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Club News

Hi everyone. Hope you are all well. I hope this Thursday's impromptu get together at the **Golden Cross, Black Jack Street, Cirencester from 7.30pm** attracts a good turnout in advance of our first meeting of the new season on Monday 5th. I'm sure there's plenty of camera stuff to natter about. Here's a reminder of the note 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.

The recent eBay Scanner and Amazon trainers stories have gathered pace. Here's Paul with a new twist:

Hi Martyn, Amused by Shaun's tribulations with his attempted trainers return. I have a more bizarre episode which my son Sam encountered whilst he was staying with us over lockdown. I'll try to keep it short but there's many more bits of amusing detail I could proffer.

Sam had a road bike from a Dutch firm Van Nicholas. Titanium frame, guaranteed with a lifetime warranty. Yours truly discovered a crack on the bottom bracket when helping him clean it. Eventually they agreed to replace if he sent them the original. After lots of email correspondence over many months, a new one arrived less some new forks. Further emails and a further parcel arrived, unpacked by me - wow another frame! Lots more emails, but Van Nicholas can't organise any UK couriers to collect, nobody wants the red tape hassle through customs post Brexit.

So if anyone wants a brand new titanium frame, large (he's 6'2") I'm glad to receive offers. What I'm leaving to the end is that it costs £1500 new, Van Nicholas must have deep pockets. It's a mad, mad world we live in. Cheers Paul

Thanks Paul and there's a offer you can't refuse. Still no word on whether my Scanner has arrived in Luxembourg. Keep watching.....

legendary Vietnam war photographer Tim Page dies aged 78

We've reported on the passing of a few well-known photographers recently and Tim Page was certainly up there. He was best known for his work chronicling the Vietnam War and was the inspiration behind the photographer character in the film Apocalypse Now, played by Dennis Hopper. Here's a full-on interview which cures to the chase on his colourful life. Definitely a breed apart:

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/news/tim-page-1944-2022-legendary-vietnam-war-photographer-dies-aged-78>

How to photograph the Milky Way

In the northern hemisphere, the 'season' for best photographing the Milky Way is in the summer months between March and September. You need to shoot at New Moon - so there is no moonlight to interfere in the light display and also on a cloud-free night. The next new moon is 25th Sept. There's also one on the 25th Oct. Here's an article on what you need to do, kit to take etc:

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/tutorials/how-to-photograph-the-Milky-Way>

Apollo Remastered: One man's mission to show us the Moon

I ran an article last year about this emerging work by Andy Saunders which, at the time, was still being planned. Only a few enhanced shots of Neil Armstrong to entice us as to what was to come. With the advancement of anti noise software it's amazing what can be achieved so if you are into space travel, this might be for you.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-62662685>

BBC Pictures

Another interesting selection from the BBC's news website.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-62662857>

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

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-62686075>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-62631553>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-62672601>

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

'I go and get the camera and do it. Photography is a medium in which if you don't do it then, very often you don't do it at all, because it doesn't happen twice' ¹⁹¹⁷~~1918~~ Paul Strand

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

Cheers and stay safe

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