

WHAT THE CAMERA DID NOT WANTTO BE IDLE

Looking in my diary I had planned to travel to Switzerland in the first week of December 2020. Of course my camera would have been top of my packing list for this or any other trip.

Travel destinations have now just become a wish list and UK movement restricted to essential travel. Would my camera start gathering dust, something I would never want to see?



On a personal level, one thing I learnt during “Lockdown 1” was the fact that I did not take enough exercise. Something I am now trying to remedy. Then the idea came to me.....why not take my camera on every walk and photograph the obvious, the everyday and to me as a driver the unseen.

As a driver, I miss much of the local landscape and detail with my eyes firmly fixed on the road, and if you do spot something of interest there is usually a parking problem.

My first walk of re-discovery was Stanstead Abbots on a very misty Thursday morning. Maybe not always good for photography, but can be very atmospheric.

It was a wonderful experience, having the time to read notices, admire buildings, examine memorials, look with envy at immaculate gardens and of course take a few photographs.

I hope to learn a lot more about the surrounding villages whilst enjoying my walks over the next few weeks and hopefully stop the dust gathering on my camera.

Also recommended is finding a walking companion (allowed under “Lockdown 2”), who enjoys a slow walk and has patience with an amateur photographer constantly looking for the best angle.



So hopefully my camera will once again be active as I embark on a new project in these uncertain times.

With so many plans under constant change I would like to finish with a quote from Marge Champion, (Hollywood and Broadway Dancer), who lived to the grand age of 101.

“I could celebrate every decade for what it gave me, not for what it takes away. When one door closes, if you don’t get upset about it, you’ll find a better one opens.”

Keep opening those doors, the rooms are rarely empty.

Martin Mulcahy