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Club News

Hi everyone. Hope you are all well. With the holiday season in full flow, there's not much to report on the photo front. However, our Sec, Stephen has been in touch over our approaching new season. There's some important information below which you need to be aware of in view of the fact that we are going to run a "hybrid" club season. Stephen's discussion with the church hall management over the close season has had the air of the Hokey Cokey about it, or maybe it should be the "Hokey Covid"! Suffice to say that he's been busy.

The new season

Hi Martyn. I would be grateful if you would include the message below to members in Vignettes this week which communicates how we plan to manage our face-to-face club meetings. This gives everyone a bit of time to get comfortable with the idea and me time to consider any issues arising that may be raised!

regards Stephen

Club Face to Face (F2F) Meetings for the 21/22 Season

The easing of Covid restrictions over the summer as part of the Covid roadmap has made physical club meetings a practical proposition and Watermoor Parish are now permitting hire of their hall facility again. To enable this and to satisfy their insurers there are a number of things that hirers have to provide to gain approval for hire. After some consideration, below is a summary of the club's approach to enable meetings to take place within the requirements. We will aim to put the relevant docs on the website if members want to have a look.

Clearly members will need to make their own judgements in light of their individual circumstances, but it is hoped that the pragmatic approach taken allows the club to recommence face to face club (F2F) nights as per the season's programme in an enjoyable manner. As always with these things this is subject to any changes in guidance. Please get in touch with me, or other committee members, if you have any issues arising. Many thanks. Stephen

Watermoor Church Hall Hire Covid Measures

Our activities must remain consistent with government guidelines at the time of the event. The requirements from the hall involve some element of cleaning by the club before and after the evening's programme.

Emphasis will be on precautions taken and as such the club:

(i) advises that anyone feeling unwell or having been notified for quarantine under Track and trace or NHS App or as a result of travelling requirements should not attend club meetings.

(ii) will ensure that seating, social distancing and ventilation are consistent with government guidelines.

(iii) request that members bring personal crockery/cutlery for any refreshments - some disposable items will be made available. We will not utilise hall crockery, just the kettle/boiler as appropriate.

(iv) suggest members consider continuing to use facemasks during meetings when appropriate.

Club Approach

1. The club will provide hand sanitiser for members use on entrance and exit from the hall.

- 1. The hall has QR posters displayed for members who wish to utilise the NHS app.*
- 2. In accordance with general "Health and Safety" good practice, a log will be kept of attendees on a F2F club night in case of the need for evacuation from premises which facilitates a roll call.*
- 3. Access to kitchen facilities will be restricted to reduce contacts and users will sanitise hands before and after use of kettle etc. It is noted that no cleaning of switches is to take place (for safety) therefore the emphasis is on sanitising hands before and after any such operations, ensuring hands are dry.*
- 4. Access to W/C's is restricted to one person at a time under the hall guidelines. Members should sanitise hands on entry and exit. At the end of evening contact points are wiped down as part of the exit process.*
- 5. The club will use readily available Covid appropriate cleaning materials in the form of spray /paper towel and/or sanitising wipes to facilitate cleaning and provide bags to remove used material from the hall on completion.*
- 6. Hard contact points e.g. door handles/locks, window handles/locks will be wiped on first contact when being operated and on final use when closed prior to exit.*
- 7. The club anticipate utilising a restricted number of members on a given night to clean and handle equipment/chairs etc. thus reducing the number of potential contacts.*
- 8. Those members should sanitise hands before commencing any handling, using spray/wipes to clean contact points when moving /setting up chairs etc. On completion of set up handling, members should sanitise hands again before commencing the actual event.*
- 9. It is assumed that club materials in the locked storage may also be potentially contaminated and therefore contact points should be wiped before handling and on replacing in store.*

Although it all sounds a bit complicated, I hope that we will soon get into the swing of things in managing what we do to minimise impacts. Do get in contact if you have any queries. Stephen.

It's not just John Hankin who gets all the press coverage these days! Well done to Sue and Jill for getting this excellent piece about the Club in the Wilts and Glos Standard.

