



## **Newsletter 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021**

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Dear members

I'd like to wish you all a Happy New Year, and I sincerely hope 2021 provides us with a more positive outlook than we have enjoyed for the last 12 months. At the moment, however, I can offer only a further dose of gloom – not entirely unexpected – until we see more of the 'light at the end of the tunnel' which Boris has promised us is there:

### **73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Exhibition: 26<sup>th</sup> January – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

As a result of the latest (30<sup>th</sup> December) Government briefing, putting our area into Tier 4 for the foreseeable future, it looks **highly unlikely** that our Annual Exhibition will go ahead. Discussions will be held with the Council as early as possible after 4<sup>th</sup> January, when a decision will be taken and members advised, but please be prepared for cancellation.

### **Exhibition at The Station, Richmond: 9<sup>th</sup> Coastal Cornucopia 20<sup>th</sup> March – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Although we continue with our plans to hold our regular 4-week exhibition at The Station, Richmond, in 2021, and The Station is still expecting us, this exhibition is also beginning to look doubtful as North Yorkshire has been moved into Tier 3. As things stand, the dates below are still in the diary:

Closing date for entries:	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
Take-in day:	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
Exhibition open:	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> March – Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
Take-down and collection:	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Please note, however: No entry forms will be issued until the beginning of February** and no entry fees will be required from members until we know we can proceed.

### **Other information**

Regular club activities, including the next Golden Lion changeover scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> February, are suspended for the foreseeable future.

### **A sad note:**

It is with sadness that I report the death, shortly before Christmas, of David Wiles, husband of our President, Margaret. Although David had been ill for some time, he died after contracting Covid 19 in his care home. His funeral will be held at 1.00pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Hartlepool Crematorium. Anyone wishing to pay respects and to support Margaret, can meet outside the crematorium.

In spite of all the above, I wish every one of you the very best for 2021.

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