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Club News

Hi everyone. Hope you are all well and looking forward to warmer days. It's been a while. Anyway a few things to let you know about this week including next Monday's 'squirrel safari'. More on that below. In the meantime, here's our new Chair with a request for a volunteer - hello is there anyone there?!

Publicity Secretary

Hi everyone. As you are aware at the recent AGM we created a revised committee for the 2024/25 season as some members were standing down. Unfortunately, Puri has been unable to take up the role of Publicity Secretary, so we are therefore looking for any willing volunteers before we start "press ganging" members as a replacement! That's something we are very good at!!

So, if you would like to give this role a go, please contact me or one of the other committee members. Some knowledge of Facebook and WhatsApp would be useful but if not other committee members/club members should be able to assist. We are always amenable to members sharing the role. So dust off your closet Saatchi and Saatchi experience 'hat' and give us a call!

*Many thanks
David W (Chair).*

Club Summer Outing

Next Monday 24th June - 5.00 pm at Glos University campus, The Park, Cheltenham - Squirrel Safari

Here's some key info:

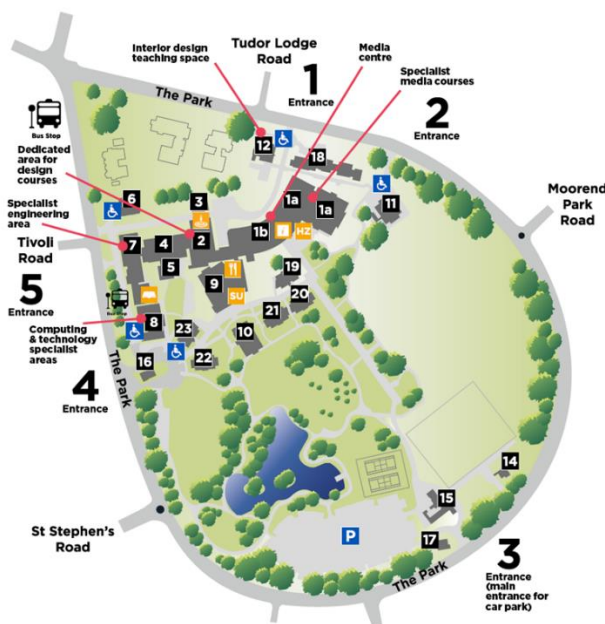
1. The meet up time is **5.00pm** - Expected to end 6.00/ 6.30pm. More info below.
2. The place is Glos Uni campus, The Park, Cheltenham.
3. Parking is in the overflow area accessed via Entrance Gate 4, **NOT ENTRANCE GATE 3** which is where the official car park is (which will be closed). See map below.
4. On entering the Campus, drive around Fullwood Lodge (No 16 on the Plan) and into a gravel overflow parking area by some lorry containers.
5. **Campus Security are aware.** *However, the head of Security has just informed me that there is an evening parking charge of £1. Also, a container is due for delivery on Monday, so he is not sure how much space that will take up. If we get a problem, there is on street parking in nearby Tivoli Road. So, parking might be a bit fluid.*
6. You might find it handy to car share.

7. You should see many squirrels, ducks and chicks, including a breeding pair of Mandarins, geese and their (rapidly growing) chicks.
8. You might be lucky enough to feed some squirrels by hand. I've done it.
9. There's a lake which you can walk around, (it used to be part of a botanical garden in the 1800's). It's never that busy as the public think the campus is private!
10. Bring a long lens, suggest up to 200mm, something to kneel on (to avoid the bird poo), some nuts for the squirrels and food for the duck and geese.
11. We will meet in The Tivoli pub afterwards which is just up the road. There's normally parking in front of an adjacent row of shops and in the roads around. It's shown by the red dropped pin at the top of the Google earth map below. You can see The Park Campus at the bottom of the map.

By way of background, there's a couple of reasons why we've gone for the earlier meet up time. First, I've tended to find that squirrels are still running around at this earlier time whereas later on there are fewer of them about. They are tame because dogs aren't allowed in the park and many locals feed them. Secondly, the A417 from the Air Balloon to Cirencester overnight closure starts at 9.00pm although you can get back to Cirencester via the A435 'valley road'. If it's a good day the lighting around the lake can be striking, albeit quite contrasting. If it's wet, then maybe a meet up back in Cirencester - keep an eye on the WhatsApp group.