Community News

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Siddington

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 ON September 11 Jonathan Painter will once again be raising funds for St Peter's Church and the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust by cycling to as many local churches as possible.
 Jonathan has been taking part in this event since 1983 and is particularly keen to raise a good amount this year, as it has not been possible for the St Peter's congregation to run their usual fund-raising activities.
 If you would like to sponsor Jonathan, please call 01285 650624 or visit his Just Giving page [justgiving.com/fundraising/jonathan-painter](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jonathan-painter)

Cirencester Quakers

CIRENCESTER Quakers are taking part in a pilgrimage ahead of COP26 - the United Nations Climate Change Conference being held in Scotland later this year.
 This pilgrimage is one of many taking place nationwide as Quakers walk from meeting house to meeting house, gathering in Glasgow in the autumn.
 Cirencester Quakers' pilgrimage will start at Cirencester Quaker Meeting House each Sunday and will continue in stages until they reach the meeting house in Burford.
 The 'spiritual and communal exercise' will follow part of the ancient Palladian Way. Letters of appeal to Boris Johnson will be posted along the way.
 Organiser Caroline Lee said "Climate change is an urgent issue which affects us all and COP26 is a vital opportunity to express our concerns for the future of the planet and ask our leaders to make real commitments to urgent changes."
 For more information call 01285 63217.
 Quakers are a member of UK COP26 Coalition - see [cop26coalition.org](https://www.cop26coalition.org)

Cirencester's Gardening Club

CIRENCESTER'S Gardening Club, held our annual horticultural show on Sunday 8th August.
 A very different show as, in previous years we open to the public with 64 classes including vegetables, flowers, photography, craft, floral art, cookery and childrens.
 Because of these uncertain times, we opted for a members only mini show of 14 classes.
 This was held as usual at Stratton School Hall and Stratton Village Hall.
 Entries were placed in the morning, then judged and



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Top honour for photographers

THREE members of Cirencester Camera Club, who put their time during lockdown to good use, have been awarded the internationally respected Distinction of Licentiate of the Royal Photographic Society.
 Jill Bewley, John Smith and Martyn Smith are members of the club committee and collaborated in a dedicated group, using video calls during the lockdown to support each other in the development of their entries.
 All three have found membership of the local camera club a great benefit in developing their photography and the skills required to gain this award.
 A relatively new member to the club, Jill Bewley said "Since joining Cirencester Camera Club two years ago I have received loads of useful advice about my photography."
 "This combined with lockdown last year spurred me on to work towards my LRPS."
 "It has been a really interesting process, I've learnt so much along the way and want to thank the members of the Camera Club for their invaluable help and encouragement."

Echoing the benefits of club membership, programme secretary Martyn Smith, said: "My Licentiate distinction award from the RPS has, in no small part, resulted from the terrific encouragement and support from members of the Cirencester Camera Club.
 "Camera clubs are a great social hub where you can improve your photography from any level and I'm grateful for all the advice and support on the journey to LRPS."
 Club treasurer John Smith said "Working towards the LRPS distinction has helped me to focus on developing my photographic skills and learn how to critique my own work, there is a great deal of satisfaction when receiving the positive comments and recognition of achieving the requirements of LRPS."
 RPS Distinctions are sought after by professional and amateur photographers alike, over 1000 applications are made for the three levels of RPS Distinctions with around 600 being successful.
 Submissions are held in different categories and are

assessed by a qualified panel of senior members of the society.
 The Society takes great care in maintaining standards and in promoting excellence amongst photographers.
 The LRPS requires the photographer to present a series of ten images which reflect their ability as a photographer, applicants must show (among other criteria) a variety of approach and techniques but not necessarily in subject matter.
 Cirencester Camera Club was founded in 1939.
 Many of the members have a wide range of photographic interests and experience, so there is always someone on hand to help with advice, on technique, equipment or processing.
 There is a warm welcome for new members - whatever your age, skill level, or particular interest in photography.
 The club meets every Monday evening between September and May, online or in Cirencester - depending on government restrictions.
 For more information see [cirencestercameraclub.org](https://www.cirencestercameraclub.org) or email info@cirencestercameraclub.org

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Sean Devine
 Cirencester Quakers

