



Vignettes 10

Hi everyone

First of all, well done to all those who picked up an award on Monday's club competition night. Here's the list of winners. An excellent entry and good to see a range of interpretations and ideas plus some new member winners:

Open print

First - Ben Jarvis2

Second - Martyn Smith

Third - Katrina Ellor

Highly Commended - Mike Cheeseman, John Spreadbury

Commended - John Hankin

Open DPI

First - John Hankin

Second - Mike Cheeseman

Third - Jill Bewley

Highly Commended - David Wallis, Patrick Barker

Commended - John Smith, Martyn Smith

SET print

First - Shaun Little

Second - John Spreadbury

Third - Katrina Ellor

Highly Commended - David Wallis

Commended - John Smith

SET DPI

First - Patrick Barker

Second - Ben Jarvis2

Third - John Smith

Highly Commended - Alun Thomas, Jill Bewley, John Spreadbury

Commended - Shaun Little, Mike Cheeseman

One issue the competition exposed, and it's not new, is the need for both the competitor and the judge to understand what the brief in the Set Subject is intended to cover. The matter was discussed in committee on Tuesday this week who agreed to produce a clarification note in future to avoid any confusion.

Next Monday - 9th Dec. Talk by Chris Fairweather

Chris's talk takes us on a journey through the last few years working as a professional photographer and the stories of how the stories happened and how the pictures were made. Chris is a full-time professional photographer based in Cardiff, covering all aspects of PR, press, sport and commercial photography. If you to see more about Chris have a look at his website

<https://www.cfairweatherphoto.com/contact>

BBC pictures on the theme of bridges and British Ecological Society competition

Catch up on some great pictures on the BBC's website here. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-50585618> and <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-50602795>

Westonbirt - Enchanted Christmas - from 29th November

It's Christmas time again at Westonbirt from the 29th November and a great opportunity for some photography particularly as we have a club "show and tell" event next year which will give you the opportunity to show what photo escapades you've been up to over the winter. Here's an abridged version of the publicity from the Westonbirt website:

Enchanted Christmas returns to Westonbirt Arboretum with a new trail for 2019!

Put the sparkle in your family Christmas, and set out on the all new Enchanted Woodland illuminated trail at Westonbirt Arboretum...

The fairies have been up to mischief at Westonbirt Arboretum this winter, casting spells over the trees to transform it into an Enchanted wood. Wind your way through the trees to discover an enchanted wonderland of light and magic, meeting woodland characters along the way. Our popular Christmas village is back ready for you to soak up the seasonal cheer by creating some Christmas arts and crafts with the family, exploring the Christmas market stalls and warming up with a cup of hot chocolate or mulled wine..., this is Enchanted Christmas as you've never seen it before...

Catch up on all the details from the website <https://www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt/enchanted-christmas>

Sudeley Castle - Spectacle of light - from 30th November

Not to be outdone by Westonbirt, Sudeley Castle is having its own illuminated trail called Spectacle of light. We are spoilt for choice! Here's some details from the website:

Explore the beautiful new illuminated trail around Sudeley Castle's stunning grounds. Enjoy the wonderful music as you discover each new secret of this magical environment. See the majestic castle, the glorious gardens and romantic ruins all lit under the stars. Experience the dazzling new illuminations as you stroll around these beautiful grounds. New and Magical for 2019! Follow Peter Pan and Wendy and discover some of the amazing characters from J. M. Barrie's timeless classic. Make a wish and support the brave children at Great Ormond Street Hospital. Each evening the spectacle is a continuous experience with six entry time slots from 4.45pm onwards. This is designed to ensure that everyone is able to enjoy the Spectacle in the best possible light. When you book you can decide your time of entry subject to availability. It should be stressed that you must be at the entrance at the chosen time as tickets are only valid for that time and are not transferable. A typical walk will take approximately 60 -75 minutes, although if you wish to stay longer you are very welcome.

It's a ticketed, timed event on selected days so don't miss out. As with Westonbirt, you can find all the details on the Sudeley Castle website <https://sudeleycastle.co.uk/events/spectacle-of-light>

Club Christmas Lunch and quiz

As I mentioned on Monday, we've decided to hold the annual Christmas bash at the Golden Farm pub, Cirencester on Monday 16th Dec. They did an excellent job with the buffet last time (after last Christmas) and it's a friendly venue. Thanks for everyone who got back to us regarding their attendance and for any stragglers, it's not too late to let us know. I had a chat with the pub on Tuesday this week and we are going to run with a buffet chilli, rice and chips for £5 per head, payable on the night, which I think is great value. Any vegetarians, allergies, vegans please let me know so I can let the pub know. I will assume that all those who contacted Mike or I confirming their attendance will be eating. I'll be finalising numbers next week so let's use next Monday's club meeting as the deadline. So far 20 club members have signed up. As for the quiz, all will be revealed on the night.

Photography News

For those who borrowed this month's excellent Photography News, don't forget to bring it back next week for others to borrow.

And Finally.....

Next Monday is our last club meeting at the Parish Rooms venue as the week following will be at the Golden Farm pub which will be the last club meeting of the year. David Wallis will send out details of the new venue in Watermoor which, by all accounts will serve us very well (hopefully the heating will work!!).

As we are now planning next year's programme, I'll be sending a Christmas Vignettes out after the club Christmas bash to ask you about the sort of things you want to be included in next year's club programme and any comments about this years. Watch this space.

That's it for this week, see you Monday

Cheers

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