

CLUB NEWS

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Dear DCPC member,

Welcome to the fifth edition of the club news. So far, we have sustained this as a weekly update. To be able to continue doing this, I need fresh material each week and, as mentioned in previous newsletters, I would welcome input from any member who would like to suggest items to include.

Please email me at bren.howard1@btinternet.com

Last Monday, we posted 22 new images for the "Raw to Result" challenge. Unfortunately, this initiative doesn't appear to be appealing to many members. In fact, we only had three "editors" this week. So, we have decided to change tack and declare "open season" on this initiative to try and tempt more members to join in.

As of this evening, all images we have received are on the website, including some more new ones (i.e we are no longer capping the images available to 30 and holding an "image bank" in reserve). The previous limit of three images per member per week is removed, and any member can request the raw file for any of the images. You can choose images from either the before or after galleries. After 3 weeks we will move any images that have been processed from the before to the after gallery, and delete any that have had no edits. We will course also post the "after" results in the gallery. The guidance document on website has been updated to take account of these changes.

Last week, we introduced a "kitchen challenge". Thanks to members who have submitted an entry. Unfortunately, there are not sufficient entries yet to generate a meaningful competition. So, we are extending this for a further week to give other members further opportunity to join in.

In the meantime, keep well and best wishes.

Brenda Howard

"THROUGH THE LENS"

Many thanks to Gillian Foulds for contributing an article this week. You can read it on the club website later today.

Any member can send us a feature to include in future newsletters. Please email Mike Arblaster at mike.arblaster@virgin.net.

RAW TO RESULT-R2R"OPEN SEASON"-EDIT AS MANY IMAGES AS YOU WANT

Visit the club website this evening to see the week 4 results and more new images for you to process

From today, members can volunteer to edit any image on the R2R section of the club website. There are now 26 images in the before gallery and 23 in the after gallery. You can choose to edit any image in either of the galleries. Please feel free to email me directly at bren.howard1@btinternet.com and I will send you the raw file(s).

As in previous weeks, we will continue to publish a summary of how the editors have developed each image, and update the "before" and "after" image galleries on the website each Monday evening.

If you have any feedback or suggestions to improve this initiative please do get in touch.

ONLINE COMPETITION - "KITCHEN" CLOSING DATE EXTENDED!

Thank you to members who have already joined in. We have extended the deadline to Friday 1st May to give more of you extra time to submit your images on the theme of "kitchen". We will post all entries on the club website next week when you will have the chance to vote on your favourites.

If you haven't yet entered, Mike Arblaster is ready to receive your image. You can join in by sending it to him at his usual email address: mike.arblaster@virgin.net

Please submit one image in JPEG format sized at 1400 x 1050 pixels maximum. You can give the image a title but please <u>do not</u> include your name in the file. We will tell you how you can enter your vote in next week's newsletter, as well as publishing on the website all the entries received.

To help you get some inspiration on this topic, you might like to look here:

https://digital-photography-school.com/weekly-photography-challenge-kitchen/

OTHER THINGS TO BE DOING

As the weeks pass, more initiatives seem to be emerging to encourage us to keep up our interest in photography going, even though we are staying home.

Here are some suggestions for the coming week:

REDUCED PRICE AFFINITY SOFTWARE

We have heard via the N&EMPF Facebook page about three "Affinity" half price software offers available until 20th May. We are aware that a number of members at the club already use "Affinity Photo" which is Affinity's photo editing package. Here is the link https://affinity.serif.com/en-gb/

LIGHTROOM QUEEN NEWSLETTER

There is a new newsletter from the Lightroom Queen: register for an account to get access to lots of support material and a regular newsletter and blog (it's free).

Go to www.lightroomqueen.com The latest edition includes features on Lightroom updates and projects; getting old photos into Lightroom, as well as recent blog posts and forum posts

PHOTOGRAPHY NEWS LATEST

Photography News is offering its newsletter free directly to your inbox. Issue 76 includes details of offers from major suppliers during the lockdown and a feature entitled "stay home-do photography" with 11 tips and challenges to keep you busy. They have also launched a Photography News podcast, available free on the photography News website. Go to www.photographynews.co.uk

That's all for this week. Keep well and do get in touch with your suggestions for things we can do as a club during the lockdown.