



Vignettes 250

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Club News

Hi everyone. I hope you are all well. We've hit 250 Vignettes in just over five years. Yippee! Time for a retrospective - see below. However, first of all, it was good to see thirty members grace The Greyhound on Monday night for an exciting Quiz evening hosted by our Chair and regular (if I have anything to do with it!) quizmaster, David Wallis. Matt and Marcie at the pub did a great job of setting out the team tables for us and in getting the food out on time. Yours truly used an App to randomly choose the teams fairly, no fighting, everybody paid, and nobody died! A result. Well done to the Dashing Digitals although it was a close-run thing with the Blazing Bracketeers just one point behind. Here's the results:

The Dashing Digitals - 62 points

- John Crew
- Gary
- Trish Lindsay
- Patrick B
- Ruth B

The Blazing Bracketeers - 61 points

- Colin Hoskins
- Shaun
- Fin Simpson
- Steve Kirby

The Magical Macros - 54 points

- Lawrence Wilcock
- Chris Donohoe
- John Hankin
- Steve Finch
- Paul Jones

The Hot Shoe Shufflers - 51 points

- Dave Cahill
- Jean
- Billy Kerr
- Rod Head
- John Jones

The Sensational Sensors - 48 points

- Andy Dipper
- Katrina
- Martyn S
- Mike C
- Brian Kent

The Zany Zoomers - 38 points

- John Milloy
- Robin O'Keefe
- Vikki O'Keefe
- Paul Norris
- John Smith

First Meeting Next Year

Vignettes is taking next week off so, after the Christmas break, our first meeting of 2025 is another 7.00 pm Zoom on the 6th January - Roger Hance FRPS, who will be presenting a talk on People, Portraits and Photojournalism. As always, more details are on the events listing on the club website.

Vignettes

250 Vignettes - a look back and what's next?

I took some time this week to cast an eye over all 249 Vignettes since it came out in Oct 2019 primarily as I wanted to log the number of global and local photo competitions which have always been a staple part of the bulletin. More of that below.

Of course, we started 'V' only a few months before Covid struck in 2020 and it suddenly became both the conduit which kept members in touch with each other and our 'force majeure' programme but acted as a sounding board and knowledge resource where members could ask questions and share experiences and knowledge of all things photographic, given that we were not able to meet up.

There is certainly a wealth of information in all those editions of Vignettes so if you want to learn about anything from RAM memory to Focus Stacking, from kit resource to the exposure triangle, just access the relevant part of the Club Website where Vignettes is saved and try a 'word search'. Much of it is still relevant today.

Of all the members who contributed to the bulletin at that time, special mention must go to Shaun who was (and is) always ready to give his experienced opinion on a huge range of photographic topics so we had an excellent 'living' educational resource to access. Neither could I have got the bulletin out without Mike Cheeseman's help in formatting a presentable version on time each week. Of course, the Club's WhatsApp Group was subsequently formed which now acts in a more interactive and immediate capacity to allow members to interact expeditiously whilst complementing Vignettes's weekly 'read' which gives access to the wider world of photography and the club's organic programme.

Over the last 18 months Vignettes has tended to follow a regular format comprising a summary of the week's activity on Monday, what's coming the next week, news on global competitions, images from the BBC's photography website pages plus any relevant info from new software to tips and tricks accessed from a range of sources including articles found online or in YouTube. It is, at the end of the day, your bulletin so it's important to make sure it's accessible, relevant and makes interesting reading. We all have busy lives so I can't expect everyone to read it cover to cover, more that it might be something you can pick up from time to time when you have a quiet moment. The use of online links to articles and images is a great way to share a wealth of information. Of course, we always put all the essential club competition information on it as a reminder of subjects and submission/judging dates etc.

So, if you still find Vignettes interesting, let me know but equally if you prefer a different format, or think that it needs something extra to make it stay 'current', I'm all ears. After all, it's your magazine. Just let me or David know. The more feedback we get the merrier. We just don't want it to become the elephant in the room.

In the meantime, you might find it more than amusing that, having looked at all 249 Vignettes over last week, we have reported on 152 Global and local Photography Competitions, most of which you can enter. And that's not mentioning the photographic 'Salons' around the world which David has been trying out over last summer.

