

Croydon CC Newsletter – 31 December 2020

Chairman's Viewpoint

"That was the year that was, it's over, let it go"

You might recognise the above, a modification of a line in the title song Millicent Martin sang at the start of "That Was The Week That Was", a popular satirical TV show in the 1960s. Most, I imagine, would go considerably further and wish 2020 a hearty good riddance. A new year marks a fresh start and while 2021 will begin much as the old one finished, there is the welcome prospect of a return to normality. It is too soon to know when we will be able to resume meeting at Shirley Methodist Church but we will return there as soon as it is safe and practical.

A benefit of holding online meetings has been the opportunity to have presenters from other parts of the country whom we would not normally see. We have also had competitions with clubs which are located far from our area. Indeed, we can claim to be innovators in that regard by holding contests with two judges providing commentaries and scores. It has proved fascinating; often there is consensus but not always. A reminder, if needed, of how people can perceive the same image quite differently.

We have arranged a rematch with Malta Institute of Professional Photography (MIPP) on 24 February 2021. We shall shortly be asking for your submissions for potential inclusion in our panel of 25 images. As previously, this does not have to be new work and the only eligibility criterion is that the shot was not used for our previous match with MIPP in July. So start looking for your archives. It is an excellent opportunity to show some of your best images again.

For the past two years, Iggy and I have undertaken a weekly photo project which we have both found motivational in maintaining our photographic practice. Especially during a pandemic when it might have been easy to put our cameras aside for a while. We shall each be continuing next year and other members are warmly welcomed to join us in posting our shots on our club's forum.

Following a suggestion made by Ron Barker, we are introducing a "Photo-a-Month" challenge for 2021. A photo a month is just 12 images a year, less than the number required for either of the DPI or Print competitions which makes it an easily attainable incentive for our photography. There will be more information in my next newsletter about a special section on the forum where we can all share our shots. I hope everyone will want to join in.

Finally, our warmest congratulations go to Dave Newman and Kelly who married earlier this month. We wish them every happiness in their lives together.

Club Matters

6 January 2021 – DPI Competition 3rd Round

Our first meeting of 2021 following the Christmas and New Year break when the judge will be Carol White-Griffiths LRPS. **Entries close at midnight on 2 January 2021.**

13 January 2021 – "Underwater Photography" with David Keep

A presentation by David Keep ARPS DPAGB FBPE AFIAP about a genre of photography which few of us will have the opportunity to experience for ourselves.

Links for PhotoEntry and Instructions

<https://compent.photoentry.uk/compent/>

<http://croydoncameraclub.org.uk/WebSiteArchive/PhotoEntryGuidance.pdf>

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