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Club News

Hi everyone. Hope you are all well, basking in the wet and cold! We had a fun Squirrel Safari a couple of weeks ago at the Glos Uni Park Campus, Cheltenham with a turnout of around 12 intrepid photographers. Sorry we had to start a little earlier than usual but the I'm glad squirrels didn't disappoint as neither did the geese and ducks. Shame we didn't see the breeding pair of mandarin ducks.

However, now you know that the university campus is open to the public so you can always go back and for those who didn't make it, it's definitely worth a visit. With dogs not allowed, the wildlife is quite friendly. The Beehive pub did us proud afterwards - a rare opportunity to sit outside this summer for a change.

Here's a couple of pics posted on the WhatsApp group from Dave Cahill, John Crew and Mike C. Love them.



1 - John

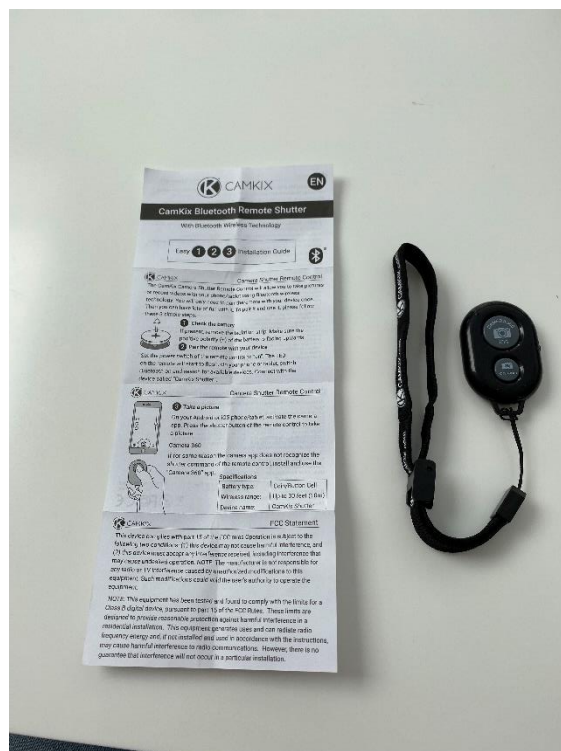


2 - Mike



3 - Dave

Mike's clever idea of taking a close up of geese using his iPhone laid on the ground (and bombarded by duck food!), remotely triggered by his iWatch spurred me on to



source a remote smart phone trigger. £5.99 later my Amazon purchase duly arrived, and I have to say that its brilliant fun. Good for easier selfies and it triggers video on and off as well. Here's the kit if you fancy a cheap investment (it took all of three seconds to pair with my iPhone):

Finally, I bumped into former club members Jan and Carlo on Monday. Jan was hobbling following a post hip replacement incident but was on good form and they both passed on their kind regards to the Club.

Up and coming meet-up stuff

Next Monday meet up - 15th July – Start 7.00 - Finish 8.30 pm.

Just a reminder that our next meet up is at the Sculpture Park, Somerford Keyes, Cirencester at 7.00 pm. It's where we went last year. We meet by 'car up the tree' which is by the cafe. There's a reduced entrance charge for CCC members of £5. We meet afterwards at the Bakers Arms pub in Somerford Keynes. Here's a link to the Sculpture Park Website:

<https://cotswoldsculpturepark.co.uk/>

Tuesday - 16th July - iPhone Street Safari night, Cirencester – 7:00 pm

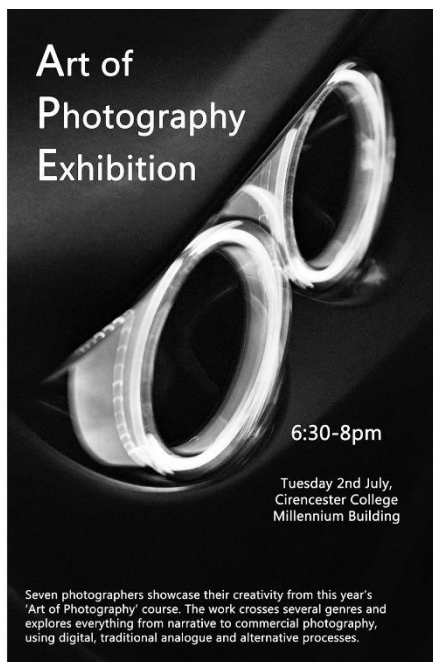
Colin has very kindly offered to run an iPhone street safari around Cirencester on next Tuesday evening 16th July. From initial feedback via the WhatsApp group there's certainly enough interest to hold the event. Here's Colin with the details:

Hi everyone. Essentially, we will meet in Cirencester town centre, Tuesday 16th, starting around 19.00 pm. Suggest meet outside the Parish Church. Of course it's weather dependant! The intention is to walk around the town for 1-1.5 hours (flexible) using the iPhone (smart) camera to do some snaps and then we'll meet afterwards in the pub - probably our usual town centre venue, The Crown. I'll talk about using the 'Snapseed' smartphone processing software including applying retouching options and techniques to the pics we took earlier (or others on our camera roll). A few rules/comments taken from the WhatsApp discussion:

