



Vignettes 181

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Club News

Hi everyone. Hope you are all well. First and foremost a big thanks to Liz and her team for putting on a truly great wedding night on Monday. Whilst as I write this, I'm still positive 12 days after getting Coronation Covid, by all accounts and from the WhatsApp grapevine, it was a very fine night indeed. Just so sorry I couldn't make it. Liz certainly put more than expected into the evening and I recall what's seems like ages ago my tentative email to Liz back in June 2022:

.....However, one subject we've never had a talk on before is Wedding Photography. So, I just wonder if you would like to put together a talk on the subject. As most of us would run a mile from being an official wedding photographer, perhaps you could come from the angle of being a guest and how to take good cameo images at a wedding or indeed a garden party, family gathering etc. I think it's a good topic with camera settings, lighting, flash(?) composition to think of and of course you could cover the 'official' angle as well.....

Quick as a flash Liz replied

.....In principle, I'm happy to do it but there is a lot to cover and I'll need to think carefully about how to approach it. Quite handy there's a church next door, maybe I could find a 'bride and groom'?? My head is already spinning with ideas!....

Spinning with ideas, Liz's head certainly was!!! I was thinking - we would be happy with a talk for half the evening with a general discussion for the second half. How wrong I was. What a great way to end the club season. Don't go anywhere Liz, we'll give you a year's notice to come up with the next instalment.....I think we've ruled out the honeymoon!

Wedding Follow Up from Liz

I would like to say a massive thank you to all the members who took part in the wedding workshop.

From the comments I received, I believe it was hugely enjoyed by the photographers and I know for certain that the wedding party had a ball!

Mike asked for details of suppliers but the truth is there were no suppliers as such. The bride's dress came from the Cancer Research shop in town, on loan as a special favour, the wedding cake was made by myself and the bouquet, button holes etc were made by the bride, Tracie, using amongst other things foliage gathered from the hedgerows. The wedding party used their own best bib and tucker and the vicar's collar was created by me using an old birthday card!

It was very much a DIY event with everyone being very generous with their time, effort and enthusiasm.

When I messaged the bride about her work as a florist this was her response which she wanted you all to read.

" I have been a florist all my life, as my mother was too. It was a pleasure to make all the lovely flowers for the shoot, as I do miss it.

My contract as a florist was terminated as I couldn't work due to the side effects of my treatment for breast cancer.

As a result of the breast cancer, I had a full mastectomy and complications from the treatment. Doing this photo shoot was a massive confidence boost, yeah, a huge, big thing for me to have got up in front of you all. Thank you for making me look at the old me in your fab pics x".

I think you'll agree after reading that, that portraiture can have a wonderful, positive effect on self-esteem and confidence. I have come across this kind of emotional response to 'people photography' before. If it is handled sensitively and with kindness, it can be incredibly rewarding.

Please look through your images with all this in mind. Tracie has seen a few images already from Gary and is really looking forward to seeing lots more images from you all. Thank you so much again. I was blown away by all your lovely comments about the evening.

Best wishes, Liz






Even a couple of passers-by were impressed:

“Oooh look there’s a wedding. It must be someone really important to have all those photographers”!

From Mike - a few people asked me about the device I was using with my phone on the wedding night so I thought it would be worth adding to Vignettes. Thanks to Gary Gleghorn who recommended it to me. Here’s a link and I’m sure there may be others:

[Smartphone Hand Grip Holder...](#)



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Next Week - AGM

It's the end of another season next Monday (How time flies) with an action-packed AGM and awards night filled with fun and frivolity. Well that's the plan anyway. The evening's programme is set out in V179 and don't forget that it's another 7.00 start as we've got a lot to get through and a few announcements.

Mike has sent out, under a separate email, the AGM agenda and reports from all the Committee members. These are going to be taken 'as read' on the night to speed things along so do take the time to read them. I know the Committee would appreciate that hugely. However we will cover the key points and of course there will be the opportunity to ask questions.

'Social Sec' Jill has put together informal summer meet up programme for those of you who are around. We will stick to the Monday night format but it'll either be in a pub or around and about. Not as frequent as our regular club nights but more about socialising and swapping ideas. Here's Jill:

CCC Summer Meetings

Hi everyone. It's a long time between the AGM, and the start of the 2023/4 season – some may say that's a good thing! But for those who would like to keep in touch with other members and maybe share ideas / techniques / creative thoughts about photography, we are proposing some informal get togethers, still on a Monday evening, but at slightly altered times.