A COUPLE of months ago, two little sparrows were sat on my windowsill.
 I knew they had just fledged as they had a naive gait and almost hit the window as they came into land.
 One stumbled backwards and fell off the sill but seconds later recovered and joined their sibling on the sill again.
 I watched them flap about in a flurry of brown and tans and then, off they went laughing all the way up the street.
 What a wonderful day ahead of them, discovering their bodies for the first time; learning to fly land and fall, each skill as important as the other for the sake of survival.
 Watching their flight took me back to the freedom I have experienced from learning to fall and learning to fall.
 Whether it is from riding a bike for the first time or dealing with a new junction on life's journey, learning how to fall without hurt or injury is essential.
 This pandemic has been cold, isolating, and divisive for many families and friends, yet through online chats, visits with only glass or two metres of space to separate us, I feel love and connection with the spiritual progress we have made.
 May your God provide you with the strength to jump, the bravery to fall and the security of a place to land.
 Have a great week falling... and flying.

Morgan
 Our first meeting for the coming season will be on Thursday 9th September, at Stratton Village Hall at 7.30pm.
 We will have a talk by Andy Jeanes "All you need to know about climbing plants". All are welcome.



members came in the afternoon to view them with time for a cup of tea and cake and chat with fellow members.
 As a club we aim to "show what we have grown" rather than grow to show, which was just as well as it has been a difficult growing year, but when are gardeners ever totally pleased with Mother Nature, it makes an enjoyable challenge.
 We were very pleased to have over 60 entries for the show, making a colourful display. Flowers dominated the show and

made a heady fragrance as you entered the hall.
 Certificates were given to the winners of the classes:
 Class 1 4 potatoes: 1st P Booth, 2nd C Vickery 3rd J Howe class 2 4 onions: 2nd S Telling 3rd C Vickery, Class 3 4 long carrots: 1st P Booth 2nd A Barnes 3rd E Morgan class 4: 5 runner beans 1st P Booth 2nd S Walton 3rd C Vickery class 5 6 tomatoes: 1st P Booth 2nd G Blackwell class 6: a vase of garden flowers 1st P Barnes 2nd J Howe 3rd E Morgan class 7 a vase of dahlias

: 1st G Blackwell 2nd R Blackwell 3rd C Vickery class 8: flowering pot plant: 1st G Blackwell 2nd R Blackwell 3rd V Timbers class 9: foliage pot plant: 1st P Barnes 2nd A Barnes 3rd R Blackwell class 10: photo of a butterfly(s) : 1st A Bird 2nd J Howe class 11: photo of a favourite tree: 1st J Howe 2nd S Mathews 3rd E Morgan class 12 a Victoria sponge: 1st C Price 2nd E Morgan 3rd J Hill class 13: 4 fruit scones: 1st J Dowling 2nd J Howe 3rd E Morgan class 14 floral Art "In the Pink": 1st J Howe 2nd E



Cirencester Parish Church Images

Mike has been in touch following our club night in Cirencester Parish Church.

It was very good to see members at the Parish Church on 4th August. As you might know, John Smith and I are working on the Historic Open Days project with the Cirencester Civic Society. One of the projects is the Parish Church, and we are hoping to use images from the August 4th session in the video. For those who didn't get to the Church on the 4th but still might have photos from a recent visit - do please send these as well.

If you are happy for your images to be used in the video (and also maybe in Church promotional material) could you please upload some of your favourites to my OneDrive:

<https://1drv.ms/u/s!AsZzxajrGoYWiLs00GipJdNaMTAefA?e=Lzp1Jb>

At this stage, low res jpegs will be fine. John and I will then try to assemble what we have into a video 'story'. At that point we will need higher resolution images.

Many thanks in advance, Mike

Summer Images

Another reminder. The first night of our new club season is a F2F one where we will be talking about the new season programme, the committee structure, competitions, battles etc and a general discussion. No doubt Covid will appear in the discussions. The second half of the night will be a presentation of what you've been up to photographically over the summer so think about if you would like to show some images, let us know and we'll draft up a running order. The number of images might be limited depending on who wants to join in but you can bring them along on a memory stick on the night.

BBC Pictures

Another selection from the BBC's news website.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-manchester-58229489>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-58225327>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-58140712>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-58187378>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-58116627>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-58186939>

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

One doesn't stop seeing. One doesn't stop framing. It doesn't turn off and turn on. It's on all the time - Annie Leibovitz

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

Cheers and stay safe.

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