



The February 2021 bi-monthly competition gallery





Rupert Hitchcox - Frozen Lockdown

Taken during the recent snow storm of Jan 24th 2021 in Queens Park, NW10 London, with streets already in lockdown, this added another level to an already deserted street.





Simon Maddison - Displaced Drinker

I continue to document my little market town of Hitchin during lockdown and the Covid crisis. This morning town rangers were making benches in the town square out of bounds to people who had bought takeaway drinks.



Donald Simpson - Pardon my pants

I was driving through an area where many people were living in their cars when I saw this rather amusing scene.



Peter Knight - Last Day Of Dishy Rishi

31st August 2020 was the last day of the 'Dishy Rishi' Meal Deal brought in by the Government to help out pubs, restaurants and cafes following the first Covid-19 lockdown. A busy Bank Holiday in Blackpool and I went to nearby Blackpool to get some images which would sum up the day. This chap was at Roberts Oyster Bar taking full advantage of the deal. All this shellfish for £10, 'What's not to like?' he said!

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Alan Horn - Defenceless

Part of the failed sea defences at Happisburgh, Norfolk. The village is at a severe level of threat from erosion with over 30 homes lost since 2013. Over the last 50 years, the neglected sea defences have had a major impact and there is no hope of any solution for those whose homes are at risk.



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Candia Peterson - Cash for Gold

I am currently working on a project for a possible A panel. This involves pre-dawn shots of my home town in Upstate New York demonstrating a village once prosperous now in decline. This shot is one I like but it hasn't made the cut for the panel as the sky is too black (most of the rest are blue hour) and the driving rain doesn't quite fit the grid. It may become a spare.



Daniel Simon - Aground

This image is part of a long running project documenting the length of the E11 road which runs the full 650km length of the United Arab Emirates. In January 2021, during a period of heavy weather, the MT Iba, a 5,000t tanker, washed ashore in the emirate of Umm Al Quwain. It remained 100 metres off the public beach for several weeks after it was discovered that the owners had gone bankrupt and the crew had been at sea for more than 3 years without being paid. In the few weeks between its grounding and the ownership problems being cleared up, the ship became a focus for local sightseers.

Winner



Philip Joyce - Park Life

Shielding since March 2020 has effectively suspended my usual photography, but daily exercise has offered a few photographic opportunities to document life in the local area.





Ann Chown - The first Covid vaccination

A pop up Covid 19 vaccination centre opened in my village of Ticehurst in the middle of January. It was set up and is run by our local pharmacist, Hardik Desai aided by a large group of volunteers from Ticehurst Community Friends. In this picture, Hardik is vaccinating the first person to come to the centre. Since then, the centre has received a lot of notoriety including articles in The Times, The Daily Telegraph, Sky News and Boris Johnson naming Hardik and the vaccination centre in Ticehurst in one of his briefings.



Lorraine Poole - We are not amused

I went a stroll down Bournemouth Pier, with my Mum, in September 2020. It was a nice opportunity to get out and get some 'exercise'. And also to take my camera out for a change. At the end of the Pier is a small selection of 'amusements' including this children's roundabout. But what a sad sight! No children, no visitors, no-one except the lonely ticket booth worker and a solitary chap having a sit down. Normally there would still be tourists and families about, as well as 'thrill seeking' locals; laughter, fun, music and merriment. I only wish my image had sound as you would have heard the shriek of a passing seagull and nothing else but the sea water lapping against the Pier. I felt the need to capture this unusual image, yet sadly, a sign of the times.