

‘DPG – Viewing Platform’

A strange name? Maybe. Following the cancellation of all U3A group meetings in 2020, due to the Covid epidemic, we decided that with a bit of ingenuity we might be able to create a ‘virtual’ alternative in place of our monthly meetings.

Not the real thing obviously, and missing the one big plus of any of our meetings, the camaraderie, but we felt we might be able to replicate most of the meetings’ other content, so we conceived the idea of a ‘Viewing Platform’.

It has since evolved to become an integral part of our group. Its first objective was to replace the first half of our meetings, the showing of members’ pics on a pre-agreed subject. It now reflects, rather than replaces that first half and valuably, enables members who can’t attend a particular meeting, still to contribute by having their pics included on the VP.

Each member is asked to nominate their favourite from their own pics each month and all these are displayed on the HKVH site. They are also distributed to the editors of the NNU3a newsletter and Rose Villa publications for them to select which ones they want to include in their monthly publications. – full details can be found in our ‘Press Coverage Policy’ document on the LIBRARY page of the VP.

So, to the factual stuff:

The address is www.dpg-vp.weebly.com and currently consists of these pages:

HOME – a simple intro to the platform and this month’s subject.

THIS MONTH – is where each member’s pics are displayed in gallery format.

NEXT MONTH – defining next month’s subject and details of the next meeting with content.

RANDOMS – members can add 2 pics or a video, on any subject of their own choice.

MEMBERS – latest updates, news and other content of interest to members.

LIBRARY - The Library has two objectives - to refresh and to learn new skills with links and references to previous demos and tuition sessions.

CONTACTS & LINKS – who we are, together with links to useful info, people and our programme.

The VP is updated after every meeting and each page is open to everyone. You don’t have to be a member of NNU3a, or the DGP. And everyone can add comments and ask questions on the VP, both generally, and specifically to individual members about any of their pics.

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