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To: All EAF Photographic Club and Society Secretaries

2021 ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF PRINTS AND PROJECTED IMAGES

Those of you that have read my report for the forthcoming Annual General Meeting, will not be surprised to receive this letter.

When I wrote to you at the end of November last year, we had hoped our 2021 Exhibition could still take place at the usual time, but with only PDI's being judged by a small team.

With what is considered to be Robert Burns birthday just a few days ago, it seems apt to quote his immortal words "the best laid schemes of Mice and Men Gang aft agley"

Sadly with the prospects of COVID 19 lockdown continuing for the foreseeable future until the vaccinations have been fully rolled out, we have had to come to the decision that it will not be possible to hold an Exhibition at our usual time in May, yet again this year.

However, if at all possible, we have agreed to make every endeavour to hold an Exhibition at Wingfield Barns, during the period 14th – 30th August - which includes the Bank Holiday weekend too. On this occasion however, we will be using the Prints and PDI's scoring 12 and above, from the 2020 Championships.

Using the Championship images will mean that they have already been judged, so avoiding any further uncertainties with social distancing and restrictions on judging dates etc. We already have the PDI's and the later display date will also allow prints to be collected in closer to the time avoiding as much social contact as possible for the Exhibition Team, until the Exhibition is set up on Friday 13th August.

As I will still have certain work to do before the Exhibition opening, I am aiming for the Prints concerned to be sent direct to myself between 18th and 23rd July. It's a tight timescale, as I need to fit this in between personal commitments that I hope will be possible at that time this year.

We are likely to be using some alternative display areas at Wingfield as they also host an annual International Small Print Competition at the Barns for six weeks from the middle of July and throughout August, with work Exhibited from over 500 entrants, so there should be plenty to look at for all visitors.

Of course, we still cannot be sure that an August Exhibition will be possible – but we are all looking longingly at the light at the end of the tunnel. It may still be dim at the moment – but there is at least hope once more as the vaccination rolls out.

If the August date should prove impossible, then we will very sadly have to cancel the Exhibition yet again this year, as to push the display any later into the year will restrict myself and indeed the extremely supportive and essential Sub Committee team, from taking very much needed

holidays once our freedom has been restored. We will need to make the final decision by the end of June at the latest.

Over the next few weeks I will be contacting the Clubs concerned with a list of the Prints that scored 12 and over – asking for your support in our attempt to put this Exhibition in place to showcase Federation Members' work and in order to do so, providing us with the requested work by the deadline date please.

Also attached is a revised Poster that I appreciate you will be unable to display on your Club Notice board as we are unable to meet in person, but please forward it to your Members so they can note the dates and hopefully look forward to day out in the wonderful Suffolk countryside that surrounds Wingfield.

I very much hope to see you at Wingfield Barns in August

Naomi Saul
(EAF Exhibition Secretary)