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Club News

Hi everyone. Hope you are all well. First of all well done to all our Annual Competition winners. "Cropper" Brian Swinyard brought his own unique style and conscientious feedback - exemplified by a very helpful written critique for each picture entered. I don't recall that we've had such excellent feedback before from a judge. Here's the results.

Annual Competitions - Results

Pitchers Trophy - Iconic Cotswold Location - AWARDS		
Title	Judge's score	Photographer
Snow on the Row	COMMENDED	Mike Cheeseman
Cirencester Park	COMMENDED	David Wallis
St Martins Eastleach	HIGHLY COMMENDED	John Crew
Arlington Row	THIRD PLACE	Chris Donohoe
Broadway Tower	SECOND PLACE	Sue Gunnee
Night Light	FIRST PLACE	John Smith

Dennis Moss Trophy - Open - AWARDS		
Title	Judge's score	Photographer
Common Blue on Lavender	COMMENDED	David Cahill
Sunset sail	COMMENDED	Martyn Smith
Woodland Run	COMMENDED	John Crew
Purple Haze	HIGHLY COMMENDED	John Smith
Pears	HIGHLY COMMENDED	Mike Cheeseman
Seeking the Light	THIRD PLACE	Paul Jones
Blue Eyes	SECOND PLACE	Jill Bewley
Banana Splash	FIRST PLACE	John Spreadbury

Leonard Jones - Open - AWARDS

Title	Judge's score	Photographer
Ice Crystals	COMMENDED	Alun Thomas
Water Tower	COMMENDED	Chris Donohoe
The Three Amigos	HIGHLY COMMENDED	John Smith
Party Time	HIGHLY COMMENDED	Jill Bewley
Spirit of Capitalism	THIRD PLACE	Mike Cheeseman
Ghostly Express	SECOND PLACE	David Wallis
Thai Red Backed Sea Eagle	FIRST PLACE	Martyn Smith

Cavendish - Monochrome - AWARDS

Title	Judge's score	Photographer
Locked Down	COMMENDED	Martyn Smith
Bringing Up Baby	COMMENDED	David Cahill
Looking Out to Sea	HIGHLY COMMENDED	Jill Bewley
Beached & Forgotten	HIGHLY COMMENDED	Steve Knight
Gloucester Cathedral Cloister	THIRD PLACE	Alistair Gorthy
Frozen	SECOND PLACE	John Crew
Moving Music	FIRST PLACE	Mike Cheeseman

Miles Shield - Club outing - AWARDS

Title	Judge's score	Photographer
Waterpark Sunset	COMMENDED	Patrick Barker
Four Pillars Hotel	HIGHLY COMMENDED	David Wallis
Reed Pattern	THIRD PLACE	Alun Thomas
Reed Silhouettes	SECOND PLACE	Val Thomas
Water Park Sunset	FIRST PLACE	Paul Jones

Gladiator - Aviation - AWARDS		
Title	Judge's score	Photographer
Jumbos Graveyard	COMMENDED	Chris Donohoe
RAF WW2 Planes	HIGHLY COMMENDED	John Spreadbury
Moon Adventure	THIRD PLACE	Jamie Stenson
RAF Dakota DC III	SECOND PLACE	Steve Knight
Once Upon a Wing	FIRST PLACE	Patrick Barker

Pitchers Cup - New members - AWARDS		
Title	Judge's score	Photographer
Poppy at Sunrise	THIRD PLACE	Jill Bewley
Chengdu Actress	SECOND PLACE	Alistair Gorthy
Warthog and Friends	FIRST PLACE	Ruth Herbert

The results continue to show the Club's welcome breadth of competence with 19 winners picking up 41 awards over the 7 competitions. Brian's detailed notes about each image will be posted on the Club website shortly.

Cheltenham Salon - Results

The results of the 2021 Cheltenham International Salon of Photography were published last week. Well done to all the Club members who had their images accepted (which requires a score of at least 12 out of 15). John Hankin led the way with three acceptances and Jill Bewley, Martyn Smith, Paul Jones, Val Thomas, and John Smith all achieved acceptances. Here are their successful images:



Chinese Lanterns by Jill Bewley



Lodge with View by Paul Jones



Mullein Moth Larva by John Hankin



Stretching for the Ball by John Hankin



A Wet Afternoon in the Park by John Hankin



Lavender Harvest by Val Thomas

Cheltenham Camera Club

Cheltenham International Salon of Photography 2021

Burnham Lighthouse

by

John C Smith LRPS

was

Accepted

in the Open colour class



Sri Lankan Black Faced Langur by Martyn Smith

AGM

Just a reminder that our AGM is now programmed for the 10th May so if you have any question or issues you want to raise, can you let us know by next Monday 5th so we can get it on the Agenda. For Committee members, don't forget to have a short presentation on the night about the things you are responsible for.