PARK CAMPUS

Please refer to the campus highlights for more info.
The Park, Cheltenham GL50 2RH



MAIN BUILDINGS

- 1a Elwes Teaching Centre (TC)
- 1b The Media School (EW)
- 2 Bedford Building (BE)
- 3 Hall Building (HA)
- 4 Design Centre (Owen Building, OW)
- 5 Jones Building (LC)
- 6 Pallas Villa (PL)
- 7 Reynolds Building (LC)
- 8 Computing and Technology Suite (Waterworth Building, WW)
- 9 Monk Building (MK)
- 10 Fullwood House (FW)
- 11 Broadlands Villa (BV)
- 12 Dunholme Villa (DH)
- 14 Broadlands Lodge (BL)
- 15 The Farmery (FB)
- 16 Fullwood Lodge (FWL)
- 17 Farmery Lodge (FL)

HALLS OF RESIDENCE

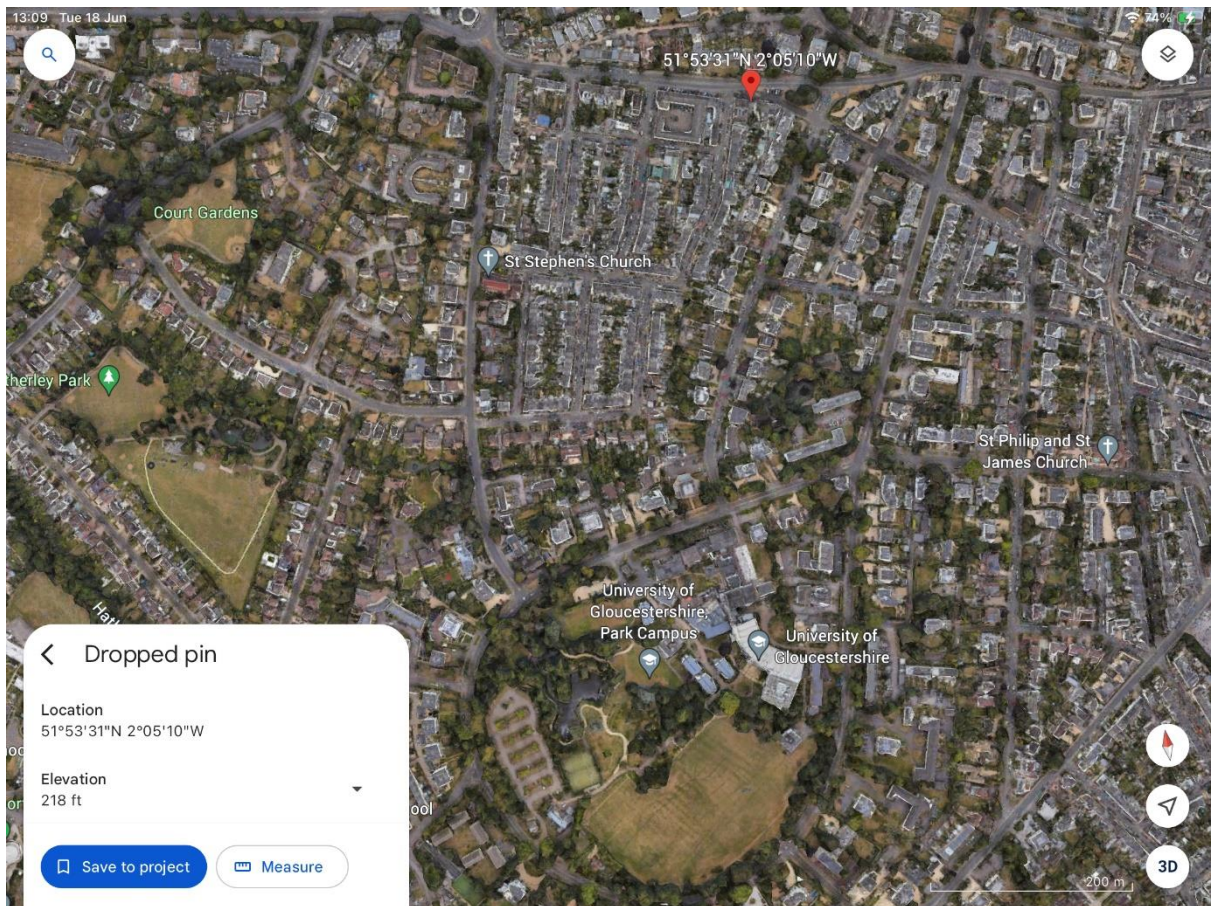
- 18 Challinor Hall
- 19 Cooke Villa
- 20 Tyndale Villa
- 21 Dowty Villa
- 22 Jenner Villa
- 23 Grace Villa

KEY

- Main Reception
- Library and Information Services
- Sanctuary
- Student Helpzone
- Students' Union
- Refectory
- Car Park
- Accessible Parking

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<https://cmsr-web-assets.glos.ac.uk/sites/129/2023/12/05094840/park-campus-map-handout-nov23.pdf>

UK photography show 2024

JUNE.23-25 COVENTRY

This came through a few days ago. Looks interesting. The preamble says:

A destination event for photographers from around the world. This incredible central England venue is easily accessed by road, rail and air. Stoneleigh Park boasts 10,000 free car parking spaces and we can't wait to welcome you to the UK's most exciting photography show and educational event. 15 Portfolio Pods with sets, lighting and models for you to shoot with talks by world-famous educators.

