

Croydon Camera Club Newsletter – 5 April 2020

Chairman's Viewpoint

We did it. Last Wednesday our club ran its first ever online meeting when we held the 4th round of the DPI competition. And many of us can say that we were (virtually!) there. While we were not quite the first camera club in the country to have such an event, we are definitely in the vanguard and showing the way to others. There has been some good feedback and the meeting went well overall. Not bad for a first attempt and the experience gained will ensure that future competitions are even better.

Congratulations go to Bett Atherton, Steve Brooker, Keith Ash, Tina Nuthall and Jeff Winchurch who all had entries which scored a perfect 10 marks. Neither should we forget our judge, Rob Bonfield, who did an exceptional job of assessing our images remotely. It is by no means an easy task. In a change to usual practice, we allowed Rob to view the entries ahead of the competition to ensure that he would see them at their best. We did not want to rely on the quality of either a videoconference via the Internet connection or the viewing device, both of which could have been detrimental. When I spoke to him earlier in the day in preparation for the competition, he commented favourably on the good standard of work which had been submitted.

We plan to hold further online meetings and there will be two this week, the details of which are below. Look out for the invitations in your e-mail.

Speaking of e-mails, some people have said that they would like to keep in touch with other members outside of the scheduled meetings. It is possible to do this via the forum (details in the link below) but some have given their permission for their e-mail addresses to be published. Usually, to comply with data protection rules, e-mail communications are blind copied. Recipients see only the sender's e-mail address and their own. Starting today, those who are willing to share their address will be visible as well. If you would like share yours, let me know.

<http://forums.croydoncameraclub.org.uk/viewtopic.php?f=2&t=3435>

Club Matters

Test Session – 6 April 2020

Most people were able to connect to last week's meeting but one or two might have missed out. This is another opportunity to check that everything is working. The event is open to all, so drop in if you want to catch up with other members.

Croydon Camera Club Chillout – 8 April 2020

Now that we have proved the viability of meeting online, we propose to have further weekly meetings and possibly others. This will be an opportunity for members to give their ideas on what sort of events they would like to see. Better still, would anyone like to make a contribution to a meeting, such as talking about an aspect of photography or demonstrating an application? As one example of what can be done, Steve Brooker will give us a presentation about his trip to Finland earlier this year. Steve has put some of his images on Flickr and has produced some excellent work. We are in for a treat.

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