

Croydon Camera Club Newsletter – 19 July 2020

Chairman's Viewpoint

I had not intended to write a newsletter this week. The club is reaching the end of our season and I did not think there was much to say. Yet there is, even if this week's report will be slightly shorter than usual.

It would be remiss not to remark on Jack Bates' excellent presentation last Wednesday. He subscribes to the view that the ultimate expression of photography is best demonstrated with prints. Something with which I can concur. Projected images have their place but there is nothing like seeing a photo in tangible form. Prints not being an option at the moment, Jack has been spending a lot of time recently converting the existing talk for digital presentation. We can all be grateful that he did.

During the past season, Jack has shown us work which demonstrates both a different aspect of photography and his own way of looking at the world. Judge pleasers are all very well but judges are not the people for whom we should be primarily shooting. First and foremost, we gain more satisfaction from creating images which we like. If others appreciate them as well, that is a bonus. The apple with the crumble, if you will. It is an artistic freedom which Jack expressed from the very beginning of his talk through to its conclusion. Thank you, Jack, for sharing your vision with us. We have all gained from it.

If anyone else would like to give their own opinion of the talk, there is a thread on our forum to which comments can be added.

<http://forums.croydoncameraclub.org.uk/viewtopic.php?f=2&t=3559>

At the end of the evening, Jack voiced his frustration that we were not able to see his prints. While our club has been able to continue meeting online during the Covid-19 pandemic, we are all looking forward to the day when we will again be able to assemble at the church hall on Wednesday evenings. There is currently no indication of when that might be, but I hope that when we do there will be an opportunity to view the prints Jack has created during 40 years of photography.

There will be no meeting this week. Our final meeting of this season will be the competition with the Malta Institute of Photography on 29 July.

Club Matters

Friendship Image Challenge – 29 July 2020

The grand finale of our season, an international match with the Malta Institute of Professional Photography. An event which is not to be missed.

Mike Farley

Chairman

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