



Vignettes 89

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Club News

Hi everyone. Hope you are all well. We're treading water it seems as Covid lingers. Just to let you know that we have a committee meeting coming up as the Parish Hall rules are still vexing us in terms of the practicalities of meeting up. The rules, risk assessments blah blah may of course be the new normal as, to quote Boris, we are going to have to live with Covid in some form or other for the foreseeable future. Rest assured that our primary objective is to physically socialise again.

On that note, we've sadly had to postpone our private indoor Cirencester Parish Church visit on the 6th July as we've discovered that the Covid rules on gatherings indoors still restricts us to a max of 6 which, if exceeded, would place both the club and the church in a difficult position. Better to rearrange. So, we have now agreed with the church that we can have exclusive access on Wed 4th August which of course will be comfortably after the new Covid "gloves off" date of 19th July, all being (literally) well. We'll provide a bit more of a brief nearer the time.

That of course still allows us to meet up outdoors so we are now looking at Tuesday 13th July and Tuesday 24th August for our two other summer meet up dates. We thought for the latter date, would be a meet at the Purton (Nr Sharpness) ships graveyard, a fascinating area with a well documented history (Google it). As for the 13th July, we could meet in Cirencester - let us know what you think.

A New Club Event

David Wallis has been in touch with a great idea we are going to weave into next seasons programme.

*Hi Mike/Martyn. About six years ago we had a "competition" to produce a panel of prints. This started well with some enthusiasm but for a number of reasons, the competition never took place. It might be an idea to reinstate some form of print panel following the interest in the LRPS entries. I have attached the draft rules from 2015. Hope this helps. Regards
David*

I don't think we have to make this a formal comp, but more of a challenge. Having been through the RPS "Panel" experience, it's definitely one which can help members look at the relationship between images in a presentation whether they are interested in RPS accreditation or not. It gives us the opportunity to present our thoughts on our work and comment on others.

Here's a copy of the 2015 rules which David forwarded:

New Competition

MEMBERS CHALLENGE 2014/2015

1. This competition is open to all members. Each member is required to produce a panel of images.
2. The images must be your own work.
3. Your panel must be clearly labelled on the reverse side with member's membership number and the subject title.
4. Your panel can also have the title on the front if required.
5. Images in your panel should be taken within the same season as this competition.
6. You will be asked to draw a slip which will contain three choices. Just select one of these to become your theme.

Example

Wheels	Blue	Animals
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7. You should aim to produce between 7 – 10 images on your chosen subject for judging on 27th April 2015.
8. Your images should not be repetitive and should give a balanced view of your chosen subject.
9. Humour and light heartedness is encouraged but should be restricted to no more than two of your images.
10. Images should be no more than 7" x 5" (un-mounted), one of your images may be enlarged to 10" x 8" (un-mounted).
11. You should mount your images on a board no larger than A1 in size. This is 841mm x 594mm or if you prefer 33.1" x 23.4".
12. There are two completed boards for you to look at which will give you an idea of how to present your panel of images.
13. All entries will be assessed by an independent judge and a trophy will be presented to the winner at the Awards Evening on 18th May 2015.

Good luck.

Let us know what you think.

Miscellaneous

Food Photographer of the year

The Pink Lady Food Photographer of The Year goes from strength to strength with over 10,000 entries this year from 70 countries. All the categories and stunning winning images can be seen at:

www.pinkladyfoodphotographeroftheyear.com

Big cats

Do you remember Big Cat Diary on the telly a few years ago headed by Simon King and Jonathon Scott? Well, Jonathan & Angie Scott, who are also famous for running The Governor's Camp in the Masai Mara Game Reserve (if you afford to stay), have just brought out "Sacred Nature Vol 2: Reconnecting people to our planet". This is the follow up to their 2016 tome "Sacred Nature: Life's Eternal Dance". Take a look at these websites to check out both books and the charitable organisations they support:

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

<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/jonathanangelascott/sacred-nature-volume-2-reconnecting-people-to-our-planet-0>

The Big 5

British wildlife photographer Graeme Green launched a Big 5 photographic initiative in 2020 to create a Big 5 of wildlife photography to refocus interest away from the established hunting roots of the original "Big 5". Over 200 international photographers, conservationists and charities supported the initiative which comprised a year long vote resulting in the new big 5 "winners" being - elephants, polar bears, gorillas, tigers and lions. Catch up with the fantastic initiative here:

www.newbig5.com

BBC Pictures

Another selection from the BBC's news website.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-57548011>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-south-scotland-57553122>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-humber-57528880>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-57488051>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-57513084>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-57430804>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-57510713>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-57349499>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-57378974>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-57286241>

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)

Quote of The Week

Photograph: a picture painted by the sun without instruction in art - Ambrose Bierce

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

Cheers and stay safe.

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