- 1. No SLR digital or any film cameras allowed!*
- 2. I'm reasonably up to speed with the iPhone camera - so if you have a Samsung or other Android phone, I probably won't know my way around it quite as well as the iPhone, so can't help /advise as much as with the iPhone.*
- 3. I'll set a WhatsApp group up so those that don't like phone photography aren't interrupted by further phone camera chatter on the regular WhatsApp group channel. If you are not in the CCC WhatsApp group but want to join the iPhone group, let me know via Vignettes.*

*Cheers
Colin*

The Art of Photography Exhibition- Cirencester with Deb and Puri



Although this event has taken place, it's worth recording that some of us managed to get to the exhibition which club members Deb and Puri posted on the WhatsApp group. Both attended this photography course and exhibited their excellent work. The WhatsApp group feedback clearly showed it to be a great success.





Dave Cahill reminded me that the next course at the college starts in September and whilst it's a bit pricey (£600ish), you do get full access to all their facilities and good tuition in a small group. There are 10 places available, and we understand that there are 8 places left.

Here's a link:

https://www.cirencester.ac.uk/adult_course/art-of-photography/

External Exhibitions & Competitions

Classic Martin Parr prints on sale Photographers' Gallery seaside special

This one is right up my street. This summer the Print Sales Gallery at the Photographers' Gallery in London's Soho, will celebrate the romance and nostalgia of a British seaside summer with 'By the Seaside', which will run from June 28 to September 08. There are some great images from Martin Parr's famous 'Last Resort' book. Well worth a look. Here's a link to the PG website and an article:

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/news/classic-martin-parr-prints-on-sale-photographers-gallery-seaside-special>

<https://thephotographersgallery.org.uk/whats-on/seaside>

Winning images announced in the Royal Entomological Society's Photography Competition 2023.

A bit of a mouthful, this one, but the winning images are impressive. The annual photography competition is organized by the UK's leading insect science charity, and showcases the very best of amateur insect photography, helping bring the often overlooked miniature world of insects into sharp focus. The 2023 overall winner in the '18 and over' category is Yorkshire based Luke Chambers for his image 'Sleeping cuckoos' that depicts two cuckoo bees resting on a blade of grass. Here's a link:

<https://www.royensoc.co.uk/news/winning-images-revealed-in-res-photography-competition-2023/>

The Hasselblad Masters competition

From Wes Anderson-style train rides to dazzling micro photography, the spectacular winners of the latest Hasselblad Masters competition have been announced. Since it was established in 2001, the Hasselblad Masters competition has been a platform for exceptional photographers across the world. Just take a look at these images. Stunning quality

<https://www.hasselblad.com/inspiration/masters/2023/www.hasselblad.com/inspiration/masters/2023/>

2024 World Sports Photography Awards competition

More than 1,400 professional sports photographers from over 80 countries submitted to this competition. Chosen as the victor from over 9,000 submitted images to the 2024 World Sports Photography Awards competition, Belgian photographer Erik T'Kindt has been declared the overall winner, for his image of 22 year old Japanese gymnast Daiki Hashimoto. The image was taken at the 2023 Artistic Gymnastics World Championships, where Hashimoto won three gold medals. Here's a link:

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

Nikon Comedy Wildlife awards

With just over a month to go until the winners of the Nikon Comedy Wildlife are announced, the organizers have teased us by releasing their favorite entries so far. The entries include a three headed giraffe, and a sloth taking it easy. Check out the funnies here:

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/news/the-nikon-comedy-wildlife-awards-tease-us-with-their-favorite-entries>

Marilyn Stafford FotoReportage Award

Nikon has announced this year's winner of the esteemed Marilyn Stafford FotoReportage Award as Isabella Franceschini, for her work, 'The Leap of Fish that Dream of Flying'. The annual award was first launched on International Women's Day

2017, as a way to recognise the work of female documentary photographers, tackling important social, environmental, economic or cultural issues.

<https://www.marilynstaffordphotography.com/fotoaward/>

Astronomy Photographer of the Year competition shortlist

It's been an active year so far for astronomers. We've had the tantalizing Northern Lights, a solar eclipse, and a close call with an asteroid. Not to mention sky platypuses and cosmic koi carp. Last year, an astronomical highlight was the incredible meteor storms, among other cosmic events captured by the entries to the Astronomy Photographer of the Year competition. The competition is run by Royal Observatory Greenwich in association with BBC Sky At Night Magazine. This year, the competition received over 3,500 entries and from passionate amateur and dedicated professional photographers from 58 countries across the globe. The winners will be announced September 12, but until then, we can take a look at the shortlisted entries, which include sky dragons, Himalayan cosmic rainbows, and the screams of a dying star.

<https://www.rmg.co.uk/whats-on/astronomy-photographer-year/galleries/2024-shortlist>

BBC pictures

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

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/clky03er1glo>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c849xzp34neo>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cx72vp1lwwdo>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cpwdx1n49lvo>
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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/clwwegr5qo>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/czrrz33z70jo>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c288m1y70r9o>

2024-25 Competitions and information

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

I think a photography class should be a requirement in all educational programs because it makes you see the world rather than just look at it - Author Unknown

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

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