It makes sense to have a theme for each of the meetups, and as the following are only suggestions, i.e. not set in stone - we would be delighted if anyone has any other cracking ideas, and would like to help organise one of the sessions! I would be really grateful for some help with this as I may not be around for every Monday meeting. The thinking is that these evenings don't cost anything (or very little), are fairly local to Cirencester where possible, and will each have a 'mentor' who will help any members with advice on that 'subject'. These thoughts are not cast in stone but are designed to flesh out ideas and give a framework timeline we can work to. Here goes!

05 June Pub – Greyhound, Siddington 7pm. General swop ideas night.

- *19 June - Waterskiing - 4 Lakes, near Ashton Keynes 5.30pm – 7pm.*
- *03 July - Macro flowers - Clattinger Farm Meadow, near Somerford Keynes 6.30pm.*
- *17 July - Architecture / Water / Industrial Heritage TBD, Gloucester Docks.*
- *31 July - ICM TBC - (led by Neil George from Highworth Camera Club) Location TBC.*
- *14 Aug - Long Exposure TBC - Traffic trails ?*
- *28 Aug - Pub? - (Bank Holiday Monday).*

Finally, Jill is going to announce the Summer Cup topics which we will put into a future Vignettes with a reminder of the rules, judging etc.

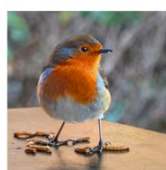
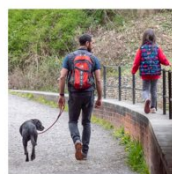
Next Season's Vignettes

Although I'll be retired as Prog Sec from the end of this season, I'll still be running Vignettes as our regular club bulletin to complement the website, WhatsApp group and the new club forum which Mike is working on. The first Vignettes came out on the 10th Oct 2019, if my records are correct and we've developed a style over the subsequent 4 years, thanks greatly to Mike's formatting prowess.

Perhaps it's time for a change so, over the summer I'll be thinking about a 'new look' Vignettes format all still with the same info but perhaps a different layout and some new regular slots. One thought I've had is to have a 'guest contributor' each week - a member article about perhaps a burning issue, something they want to get off their chest, an anecdote or just some incredibly exciting news. You know, like a new camera bag purchase!!

Big News - John Crew LRPS

After suffering a torrid time at the hands of an inconsistent RPS judging regime, we are absolutely delighted to announce that the ever-cheery John Crew has been awarded the Licentiate distinction by the RPS. Well done John for persevering and much deserved. Here's John's distinction Panel:



Cobalt Capture a Moment Photography Competition

We've heard from Cobalt Health on their regular photography competition which has come around again:

We have been delighted so far with the success of our charity photography competition so far and I wanted to contact you to see if this would be of any interest to your members. Thanks to amazing sponsors we have some fantastic prizes up for grabs including Royal Photographic Society membership, a £300 Wex Video voucher, a portfolio review with acclaimed photographer Charlie Waite, photography workshops, magazine subscriptions and more.

Twelve winning images will be published in Cobalt's 2024 calendar and an exhibition will be held in the autumn to showcase the winners and the judges' shortlist. What's more, proceeds are supporting a specialist cancer nurse for teenagers and young adults in Gloucestershire.

Entrants may submit as many images as they like for just £2 per image. There are no themes this year, simply send us your best photos! Under-16's have their own enter button and some fab prizes.

Please look out for instances of us tagging you on social media. We'd be very grateful if you are able to share news of the competition with your own social media followers. I have attached a creative asset you might like to use. Here is the link to our web page with more information about the competition.

<https://www.cobalthhealth.co.uk/support-us/cobalts-capture-a-moment-photography-competition/>

Every penny the competition raises will go towards the funding of Cobalt's Teenage and Young Adults with Cancer Specialist Nurse. We are so very grateful for your support and look forward to seeing your entries.

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PAGB Newsletter

The latest issues just in from Paul Jones

<https://www.pagbnews.co.uk/sites/default/files/newsletters/en332extra%2015%20May%202023.pdf>

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BBC Pictures

Another selection of images and related stories from the BBC's website:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-65584321>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-65588525>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-south-scotland-65596103>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-65573597>

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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-norfolk-65546515>

Quote Of the Week

To me, photography is an art of observation. It's about finding something interesting in an ordinary place - Elliott Erwitt

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

Cheers and stay safe

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