Internal Competitions

The "Summer Competition" will comprise:

1. The Summer Cup
2. The Ted Parrot Cup

The Ted Parrott Cup is for "Sporting Action" and the definition is:

"An image of a fast-paced competitive physical activity governed by a specific set of rules defined by a sports governing body".

The Summer Cup set subjects are:

1. *Stress.*
2. *Relaxation.*
3. *Happiness.*

In terms of DropBox details for competition submissions, it will be the same all season:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/zRwHLz7MfRGHIZyCHNsp>

Next Year's Club Competitions

Subject	Competition
Water (in all its forms)	A
Architecture	B
Sunrise, sunset	C
Coastal	D
Winter	E
Farming in the Cotswolds	Pitchers Trophy (annual Competition)

Miscellaneous

Do you like mice?

Yes? I came across this very watchable video of delightful wood mice by wildlife photographer Matt Gould. Looking at his website, there's some great wildlife stuff worth having a look at.

<https://youtu.be/VpK-dvW3dH8>

RHS garden photographer of the year

The 2021 RHS photographer of the year winners have been announced and the 2022 competition is now open. Check out the results, some terrific images and the competition rules for next year here:

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/Promotions/rhs-photo-competition>

Pink Lady Food Photographer of the year 2021

We reported on this competition last year and, once again, there are some great, and troubling, images from this competition. Check out the winners from the website:

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

More digitally enhanced and colourised old film - this time in wartime London

Bit of a favourite of mine. Just released is another of those amazing digitally enhanced and colourised old films. This one, from Rick88888888, shows London mainly during the second world war (plus some scenes from the 1930's) and reveals people going about their daily lives amongst blitz damage which is not one's typical imagery of life during wartime. The barrage balloons make it all too real as to the ladies manning the anti aircraft guns. It's interesting to see just how grimy the buildings were then in London. Adding colour and clarity somehow makes it seem like it was just a few years ago. I loved the clip at the train station. Take a look. It's worth looking at his YouTube Channel home page to see how he does it.

<https://youtu.be/QLbPYQcUcgM>

Close-up photographer of the year 2021

We saw some great macro images at this year's annual comp. ever thought about entering in the Close-up photographer of the year? Well, here's your chance. You've got until the 23rd May. Here's the website giving all the details:

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

Canon R6 new focusing technique

I finally took my new R6 out for a spin in the Lake District last week and realised that there's a lot to learn. I managed to develop "Back Button Nose Focussing" where, every time I tried to take a picture using the EVF, my (not particularly big) nose irritatingly moved the touch sensitive screen focus point to just where I didn't want it! Result - a lot of "out of focus" pictures. There's a lot on Google about this. So, I can either isolate the screen's touch zone or switch it off. I'm used to focussing and recomposing but with mirrorless DSLR's it's possible to choose your focus point on the screen without recomposing. You just need another 10 fingers and try and avoid sticking a digit in your eye or up your nose! All advice gratefully received. Back to the 784-page official manual!

Still, the good news is that the additional lens ring, defaulted to controlling stops, combined with the live histogram in the EVF, gives you great control over exposure.

Fancy a bit of celeb watching?

Well, look no further than Jason Bell FRPS. I've just read an excellent article about his work. A major portrait photographer in the tv and film world, there's some great images on his website. Go to menu/ portraits.

<https://www.jasonbellphoto.com/about/>

Printer Cartridges

Peggy Howard has been in touch:

My printer has drawn its last breath I'm told so a new one is in a shiny box in the hall waiting to be installed. I have two black 932XL and a few colour 933XL in date cartridges I cannot use with the new printer. Do you know of anyone who uses an HP printer or perhaps make a mention in the next vignette of them. It seems a shame to chuck them. I am happy to post them to someone who could use them.

BBC Pictures

Another selection from the BBC's news website including some great pink super moon images (0164).

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-56861118>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-56843429>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-56803797>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-56830279>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-56675382>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-56843885>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-56802158>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-56777346>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-56900164>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-56836517>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-56820167>

Quote of The Week

A tear contains an ocean. A photographer is aware of the tiny moments in a person's life that reveal greater truths.

Anonymous

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

Cheers and stay safe.

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