



# Vignettes 226

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## Club News

Hi everyone. Hope you are all well. We had a good turnout on Monday night of 20 hardy club members eager to have a crack at Dave's Treasure Hunt. The weather just about held off before most of us threw in the towel and returned to the pub for some social chit chat. A fun evening and here's Dave:

### Cirencester Treasure Hunt – 13 May

*Hi everyone. After much umming and aahing this 'out and about' evening went full steam ahead. In the end the weather was better than forecast and around 20 intrepid members came along and braved the only occasional light rain, at least until it became too heavy and required a retreat to the pub. I think most of the 20 items in the challenge were found, plus some additional variations on the intended ones. 'Pink Lady Dancing' seemed to be the most perplexing clue ....*



*Thanks to all those who came. I will put together a slide show of the correct (!) answers for display at the AGM.*

### **Next Monday Club AGM meeting - 7.30pm**

Next Monday sees the last club night of the season where we will be holding our AGM and prize giving. We'll also be announcing our competition subjects for next season and setting out some changes to our committee. We will also be outlining our summer meet ups - a mixture of social and photography and details of the Summer Cup.

Mike will be circulating the AGM papers separately. It's going to be a busy night and of course your opportunity to ask any questions. We've got 58 members now so it would be great to see you all for our grand finale. You know it makes sense.....

### **Our President has a new camera!**

Having just hit 90, our intrepid President, John Hankin has obtained a well-deserved birthday present. I quizzed him on it:

*Hi Martyn. The camera was a Birthday celebration - but it's a good thing I don't have to account to anyone for spending the money at my age!!!*

....and yes, after further interrogation it was indeed a birthday present to himself! Definitely the best type of birthday present and why not! It's a Canon (phew!), an R7 mirrorless, and he's absolutely thrilled with it. Well done John. I can see that the cataract ops have given you another 90 years! (And I speak from personal experience). And to prove the point about his excitement here's an image from John's R7 straight out of the box.





### **For sale Navitech Black Rugged Hard Case - to club funds**

I recently ordered a camera case from Amazon but they sent me the wrong one. Dooh! In true Amazon style they refunded fully me but said I could keep the case. It's a Navitech Black Rugged Hard Case which costs about £20 online but it's no use to me so it's for sale. All proceeds to the club. It's nicely made and comes with a shoulder strap, internal dividers and would take a Compact Camera System with lens on and perhaps a spare lens plus stuff. I'll bring it along next Monday in case you want to try your kit in it so if anyone wants to contribute £10 ono to club funds, it's yours. Here's some pics.







## **Photography Competitions / Awards**

### V&A Parasol Foundation Prize for Women in Photography champions women artists

The world-famous V&A – or the Victoria & Albert Museum in London – has revealed the recipients of the V&A Parasol Foundation Prize for Women in Photography, now in its second year. The Prize was established to identify, support, and elevate women artists, and is a key component of the broader V&A Parasol Foundation Women in Photography Project. Here's a link:

<https://www.vam.ac.uk/info/the-va-parasol-foundation-prize-for-women-in-photography>

### Fujifilm launches photography competition ahead of House of Photography grand reopening

Fujifilm's House of Photography based in Covent Garden, London has been closed for refurbishment but it won't be long until the newly renovated store and event space is reopened to the public. In honor of the grand reopening, scheduled on May 31, 2024, Fujifilm has launched a photography competition with the chance to win one of the best Fujifilm cameras on the market, and cash prizes for 2nd and 3rd place. Exclusively open to residents of the UK, the Life as You See It competition invites all levels of photographers to enter up to 5 images that represent how they see life. Here's a link:

<https://www.fujifilm-houseofphotography.com/blog/item/life-as-you-see-it-competition/>

## RSPCA Young Photographer Awards

At eight years old, Jamie Smart is the youngest ever winner of the prestigious RSPCA Young Photographer Awards, along with her pet turkey. Pick up the story here plus a link to the RSPCA website:

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/features/talking-turkey-with-rspca-young-photographer-awards-winner-jamie-smart>

<https://young.rspca.org.uk/>

## Will a headless horse take the crown at this year's Comedy Pet Photo Awards?

When I saw this photo, I was convinced it was an AI image. Amazing. The Comedy Pet Photo Awards have released their finalists - do yourself a favor and take a look at the hilarious entries:

[https://www.comedypetphoto.com/gallery/finalists/2024\\_finalists.php](https://www.comedypetphoto.com/gallery/finalists/2024_finalists.php)

## **Miscellaneous**

### Chris Killip

Chris Killip was one of the greatest photographers to have picked up a camera. His ability to embed himself and capture various communities from within, with a sense of grace and dignity, inspired generations of photographers, myself included. His new book highlights this even further. Check out the story:

<https://newsletter.smartbrief.com/redirect.action?link=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.digitalcameraworld.com%2Fnews%2Fskinningrove-is-the-last-publication-chris-killip-worked-on-and-it-features-some-of-his-finest-photography&encoded=rWhBCLernWDCboeHCigafOBWcNEpwl>

How does a Magnum photographer use Instagram? Find out in the new coffee table book by David Hurn

Magnum photographer David Hurn shares his experiences navigating Instagram in his new coffee table book. One thing is certain in this day and age: it is almost a requirement for modern creatives to have an online presence, and social media is an effective way to gain eyes on and build a community around your art. For many, though, this doesn't come easy, and I consider myself among them. In *On Instagram*, David Hurn shares his journey through the platform from posting photography tips to creating deeply personal observations of his experiences of the world. Here's some more info: <https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/news/how-does-a-magnum-photographer-use-instagram-find-out-in-the-new-coffee-table-book-by-david-hurn>

### **BBC pictures**

As usual some great images from across the globe from the BBC's website:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-68995685>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-68966740>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c98z22pgev1o>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c254vx7dp9wo>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c03dywkl8jdo>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leeds-68970053>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/ce430qpjq94o>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c4n1wvjrepzo>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-68942527>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-68928839>



Quote of the week



*To me, photography must suggest,  
not insist or explain - Brassai*

Paris at Night by Brassai, 1935

That's it for this week. Have a good weekend. Cheers and stay safe

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