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Welcome to the eighth edition of the club news. Please email me with details of any information that you would like me to share with our wider club membership at bren.howard1@btinternet.com

The front page of the club website is your gateway to our online activities during the coronavirus pandemic. When you launch the website, you will see panels on the home page for the "raw to result" challenge and other online activities.

As well as all the usual resources and content, the website includes links to:

- this and past newsletters
- the image galleries for the "raw to result" challenge showing the original unprocessed image and the "after" versions developed by members
- detailed commentary provided by the club members who have processed the images
- articles/blogs contributed by club members
- results of the kitchen challenge

Any other future club activities during this period will also be added to the homepage as they come along.

If you have any suggestions for club activities, please feel free to send a message using the "contact us" link at the top of the website page.

TELL US WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE THE CLUB TO BE DOING

Lockdown restrictions have been eased a little, but there is no immediate prospect of us having face-to-face meetings, at least before the planned summer break in our programme. The club committee is meeting by Zoom this evening and will discuss how to sustain club activities. We will keep you informed.

As you know, we have been running initiatives through this newsletter and the club website over the past eight weeks, including the raw to result challenge, sharing members' articles/blogs and the "kitchen" challenge. Whilst there has been some interest, the level of member participation is quite low (measured by visits to the club website and the number of people joining initiatives). The club committee would welcome feedback from you about what you would like from the club during this time. Please feel free to get in touch, either via the website or by emailing me directly at bren.howard1@btinternet.com

MATLOCK CAMERA CLUB

Following last week's generous offer from MCC, five DCPC club members (all committee members, incidentally) joined the Matlock weekly club meeting by zoom last Wednesday evening. We heard a masterclass in the art of printing by MCC's own member, Andy Smith. MCC have certainly mastered the art of Zoom and the session was run very professionally. Meetings are currently open to visitors by request. If you would like to join, simply email them (see message circulated to members last week) and you will be sent a link to their meeting which takes place each Wednesday.

WHAT OTHER MEMBERS ARE DOING

1. **Photo nostalgia**-Tony Barker has found a useful resource and suggested other members might be interested. He has been using https://www.francisfrith.com . If you search on "Derby" you can see 48 old photographs of the city, though of course you could search for whatever topic interests you.
2. **Return of the critique group**-I will lead a zoom critique session tonight with club committee members. This is a trial run to test if we can make it work online. Watch this space! If you would be interested in joining this (subject to tonight's trial going well) then drop me a line: bren.howard1@btinternet.com
3. **Facebook group challenge** Chris Hall has suggested an initiative for us to run via the club's Facebook group. This would be a challenge to share a picture taken 1000 steps from home. For this to succeed, it would be good to have more members joining the club's group. You may remember that the Facebook group is a "closed group" available to paid-up members exclusively. If you would like to join, please send a message via the club's website
4. **Follow photography vlogs on YouTube** there is a wealth of resources available, whatever your particular photographic interest. If you haven't already explored this, why not have a go?

PHOTOGRAPHY NEWS-ISSUE 77

The latest edition has just landed on my doorstep. Any member can request free delivery to their home via hello@bright-publishing.com quoting "PN free offer" plus your name and address. This offer will close on 31st May. The publication is also available on the web at

https://www.photographynews.co.uk

In this edition, they have launched a summer festival with three "tents"-photo kit, camera technique and video technique. During the "festival" which will last three months, there will be fresh articles weekly in each of the tents. Let the festival commence!

MEMBER ARTICLES/ BLOGS

Please email Mike Arblaster at mike.arblaster@virgin.net if you would like to share your photographic pursuits during lockdown with other club members. This could be an ongoing project or something that you have just started during the lockdown period. It would be great to hear how members are pursuing their photographic interests. Past articles can be seen on the club website.

"RAW TO RESULT"

The raw to result challenge is still available on the club website. Any member can volunteer to try their hand at processing the images. Past results are shown in the galleries on the "raw to result" section of the website. There are no new results this week, but you can still join in by emailing bren.howard1@btinternet.com saying which images you would like to process. Thanks to all members who have kindly contributed their images as candidates for processing, and also to those who have volunteered as "guest editors". There is now no limit on the number of images a member can offer to process.

That's all for this week. If you have any suggestions or content to include in future newsletters please feel free to share them with me.

Keep well and safe

Brenda Howard

DCPC committee member