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Hi everyone

Well, it's the end of the year and half way through our season which, we are pleased say, has been pretty good with an excellent range and quality of speakers including our very own Shaun, Colin and Ben. We hope the next half will prove to be as good including a practical night with historic club regular, Richard Sudbury. Richard has been busy with his professional photography business this year which has taken him away from our Monday night meetings but it will be good to catch up with him again.

The Christmas bash was well attended and we have to thank the Golden Farm pub for putting on a simple but tasty curry dish. It's always difficult to meet everyone's needs but it seemed to go down well. Thanks also to David Wallis for coming up with the quiz and excellently comparing it in the face of some amusing heckling. Having tried to get teams together at the beginning, it was a bit tight to re-seat everyone after the meal so we stayed put. Well done to that "lot in the corner" who having got every question right in the "fast food chain logo" last round, did raise questions in some quarters about their cooking skills!

David has sent around details of the new venue, the big thing to remember is to not arrive too early until we know how the previous Pilates club use the car park.

Camera kit

We've had a couple of members suggesting that we draw up a list of camera kit owned by members in order to spread the word and allow interaction. I think this is an excellent idea. This should help those members thinking of changing their camera who want first hand knowledge from existing owners. It should also help put together those members with similar kit looking to resolve similar menu or operational issues. There is a potential GDPR issue about simply putting this information on the website particularly as we don't have a "members corner" to link to at the moment. So, for the moment, if you want to participate in the scheme, let Mike or I have details of just your camera and lenses and we will produce a database. Initially this can be distributed to members as a hard copy until we sort something out on the website. Mike and I will also have a look at producing a short presentation on the confusing different types of camera and what it means - bridge, micro four thirds, mirrorless etc.

Stonehenge photo and BBC Week in Pictures

Your Stonehenge - 150 years of personal photos runs from 12 December to late August 2020. English Heritage asked people to send in their pictures to mark 100 years of public ownership of the stones. Here's the BBC article

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-wiltshire-50743523>

And here's the usual week in BBC website pictures link <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-50779351> and the "your pictures" link <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-50671245>

An evening with Lolo Williams - Cheltenham Town Hall, Wed 19th Feb, at 7.30

For those of you who are into the BBC's Springwatch/Autumnwatch you will be familiar with naturalist and presenter Lolo Williams who has been studying birds of prey for over 30 years. Well,

guess what? He's coming to Cheltenham Town Hall to give a talk for the Gloucestershire Raptor Monitoring Group in which he will share his knowledge and experience of these majestic birds. Should be an excellent talk. Here's a link.

<https://www.cheltenhamtownhall.org.uk/event/grmg-presents-an-evening-with-iolo-williams-300157/>

That's it. Mike and I wish everyone a merry Christmas and a snappy new year! See you on the 6th Jan in Watermoor (see below for location details)

Cheers

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Parish Hall, Watermoor Location

On-road parking
in Trinity Road

Entrance to
Parish Hall

Parish Hall,
Watermoor
& car park

On-road parking in Watermoor
Rd. Access to Parish Hall via
churchyard

