

Croydon CC Newsletter – 28 February 2021

Chairman's Viewpoint

Last Monday's announcement by the government of a roadmap to exit from Covid-19 restrictions marks the first realistic prospect of a return to more normal life. It is dependent on infection and hospitalisation rates falling to anticipated levels but the cautious approach raises hopes that the end date of 21 June is achievable. While it is still too early to make definitive plans, in terms of our club's activities several options could be available to us:

- Resumption of meetings at Shirley Methodist Church from September
- The possibility of holding the last few meetings of this season at the church
- The remaining print competitions of this season will be viable
- Outings

Outings become feasible after the stay at home order ends and we can meet other people outside, although social distancing rules will continue to apply. Initially, there will be a limit of six people in a group which will eventually rise to 30. Such events will be our first opportunity to convene in person before restrictions on indoor gatherings are lifted. We all have favourite locations nearby which we could share with a few friends when the time comes. It would be good to have some outings during the spring and summer.

Last week I wrote about how we view photos subjectively according to our tastes and preferences. It is something of which we are all aware. However, I did not expect the wide variations of the assessments from our two judges in the international match with Malta last week. While there was agreement about many of the images, for others there was significant divergence, surprising even the judges. This was our second contest with the Malta Institute of Professional Photography who just edged us. They are a much larger organisation than us and we can be proud that we kept the scores close.

Finally, a last reminder that entries to the Open PDI competition to be held on 10 April as part of the SLF Finals Day close this Friday, 5 March. Submit your entries via PhotoEntry. Other details as per previous newsletters.

Club Matters

3 March 2021 – “How to cheat at photography” with Steven Galvin LRPS

Steven Galvin will show us how images can be manipulated to improve on the initial capture.

<https://stevengalvin.photography/talks/how-to-cheat-at-photography/>

10 March 2021 – “Image Critique” with John Nathan ARPS

We had hoped to hold a print competition on this evening but the continuing lockdown has prevented that option. Instead, our judge has agreed to provide an image critique of members' DPIs. Submit up to three images for which you would like feedback via PhotoEntry by midnight, 6 March 2021.

Links for PhotoEntry and Instructions

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

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

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