There's a lot more info on the website. Here's a link:

<https://www.clickliveexpo.co.uk/>

External Competitions

Winning Minimalistic Masterpieces from Digital Photographer contest announced

For Digital Photographer magazine's latest competition in association with Photocrowd, readers were challenged to submit their best Minimalist Masterpieces. After working through all the entries, the winners have been selected. As a prize, the expert winners will receive a license for Affinity Photo 2 professional editing software. Here's a link to some very interesting images:

<https://gb.readly.com/magazines/digital-photographer/2024-03-15/65f47570e120e0bc9815cec3>

Best in Show winners revealed in RHS garden photography contest

The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) has announced the winners of the 2024 photographic competition revealing a beautifully eclectic selection of images from amateur and professional photographers alike from around the globe. The annual RHS Botanical Art and Photography Show brings together artists and photographers - with entries being given Gold, Silver Gilt, and Bronze medals - just like at the famous Chelsea Flower Show. This year the overall Best in Show prizes went to Andrea Jones for best portfolio, and to Christine Adams for the best individual photo. Here's a link:

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/press/releases/RHS-unveils-the-winners-of-the-2024-RHS-Botanical>

BBC pictures

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

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cqvv7qy69d2o>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cp66ryx7n0go>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c6pp0q2j14jo>
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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c8441wy2y77o>

Next year's Competitions and info

Cirencester Camera Club General Competition Schedule 2024/2025			
	Competition	Submission date	Judging night
A	Journey + Open	30/09/24	28/10/24
B	UK Flora, Fauna, Fungi + Open	28/10/24	02/12/24
C	Golden/Blue Hour + Open	02/12/24	13/01/25
D	Still Life + Open	13/01/25	17/02/25
E	Closed + Open	17/02/25	24/03/25
Annual	2024-25 Annual competitions	24/03/25	14/04/25 and 28/04/25

Definitions of Set Subjects

JOURNEY: A journey photograph is an image captured during the course of a journey or expedition, typically depicting scenes, landscapes, people, or moments encountered along the way. These photographs often aim to convey the essence of the journey, capturing the spirit of exploration, discovery, and adventure.

UK Flora, Fauna, Fungi: A flora, fauna, fungi photograph is an image that showcases plant life (flora), animal life (fauna), or fungi found in a particular ecosystem or habitat. These photographs aim to highlight the diversity, beauty, and intricacies of the natural world. They can range from close-up shots of individual species to wide-angle landscapes that capture entire ecosystems.

Golden/Blue Hour: During the golden hour, the sun is low in the sky, casting long shadows and creating a warm, diffused light that can enhance the colours and textures in a scene, often producing a soft, flattering glow. In contrast, the blue hour occurs just before sunrise or after sunset when the sky takes on a deep blue hue, creating a serene and tranquil atmosphere.

Still Life: A still life photograph is an image that portrays inanimate objects, typically arranged by the photographer to create a visually compelling composition. It can range from simple, minimalist compositions to more elaborate and stylized scenes, depending on the creative vision of the photographer.

Closed: A photograph with the title "closed" could depict a variety of subjects or scenes, but the title suggests a theme of closure, restriction, or inaccessibility.

Summer Cup (judged by members)

This is an informal competition which takes place during the 'off season' between June and September. Members can submit an image on one or all of the following subjects, which must be taken between May 20th 2024 and Sept 2nd 2024. These will then be judged by the other members at the start of the season. Images must be sent via the Club Dropbox before Monday 02 September 2024.

1. Small
2. Medium
3. Large

Ted Parrott Memorial Trophy (judged by members)

This Trophy is in memory of a long standing and valued member of the Club, Ted Parrott who passed away in 2019. Images must be of 'Sporting Action', and be submitted by Monday 02 September 2024. This image must have been taken between September 04th 2023 and September 2nd 2024.

For all Competitions please upload images via the Dropbox link below:-

[CCC Competition upload 2024/5](#)

CCC Annual Competition categories - submission deadline 24 March 2025		
Award	Subject	Format
Pitchers Trophy (Topic chosen by Club President)	Family in the Cotswolds	DPI, 1600 x 1200, sRGB
Dennis Moss Trophy	Open	Print 1600 x 1200, sRGB
Leonard Jones Cup	Open	DPI, 1600 x 1200, sRGB
Cavendish Cup	Black and white Open	Print 1600 x 1200, sRGB
Miles Shield	Open (Club outing)	DPI, 1600 x 1200, sRGB
Gladiator Trophy	Aviation	DPI, 1600 x 1200, sRGB
Pitchers Cup <u>Open to new members only.</u>	Open	Print or DPI, 1600 x 1200, sRGB

Quote of the week

It's weird that photographers spend years or even a whole lifetime, trying to capture moments that added together, don't even amount to a couple of hours. - James Lalropui Keivom

That's it for this week. Have a good weekend.

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