

Changes to the DPG Viewing Platform

Following recent discussions, and the conclusion that we're probably going to have to endure this wretched Covid situation for a few more months yet, we have decided to add the opportunity for visitors to the VP to include their own comments to other members contributions, in order to facilitate more involvement with the site and in turn promote positive discussion between members.

Till now, members' contributions of up to six pics are placed on the **'This Month'** page, introduced by their own comments. That will continue, but now there will be an **'Add a Comment'** box underneath each member's contribution which is open to ANYONE.

Anyone will be able to ask questions of the member contributor in the 'Comment' box - for example, 'How did you get that colour?' which can then be answered by that member by adding their own reply as a 'Comment'. In this way all will be able to see the dialogue.

Obviously, there are restrictions on how this can work, particularly as the VP is a 'freebie' site.

The parameters will be:

Comments can be added by ANYONE, not just members.

Anyone wishing to comment has to leave their name and e-mail address. Their name will appear in the 'Comment Box' when their comment is posted but their e-mail address will not appear, but it will be available to the administrator.

Comments cannot be 'filtered' before they are added. That would mean they would be delayed, which wouldn't be good, but . . .

The administrator does have the ability to delete individual comments, and . . .

The administrator can reply individually and privately by e-mail to any person who has added a comment.

We don't expect anyone to abuse this accessibility but those safeguards are there if needed. What we do hope is that with use, more members will feel free to add positive comments and questions to each other which will ultimately help persuade more members to participate in the VP.

This will be administered by Tim Folkes and any comments, good or bad, can be sent direct to him at dpg@timfolkes.com for our consideration. All will be welcomed.

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