.

Canon Graham is adamant that the use of the halls for the churches has to be their primary function. Should any problem occur which resulted in the closure of one of the buildings, this could jeopardise the church use, and we have to consider that in the case of St. Lawrence Hall, this is also the Church. We realise this is disappointing for many of you, but we will be reviewing the situation again in September, when hopefully the instructions from the Government will be clearer.

We've also had feedback that, for similar reasons, other camera clubs are now moving into the Zoom world for the foreseeable future. A couple of our speakers are uncomfortable with the Zoom format and we've had to move the Cheltenham Salon AV back to the post-Christmas period so there's a bit of rejigging to do. The other speakers are on board for a virtual presentation pre-Christmas and Paul Jones has offered to give us a talk on his Antarctic/Patagonia trip so thanks to Paul and of course Shaun for stepping in. The best thing to do is keep an eye on the programme on the website and Vignettes.

A few matters I didn't mention last week following our Zoom chat. The first was a point which Shaun raised about the number entries for our regular competitions (normally two set and two open). Having spoken to Jamie, we have agreed to reduce the comp entries to two DPI's per member (one set, one open). If we didn't do this and kept to four per member and, given that we get more DPI's images submitted anyway, we just wouldn't get through all the judged images on the night in a reasonable period of time.

Secondly, as David commented last week, his and Patrick's maximum five-year tenure as Club Sec and Battle Comp Sec respectively have come to an end under the club rules. So, we need two able bodied members to pick up the cudgels. Both David and Patrick are happy to assist in passing their batons and, in Patrick's case, most of next year battle programme has already been sorted out. Look forward to hearing from you.

Thirdly, by way of reminder if anyone has a question for the AGM, could they send it to Mike or I at least 7 days before the club AGM which is on the 7th September. Although questions can be fielded by the President on the night under AOB, it's easier if we can stick to the constitution which says:

Propositions for inclusion in the agenda to be in the possession of the Honorary Secretary at least 7 days before the meeting.

Here's the latest PAGB newsletter which Paul has just received.

<http://www.pagbnews.co.uk/sites/default/files/newsletters/en263%2001%20Aug.pdf>

Paul Norris has been in touch to see if anyone can help. Here's the question:

Hi Mike and Martyn. I am looking to bring all my back photos together and have a largish number of slides that I would like to scan and transfer to digital. Would you be able to put a question or request in Vignettes about whether anyone has or knows someone that has a good quality slide scanner that I could borrow / use or purchase to scan all my slides over the autumn months.

If anyone can help, could they get in contact with Mike or I.

Website

Many thanks to Chris Donohoe and Patrick Barker for uploading their gallery images – well worth a visit.

We've been working away behind the scenes to set up the duplicate test site – a private 'sandbox' site where we can try out ideas without creating havoc on the live site. If you have any suggestions for new features please let us know.

BBC Pictures

Another selection from the BBC's news website.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-53600546>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-53593489>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-53596229>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-53558718>

The “Summer Cup”

The topic for round 5 of the Summer Cup (see Vignettes 27) - **A Garden is a lovely thing.**

Submission date - Friday 28th August

Here's the Dropbox link for the competition -

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/W9gjPK1cn1xcJyDIwd1P>. It's titled 'Cirencester Camera Club - 2020 Summer competition'.

Quote of The Week

You don't take a photograph, you make it - Ansel Adams

Cheers and stay safe

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