

Dear Photographic Group members,

I am writing to give you an update in relation to Photographic Group activities:

Meets and Covid 19

Club HQ elected to cancel all Meets up until the end of April 2020 prior to the government's closure of campsites for an indefinite duration. PG Council also decided to cancel the AGM/Festival Meet at Stafford Boat Club in May as this falls within the 12 week isolation recommended for over 70s and those requiring shielding for medical reasons. The situation remains very uncertain regarding Windermere in June and beyond.

For home photography opportunities during the "lock down" see Annual Exhibition and Circle D below.

Club HQ is closed with a proportion of employees working from home and a proportion on furlough leave arrangements.

I will be making every effort to keep you updated as the crisis progresses. This will need to be done mainly by email (not 100% effective) and I have also added a Covid 19 updates page to www.photogroup.co.uk where any related communications will also be available. Please note that due to the limited membership I will not be updating the Photographic Group Facebook site with this information, but I will post to say the website is updated.

You may also wish to consult the 2021 Meets page where the programme is now published as provisional arrangements. Once these provisional bookings have HQ approval a booking form will be made available. This will be at some point after September 2020.

Council situation update

Club HQ has requested that current Unit Councils continue until AGM's can be rescheduled.

I am pleased to report that the situation is much improved. Bob Knight has been co-opted to undertake the Hon Secretary vacancy with Alan Turner-Smith co-opted as Exhibition Secretary and Stuart Ord co-opted into the team based approach that we are trialling to organise, administer and manage Meets. All co-options have been via valid nomination forms and will be subject to AGM approval.

At present due to length of membership eligibility we are not able to co-opt Assistant Treasurer, Derrick Callow, but this will be done as soon as we can.

All available AGM reports are now posted on the website 2020 AGM page

Annual Exhibition Brailles 27 August to 1 September 2020

I remain very hopeful that this Meet will be possible to hold. Full details and entry forms are available at www.photogroup.co.uk 2020 Competitions page. Why not use the "lock down" period to prepare some entries? Entry is free for 2020.

Circle D

A note from Stuart Ord who runs Circle D:

With time on our hands now, I thought you might like to consider viewing or participating in our online photo discussion group. You can look without registering or logging in. There are several

pieces of help and advice on the page. Once looking at a photo, you can add a comment if you wish. We prefer photographic type comments, but anything constructive is welcome. If you want to post a comment it's easier if you have a Google account and you log in, but if not you can post a comment as "Anonymous", but you'll have to endure completing a Captcha each time if doing this. If you like what you see and would like to join, just send me an e-mail and I'd be happy to include you. stuart@photogroup.co.uk

The blog is at - <https://cccpgcircled.blogspot.com/>

Best wishes to stay safe and remain in good health

John Hartill
Chairman