

Croydon Camera Club Newsletter – 11 August 2020

Chairman's Viewpoint

Gosh, what a season that was. If we had known last September what faced us, no one would have believed it. Celebrating our 130th anniversary earlier this year, the past few months have been unprecedented during our club's entire existence. We should, rightly, celebrate what we have achieved courtesy of those who sought alternatives to meeting at Shirley Methodist Church.

We have been fortunate that many of our activities lend themselves to videoconferencing. While we have not been able to hold print competitions nor the annual exhibition, when distance is not an issue there have been other opportunities. Thus for our final event at the end of July we were able to stage the "Friendship Image Challenge" with the Malta Institute of Professional Photography (MIPP). The event went exceptionally well and I particularly enjoyed the interaction between the two judges. More often than not they agreed with each other, but not always. A reminder, if we ever needed it, that not everyone views an image in the same way. Occasionally those differences represented a gulf of opinion.

MIPP came out as winners on the night, but in truth we all won. As the name suggests, it was an amicable contest with the intention to have an enjoyable evening and make new friends. Those objectives were both fully achieved. Each judge awarded up to 10 marks and although no one on either side quite achieved a perfect 20, special mentions go to Jack and Bett who came close and were our top scorers. The full results accompany this newsletter.

MIPP has created a slideshow of all the images and uploaded the recording of the competition. They can be viewed on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h1AP2aRdg7s>

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Club Matters

AGM – 2 September 2020

Our first meeting of the new season when we review the previous year and elect those who will run the club for the following 12 months. Sandra has already sent out the notice of the AGM which includes job descriptions for all the roles. In particular, we are looking for a Programme Secretary and Competition Secretary, both of which are vital to keep the club running. If you wish to volunteer, simply respond to Sandra's e-mail.

In respect of my own role, I clearly stated at last year's AGM that it was my intention to be in place for just one year. I have previously completed a three year stint as Chairman and it is in the long term interests of our club that there is a regular rotation of different people for the main positions. Admittedly my plans did not, indeed could not, take account of Covid-19 but I still wish to step down and am seeking someone to replace me.

As I have frequently remarked, our club can only do as much as our members are willing to do for each other. This is your opportunity to make a valuable contribution by offering to do one of the jobs or be part of Council. Should you like to have more information about any of the positions, let me know and I will be in touch.

Mike Farley

Chairman

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