



# Vignettes 233

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## **Club News**

Hi everyone. I hope you are all well. Have you been out photographing the Super Moon, the Perseid Meteor Shower or the recent Northern Lights. It's all gone astronomic, hasn't it? Check out some amazing images in the BBC Images section below.

Anyway, just a couple of weeks now before we meet up for the new club season on the 2nd September. Don't forget that it's submission date for the Ted Parrott Trophy and the Summer cup (see details below) which we will be judging 'in house' on the 30th September.

We had the last of our summer meet ups in Bibury last Monday (12th August). The weather was excellent for the evening and here's Jean with a summary of the night.

### **Bibury Summer Meeting**

*Hi Martyn*

*The last of our summer meet ups took place in Bibury two weeks ago.*

*It was a pleasant evening with a mellow late afternoon sun. We Strolled around the 1380 line of almshouses in Arlington Row where we met a small group of Thai Buddhist Monks sightseeing before they set off for Manchester where one now lives. We were all trying to steal photos of them in their orange robes. A short walk along the way took us to the Grade I listed Anglo Saxon church of St Mary's. It felt like walking into an oasis of calm away from the bustle of tourists. To end the evening we met our President John Hankin at the Catherine Wheel for a very welcome drink. A lovely end to our summer meet ups.*

*Best*

*Jean*

Thanks, Jean, for organising the summer meet ups, I think they have been a great success with only one rained off. If anyone wants to post an image of the Buddhist Monks for Vignettes, feel free.

### **Martyn Fry Exhibition - Cheltenham**

Are you in Cheltenham in the next few days?

.....and even if you are not it's well worth making the journey to see our Club friend and regular excellent club comp judge Martin Fry hosting his latest photographic exhibition. It's at the Gardens Gallery, Montpellier Gardens from 21st - 27th Aug from 10.00 - 5.00 but the last day is only until 1.00 pm. Don't miss it. Just remember to come via the A435 as Leckhampton Hill is closed until 25th September. Here's the poster.

**From Cotswold Edge**  
 Celebration of Gloucestershire & beyond  
**MARTIN FRY** FRPS

**Celebration of Wood**  
**RODGER HARRISON**

**August 21<sup>st</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>**  
 Open daily 10am - 5pm  
 last day to 1pm

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**GARDENS GALLERY**, Montpellier Gardens, Cheltenham GL50 1SW

### External Exhibitions & Competitions

#### Who's your favourite Photographer?

We've all got our favourites but here's an interesting article giving you a top 50. Subjective I know but see if yours is included here.

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/features/the-best-photographers-ever>

#### Looking for the best books on portrait photography?

Capturing the very essence of someone – or capturing the substance that they wish to portray – is a challenge. This selection includes some of the top titles that are available right now. Take a look.

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/buying-guides/best-books-on-portrait-photography>

#### .....and here's some 14 tips for getting your best ever people shots

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/tutorials/portrait-photography-tips>

### **The Taylor Wessing Portrait Prize Shortlist**

The Taylor Wessing Portrait Prize is one of the most prestigious photography competitions on the calendar, with winners using it as a platform to catapult their careers. The National Portrait Gallery in the United Kingdom, which organizes the competition with support from Taylor Wessing, has announced the 2024 shortlist with 4 photographers chosen from 4,847 entries, each showcasing the magic of portrait photography. It's a competition we follow every year and the images are of the highest quality. Here's a link:

<https://www.npg.org.uk/whatson/exhibitions/2024/taylor-wessing-photo-portrait-prize-2024>

### **The finalists from the Ocean Photographer of the Year 2024 have been announced**

The finalists from the Ocean Photographer of the Year 2024 have been announced - showing us stunning images of maritime life picked from over 15,000 entries from around the world. From breathtaking photos of wildlife above and below the water, to skilled drone images and thought-provoking documentary work - the contest has become one of the must-see competitions each year. Presented by Oceanographic Magazine and Blancpain, the annual competition has a simple mission: to shine a light on the wonder and fragility of our blue planet, and to celebrate the photographers giving it a voice. Here's a link:

<https://oceanographicmagazine.com/winners-gallery/>

### **Colin wished us Happy World Photography Day on WhatsApp - why?**

Every year, on August 19, we observe World Photography Day – a globally recognized celebration of the photograph and its history. What actually is World Photography Day, though, and why does it take place on this particular date? Well, this is the date that recognizes the invention of the Daguerreotype, a process that was devised by the French artist and photographer, Louis-Jacques-Mandé Daguerre in 1837. His idea was then effectively sold to the French Academy of Sciences, which subsequently gifted the process to the world on 19 August 1839. Read on.....

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/news/happy-world-photography-day-heres-how-it-all-started-in-1839>

### **"Camera" is the indie movie every photographer will love and you can stream it now**

This heartwarming new drama puts photography firmly at the centre of its narrative, and is making waves in the world of independent movies.

Available to stream on Amazon Prime TV and Apple TV in the US, the film has already garnered critical acclaim and two prestigious awards: Best Director at the Beverly Hills Film Festival and Best Family Film at the Julien Dubuque International Film Festival. Check out the story here:

[https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/news/camera-is-the-indie-movie-every-photographer-will-love?utm\\_term=832F652F-09E5-4C46-AFE7-68766CE9D2AB&lrh=085274432ef20e6dd367d533ac038dd6fe4bb58a790a5ee5ab41a6fb9d70a3ec&utm\\_campaign=75AC6D4F-39F0-41CB-A47C-7C5D939AC64B&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=3AA21D87-BBBC-410E-BB3B-B95D3F71138F&utm\\_source=SmartBrief](https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/news/camera-is-the-indie-movie-every-photographer-will-love?utm_term=832F652F-09E5-4C46-AFE7-68766CE9D2AB&lrh=085274432ef20e6dd367d533ac038dd6fe4bb58a790a5ee5ab41a6fb9d70a3ec&utm_campaign=75AC6D4F-39F0-41CB-A47C-7C5D939AC64B&utm_medium=email&utm_content=3AA21D87-BBBC-410E-BB3B-B95D3F71138F&utm_source=SmartBrief)

## Why the skies turned red over the UK this weekend

Here's the answer:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/crkm2vpy7g6o>

## Pioneering Photojournalist honoured

Two of the earliest pioneers of photojournalism, who captured groundbreaking images of street life and political upheaval, are being honoured with blue plaques at their former homes. Christina Broom, one of Britain's first female press photographers, recorded the burgeoning suffragette movement in the early 1900s.

John Thomson captured Victorian street characters, such as 'Hookey Alf of Whitechapel' and the 'Mush-Fakers' of Clapham, as well as his travels to Asia. Here's a bit more info:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cz9wpy787y1o>

## **BBC pictures**

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

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c2kigexjv28o>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c3ej1yvj47vo>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cn0lwz7lw47o>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cdxlr2eq028o>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cvg3wyk471go>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/weather/articles/cjdke4e8ge4o>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cz07l3glkdmo>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cyvp4748115o>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c5ypxe2812vo>

## **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 20<sup>th</sup> 2024 and Sept 2nd 2024. These will then be judged by the other members. Images must be sent via the Club Dropbox before Monday 9th September 2024.

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

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 09 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](#)

**Quote of the week**

*Every time someone tells me how sharp my photos are, I assume that it isn't a very interesting photograph. If it were, they would have more to say - Author Unknown*

That's it for this week.

Cheers

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