



Newsletter 1st 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:

73rd Annual Exhibition: 26th January – 13th March 2021

As a result of the latest (30th 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 4th January, when a decision will be taken and members advised, but please be prepared for cancellation.

Exhibition at The Station, Richmond: 9th Coastal Cornucopia 20th March – 15th 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 th February 2021
Take-in day:	Friday 19 th March 2021
Exhibition open:	Saturday 20 th March – Wednesday 14 th April 2021
Take-down and collection:	Thursday 15 th 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 3rd 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 8th 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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