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Club News

The first night of the club season is approaching fast as a F2F event. The first part of the evening is a "meet the committee" session in which we will be outlining what we all do and the shape of the programme for the club season. Hopefully we will be saying hello to new members including those who joined last year who we have yet to meet in person. The second part of the evening is over to you to tell us what you've been doing over the summer photographically. Just a few images and a running commentary would be great so if you can let Mike know if you would like to participate, we can work out a plan for this part of the evening. Just bring along your images on a memory stick.

Permajet

As you know we've got Permajet coming to talk to us this season and you may be interested to know that the firm has been running a photographic competition recently called "Light in the Dark". The winners have just been announced and there's some terrific images entered. Catch the link and background here:

http://email.permajet.com/interface/external_view_email.php?C940445458285649962042524zzzzz645490426f84978107a33dc09b1318d8dea6d79d72cc3a8f6ae856e96454bdda29&varId=

Flowers

I missed a trick in not letting you know about the Cotswold Lavender Farm of Broadway which is now closed for the season. However, make a date for next year when they will be open during June and July for harvesting. A summer night meet perhaps? Here's their website https://cotswoldlavender.co.uk

However, all is not lost as The Real Flower Petal Confetti Company's Confetti Flower Field is open to the public for about 10 days each summer. It's a unique and beautifully colourful experience to walk around the flowers. They are based at Wick, near Pershore and they are only open from 24th - 30th August. Here's a link to their website.

https://www.confettidirect.co.uk/flowerfields/sunflower-field-2021/

Lee Filters

You might recall from a previous Vignettes that we have booked Lee Filters for a Zoom talk in the autumn and in doing so, the club has been signed up to receive Lee Filter news. They've been in touch with their latest talk on 2nd September so if you are interested here's a link:

https://mailchi.mp/e07dd107d9f0/ambassador-talk-with-mark-gilligan-september-2nd?e=0a1b2b1f7a

Club Face to Face (F2F) Meetings for the 21/22 Season

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 auidelines.
- (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.

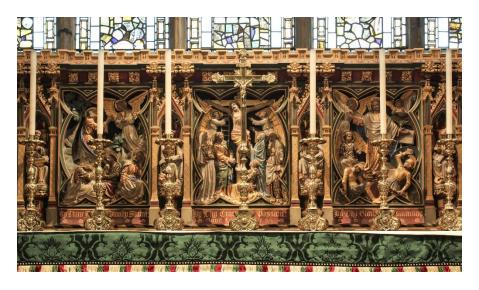
Although it all sounds a bit complicated, I hope that we will soon get into the swing of things in managing what we do to minimise impacts. Do get in contact if you have any queries. Stephen.

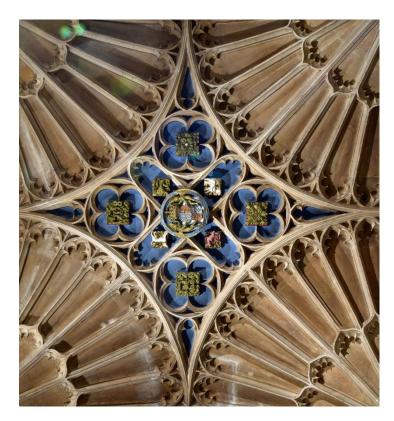
Cirencester Civic Society Project

It was very good to see Club members at the Parish Church on 4th August, and many thanks for uploading some of your images – see examples below. If anyone else has images to upload, here is a reminder of the link. Ath this stage low-res jpegs will be fine.

https://ldrv.ms/u/s!AsZzxajrGoYWiLs00GipJdNaMTAefA?e=Lzp1Jb

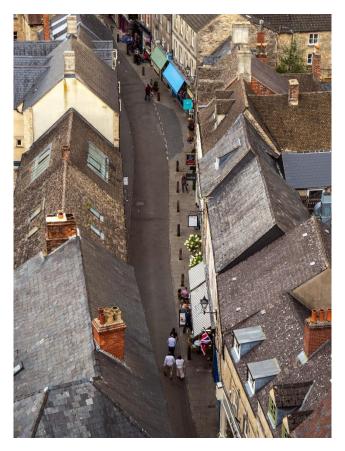














BBC Pictures

Another selection from the BBC's news website.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-58274001

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-58225327

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leeds-58280481

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-58222696

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-58267380

Internal Competitions

The "Summer Competition" will comprise:

- 1. The Summer Cup
- 2. The Ted Parrott Cup

The Ted Parrott Cup is for "Sporting Action" and the definition is:

"An image of a fast-paced competitive physical activity governed by a specific set of rules defined by a sports governing body".

The Summer Cup set subjects are:

- 1. Stress.
- 2. Relaxation.
- 3. Happiness.

In terms of DropBox details for competition submissions, it will be the same all season:

https://www.dropbox.com/request/zRwHLz7MfRGHIZyCHNsp

Next Year's Club Competitions

Subject	Competition
Water (in all its forms)	A
Architecture	В
Sunrise, sunset	С
Coastal	D
Winter	Е
Farming in the Cotswolds	Pitchers Trophy (annual Competition)

Quote of The Week

What I like about photographs is that they capture a moment that's gone forever, impossible to reproduce - Karl Lagerfeld

That's it for this week. Catch up next week.

Cheers and stay safe.

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