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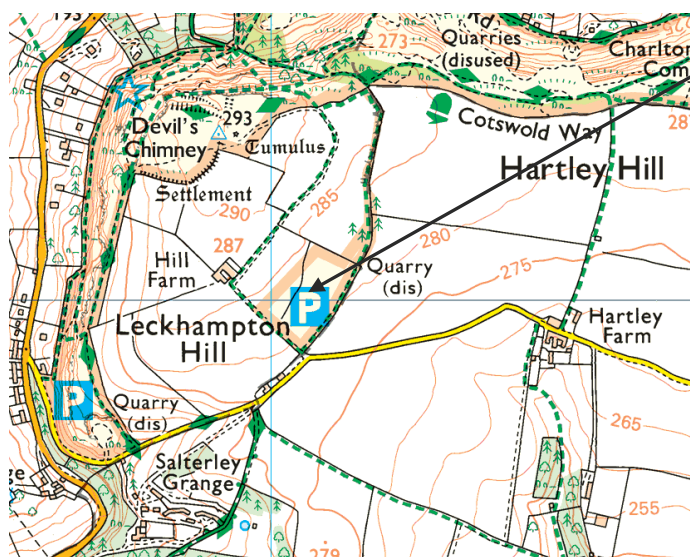
Club News

Hi everyone. Hope you are all well. A good turnout on Monday for the AGM and good too to hear all your positive comments. I know it means a lot to the whole committee so a big thank you on behalf of our Chair Mike and the rest of us for all your support. It was good to hear too from Jamie that, over the club year, we had such a large proportion of the membership picking up awards in our competitions. All “grist to the mill” and encouraging in motivating members to keep snapping. With that breadth of competence across the membership the Distinctions Group will be delighted to help more members wishing to take their photographer further.

Next week’s club night sees Jamie announcing the seasonal and annual awards following by one of David’s legendary Quiz Nights. We’ve had a bit of practice now with the Zoom “break out” rooms so get your thinking hats on for another interesting evening. The 24th May is our last night of the Club Season so I hope you will be able to join us for an outdoor session. See below.

Practical Night Out - 24th May

Well, an executive decision has been made and we’ve decided that the venue for our night out will be **Leckhampton Hill, Cheltenham**. Access is from Hartley Lane off, Leckhampton Hill and the large car park is just past a modern detached house on the left (which looks like a bunker!). Don’t park in the lower quarry car park off Hartley Lane. Parking is free and it’s a 15-minute flat walk on firm ground from the car park to the edge of the scarp slope. There are no toilets. There are great sunset views of Cheltenham looking west towards the Severn and in addition there’s always some activity going on - mountain biking in the quarry below, picnicking, dog walking, model plane flying. I’m sure there’s enough action to be creative. Sunset is at 9.09 pm so I suggest we meet in the car park at 7.15? There’s a big pub 5 mins drive away at Seven Springs if anyone wants to have an end of season drink. Encouragingly, the current forecast, as I write, is sunny intervals and a gentle breeze and a balmy 14C at 8.00 pm. Bring your suntan lotion! Any queries, do let us know.



This is the location of the car park.

The road from Seven Springs roundabout via Hartley Farm is a nice scenic route with some ‘Farming in the Cotswolds’ opportunities along the way!



This is a zoomed-out view showing the location of the pub at Seven Springs.

Can You Help?

Cirencester Male Voice Choir

Stephen has been in contact:

Hi Martyn. As touched on briefly this evening the club has been approached from Ciren male voice choir (is that still a PC term?) looking for some help - see below. If anyone is interested in helping out (or singing!) if they let me know I will pass on contact details to allow them to liaise direct.

Thanks Stephen. Here's the request:

Hi Stephen. In essence: The Cirencester Male Voice Choir is coming out of lockdown shortly and hopes to start recruiting new members. To that end we would like to much improve the photography on our website [Cirencester Male Voice Choir - The home of Men Singing in the Cotswolds \(cirencestermvc.co.uk\)](http://Cirencester Male Voice Choir - The home of Men Singing in the Cotswolds (cirencestermvc.co.uk))

As you will see the main image on the front page is pretty poor, taken on a phone, although the view across the meadow to the Abbey can be superb with a good camera. Also the remainder of the photos are again not of high quality.

So I am reaching out to see if anyone in your Club is enthusiastic enough (kind enough) to take some photos for us. For example - a better view of the abbey and gardens, perhaps some informal shots of us rehearsing (outdoors in the evening under a marquee roof at the rugby club (very sophisticated) and if we were to dress up in uniform some of us singing. The downside of this is that there is very little, if any, money available. We will shortly be seeing if we can register the choir as a charity, but that is some way off. These may be, as the initial message implies, wild musings. But I thought I would ask.

Oh - another thought:

If any of your members enjoy singing.....

Well, if that's music to your ears(!!) and you would like to tune in and help, get in contact with Stephen. It's got to be worth a tenor! Good point Stephen by the way - wonder if there is a Cirencester Female Voice Choir?! I'm sure the Charity Commissioners might want to know!

Cirencester Civic Society

As you will know the Club has been asked to help the Civic Society with filming for their virtual Heritage Open Day. One thing we are looking for is an image of Cirencester for the title pages of the videos. If anyone has a suitable image, please contact Mike. Ideally it would be landscape

format and feature a historic scene such as the Abbey/marketplace.



Historic England

you feel you could help with, please contact Mike.

Another, longer term, project that the Civic Society has asked for help with is to create an up-to-date photographic record of all the listed buildings in Cirencester. If this is something that

Internal Competitions

The "Summer Competition" will comprise:

1. The Summer Cup
2. The Ted Parrott 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)

BBC Pictures

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Another selection from the BBC's news website.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-57007806>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-57023047>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-56888905>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-57010451>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-56944433>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-57008214>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-57022757>

Quote of The Week



Essentially what photography is is life lit up.

Sam Abell

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

Cheers and stay safe.

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