

Photographic Group Chairman report to 2020 AGM

Meets form the mainstay of our activities with the 2019 season proving to be a well-supported series of sites and locations. Club sites in particular proving exceptionally popular. Evening and social events proved equally successful with many offers for talks and workshops that included non-photographic topics of appreciated quality and interest. I feel quite strongly that we must continue to cater for those members in attendances who are not avid photographers.

Organisation of sites, activities and meet programmes places a fairly significant burden on a few willing volunteers. Towards the end of 2019 and early 2020 four key resignations due to a variety of individual reasons have again placed the Group in some jeopardy which is being steadily resolved.

It was necessary to cancel the 2019 Festival three way battle. Rest assured that every effort is being taken to avoid recurrence but we also need to continually monitor how viable these traditional events remain. Some reformatting of the Exhibition is in place for 2020. Both Festival and Exhibition will be promoted as and when possible to do so.

Our financial position remains strong with continuous year by year surplus maintained. Hopefully more can be achieved during immediate future years to subsidise Meet fees from these surplus funds. I shall be encouraging Council to consider options in this respect.

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