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Club News

Hi everyone. Hope you are all well. My eBay escapades last week triggered an amusing response from Shaun:

Hi Martyn, Interesting piece about you selling some photography equipment to Luxembourg. I had a wry smile. Good luck. Similarly, I purchased a pair of Sketchers trainers from Amazon (Germany) and they arrived in the wrong size, even though the box clearly stated UK size, they sent the US size (to the UK?), I returned them via Amazon free returns at the post office and Amazon sent me another pair of again the wrong size which I returned again. I then found the same trainers in the UK and purchased these (at the correct UK size). A few weeks later the trainers I had returned both came back to me via HMRC with insufficient paperwork to return to the EU (Amazons job, not mine)!

However Amazon had already issued me the refund on receipt of postage from the Post Office! I therefore ended up with 3 x Pairs of the same trainers! The ones from Germany fitted ok but were 1 x size to big, but a little tighter pull on the laces and they were fine all (especially as they were free) and all for the price of 1 x Pair, At least I won't have to buy new Trainers for a while! 😊

I did ask Shaun whether he wanted to sell the 'spares' but he's decided to keep them so I guess he's got so many now that they might see him out!! As for my scanner's intrepid journey to Luxembourg - all quiet on the western front at the moment! So far so good.

Pre-Season Get Together

Jill has organised a preseason pub get together. Here's some details from Jill:

*Hi everyone. Hopefully everyone has had a good summer break since we last met up in May, with plenty of great photo opportunities. Before we all meet for the first club night on September 5th, we thought it would be nice to have a social get together for a drink at the **Golden Cross, Black Jack Street, Cirencester from 7.30pm on Thurs 1st September.** As there is usually a lot to get through on the first night back, this is a great chance for a chat, a catch up, and hopefully to meet any of our potential new members who are also very welcome to join us....look forward to seeing you there.*

Any questions please email jillbewley@hotmail.com.

Bits and Bobs

Rebecca Vassie Memorial Award 2022

The Rebecca Vassie Trust is a charitable organisation supporting the art of long-form narrative photography, and promoting education in and through photography for emerging professionals, young people and the broader public. The Trust was set up following the tragic death of the British photographer and photojournalist Rebecca Vassie, aged 30, while on assignment in Uganda in 2015.

The Trust is inspired by the drive Rebecca had to capture under-represented human stories and her struggle to get the work she saw as important into the public arena. Rebecca was also an advocate for equality and diversity in the arts.

Through the annual Rebecca Vassie Memorial Award a new photo essay is funded every year. Projects have explored an Islamic minority in Israel, social deprivation in Glasgow, the role of therapy in post-genocide Rwanda, a fresh light on Britain's oldest generation, and refugees finding home in Northern England.

This year Jamie Sinclair has been awarded the fifth Rebecca Vassie Memorial Award for his proposal 'Hjem (home)'. The £2,000 bursary is supporting Sinclair as he returns to his hometown of Ashington, Northumberland, where a significant number of refugees are being housed. In his proposal, Sinclair said he wanted to *"intimately narrate the experience of asylum seekers and refugees being settled into northern working class towns, working with both residents and refugees"*.

Here's the website with some more info:

<https://rebeccavassietrust.org/2022/08/01/jamie-sinclair-wins-rebecca-vassie-memorial-award-2022/>

Commonwealth games images

The Commonwealth games certainly created quite a few photographic opportunities the result of which have started to appear on line. The Guardian's Tom Jenkins picks his favourites below whilst Canon ran a 'Between The Lines' student photography competition which is also detailed below. Some great images.

<https://www.theguardian.com/sport/2022/aug/09/commonwealth-games-2022-birminghams-best-pictures>

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/news/mighty-mouse-tiny-thai-boxer-shot-wins-commonwealth-games-photo-contest>

<https://www.canon.co.uk/get-involved/competition/between-the-lines/>

Great Pubs of England

No, I haven't succumbed but what a great way to combine drinking and photography! A new photo book celebrating 33 of England's best pubs is to be published in October. Put together by acclaimed photographer Horst A. Friedrichs and journalist Stuart Husband, the book explored England's illustrious pub culture, seeking out the country's most distinctive drinking houses. Let us know if you've been to any - maybe a location for the next club social night out!! Here's link:

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/uk/news/englands-best-boozers-are-documented-in-new-book-great-pubs-of-england>

Sudeley Castle Christmas Spectacle of Light

Just hot off the press (not to mention a bit depressing to announce!) is this year's Sudeley Castle Christmas 'Spectacle of Light' dates and early bird discounts. Always a great event. Just remember to bring your own hot chocolate to avoid the pop up cafe queue's. Here's a link:

<https://www.everymantheatre.org.uk/shows/spectacle-of-light-sudeley-castle/>

Fancy a history lesson? Read on.....

Every year, on 19 August, we (apparently!) observe World Photography Day – a globally recognized celebration of the photograph and its history. What actually is World Photography Day, though, and why is does it take place on this particular date?

This is the date that recognizes the invention of the Daguerrotype, a process that was devised by the French artist and photographer, Louis-Jacques-Mandé Daguerre in 1837. His idea was then effectively sold to the French Academy of Sciences, which subsequently gifted the process to the world on 19 August 1839.

Here's an interesting article for the Christmas Quiz - or have we already had that question?!

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/uk/news/happy-world-photography-day-heres-how-it-all-started-in-1839>

And another.....

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/uk/features/the-history-of-photography-dates-back-to-400bc>

Drone photography from the top of Everest

Here's some absolutely stunning Drone photography recently released taken from the top of Everest. At the summit the air pressure is one-third that at sea level, meaning much lower levels of lift. Nevertheless, the DJI Mavic 3 was not only able to take off and circle the summit but take amazing panoramic shots of the surrounding mountain ranges too. Better get your mountaineering kit on Mike!! Check out the film here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zz9oI3B6v4c>

Photography Competitions

[Pink Lady Food Photographer of the Year 2023 entries have just opened.](#)

It doesn't seem a year since the 2022 competition was launched! Now in its 12th year, the internationally renowned competition shares important food stories from around the world documenting where it comes from, how it's enjoyed, who harvests and cooks it, and, how the cost of living crisis affects people's ability to eat. Check out the website

<https://www.pinkladyfoodphotographeroftheyear.com/>

BBC Pictures

Another interesting selection from the BBC's news website.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-62588364>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-merseyside-62591866>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-62543050>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-62625789>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-tyne-62505144>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-62649297>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-bristol-62590484>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-62576426>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-62547567>

Next Season's Club Competitions 2022 - 2023 - DPIs and Prints

	Competition Set & Open	Submission date	Judging night
A	Abstract + Open	03/10/22	31/10/22
B	Reflections + Open	31/10/22	05/12/22
C	Urban / Street photography + Open	05/12/22	16/01/23
D	Fog / steam / mist / smoke + Open	16/01/23	20/02/23
E	Multiple exposures + Open	27/02/23	27/03/23
Annual	2021-22 Annual competition	03/04/23	08/05/23

The Dropbox link is featured on every Comp submission page, along with a News item - here is the link.

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/DpAdq7inLJSz17gWu2Bg>

Quote Of the Week

A thing that you see in my pictures is that I was not afraid to fall in love with these people - Annie Leibovitz

That's it for this week. Catch up next week.

Cheers and stay safe

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