



Vignettes 24

Hi everyone

Your committee met last night, and, in the wake of the latest guidance from the Government, reluctantly and regrettably decided to cancel the rest of this year's club season. At the moment therefore there will be no more meetings, speakers etc and therefore no AGM, Awards night and Annual Exhibition. However, we are currently looking into carrying on with the annual competition as a remotely judged PDI event (but **not** the Open and Black & White Print comps) and Jamie is speaking to the judge about this possibility including getting the all important feedback. We are not keen on simply a 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc result. Without this assurance the whole annual competition may be cancelled/shelved. One option we are looking at is running the annuals at the beginning of next season, along with the AGM and awards. We may also delay the electronic submission of the annual comp DPI's via drop box which should have been yesterday. **Watch this space for an update.**

Jamie has the results of the Annual Aggregate competition so **watch this space.**

Jamie is thinking about the competition subjects for next year. One may be based on something indoor or in your garden to reflect the (soon to be enforced?) home lockdown. **Watch this space.**

The two remaining speakers we had booked for this season will be rebooked next year and, as a compensation for the force majeure, next season will have more speakers than we normally budget for. Something to look forward to in gloomy times.

Thanks to those who did come last night to talk about their winter images. We fully understand the low turnout. Understandably, it was a shortened evening but also a useful one in bouncing around a few ideas about moving forward. A couple of thoughts came out:

1. Vignettes will continue to keep you up to date, supplemented if necessary by emails from David/Mike. Mike & I will try and make it an informative newsletter but don't be surprised if it's a little less frequent. It just depends if there's enough "copy". I will be able to draw from the excellent "Photography News" (copies of which I bring along monthly).
2. Although unlikely, we will monitor whether to hold summer night(s) like we did last year. I had a thought of a "hands on" drone flying evening with Kate Peake.
3. If you want to communicate with Mike or I, our emails are at the bottom of the bulletin. However, to keep us GDPR compliant, to communicate between each other requires going through David Wallis to agree release of your email address to other members. We can't and won't however put your email info into Vignettes.
4. We might set up a member What's App Group to share info. Thoughts and can someone do this?
5. Our membership is around 35 this year. It has been as high as 55. It would be nice to give some thought, in the face of resistance by the Glos Standard to advertising community groups, to increasing our membership when we met up again, I hope, in September. Friends, family etc - spread the word.

BBC pictures

Some more crackers from the Beeb including from its winter weather competition

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3KbfSbwGwsdOrRTK5H04NxK/pic-of-the-season-winter-2019-20>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-51859177>

The Churn Project race night

Brian Dinnage contacted us to let us know that the Churn Project (www.churnproject.org.uk/) race night raised over £2,000, and he wanted to thank those members of the Club who generously supported the event..

That's it for a sad end to the season. Keep in touch. There's a few "**Watch this spaces**" to fill in at our end!

Cheers

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