Just take a look at this lot - from The Shipwrecked Mariners' Society photography competition to The International Garden Photographer of The Year. From The Concrete of Life photo comp to The International Dog Photography Awards. Some competitions share the same subject matter (e.g. birds) but are different as subtle changes in the competition title reveals. I can't guarantee that there's not the odd duplication in the list below, but you can either access the link to a specific competition via the Vignettes bulletins on the website or just type in the competition name in Google and you'll probably find it and, of course all the winning and shortlisted images. It's Just amazing how popular photography has become and how accessible it is across all genres. Here goes:

Complied from 249 Vignettes Bulletins from Oct 2019 to Dec 2024 - often referred to as 'POTY's'

1. British Wildlife Photographer of the Year (BWPOTY).
2. International Wildlife Photographer of the year (IWPOTY).
3. Cheltenham International Salon of Photography (CISP).
4. British Ecological Society photographer of the year (BESPOTY).
5. Western Counties Photographic Federation Digitally Projected Image Comp (DPIC).
6. Western Counties Photographic Federation Members Print Comp.
7. Landscape Photographer of The Year (LPOTY).
8. International Photography Exhibition annual awards (RPS).
9. Potato Photographer of The Year (PPOTY).
10. Pink Lady Food Photographer of the Year (PLPOTY).
11. British Photography Awards (BPA).
12. Travel Photographer of the Year (TPOTY).
13. The Lucie Awards.
14. Street Level Photoworks Futureproof Awards.
15. Sony World Photography Awards.
16. Science Photographer of the year (SPOTY).
17. PAGB GB Cup and Trophy.
18. Comedy Wildlife Photographer of the year (CPOTY).
19. Close Up Photographer of The Year (CUPOTY).
20. Nature Photographer of the year (NPOTY).
21. Earth Photo competition.
22. Astronomy Photographer of The Year (APOTY).
23. Historic Photographer of the year (HPOTY).
24. Taylor Wessing photographic portrait prize.
25. Guardian travel photographer of the year.
26. Cobalt's Annual Photography Competition.
27. Underwater Photographer Of The Year (UPOTY).
28. International Garden Photographer Of The Year (IGPOTY).

29. Scottish Nature Photography Awards.
30. RHS Garden Photographer of the Year.
31. Nature TTL Photographer of the Year.
32. BBC Countryfile photographic competition.
33. Wellcome Photography Prize.
34. Bug Photographer of the Year.
35. Bird Photographer of the Year (BPOTY).
36. Shipwrecked Mariners' Society photography competition.
37. The Mangrove Photography Awards.
38. Ocean Photographer of the year (OPOTY).
39. African Fashion Awards (AFA).
40. UK Weekly Photographer of the Year.
41. The Nature Conservatory photo awards.
42. The Royal Society of Biology's annual photography awards.
43. Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust - The Julian Gardner Awards.
44. International Photography Awards (IPA).
45. Environmental Photographer of the year (EPOTY).
46. The Prix Pictet Photography awards.
47. The Art of Building Photography Awards.
48. Leica Picture of The Year Competition.
49. International Landscape Photographer of The Year (ILPOTY).
50. "I Love Oxfordshire" photography competition.
51. The Benjamin Mkapa African Wildlife Photography Awards.
52. The World Nature Photography Awards 2021 (WNPA).
53. The Hasselblad Foundation Awards.
54. RSPCA Young Photographer Awards.
55. South West Coast Path Photographer of the Year competition.
56. Societies of Photographers Photographer of the Year.
57. SkyPixel Aerial Photo & Video Contest.
58. Storm photos of the year Photography Competition.

59. The Audubon Photography Awards.
60. The Epson International Pano Awards.
61. The Association of Photographers Awards.
62. Siena Creative Photo Awards.
63. The CEWE Photo Award.
64. World Landscape Photographer competition.
65. Urban Wildlife Photography Awards.
66. International Portrait Photographer of the Year.
67. Our World Photography Competition.
68. Decade of Change global photography award.
69. Comedy Pet Photo Awards.
70. World Sports Photography Awards.
71. LJ Ross Northern Photography Prize.
72. Rebecca Vassie Memorial Award.
73. RIBA Gloucestershire Photographic Competition.
74. The Black and White Photo Awards.
75. The Canon Redline Challenge.
76. Drone Photo Awards.
77. Animal Friends Comedy Pet Photo Awards.
78. The Australian Photography Prize.
79. Siena International Photo Awards.
80. European Wildlife Photographer of the Year.
81. Urban Photo Awards.
82. BHF Reflections of Research Science Photo Competition.
83. Architectural Photography Awards.
84. Bristol International Salon of Photography.
85. African Wildlife Awards.
86. Natural Landscape Photography Awards.
87. British Ecological Society hosts 'Capturing Ecology' Awards.
88. International Dog Photography Awards.

89. The Canarian photo awards.
90. Minimalist Photography Awards.
91. Young Nature Photographer of the Year award.
92. The BPPA's Press Photographer of the Year.
93. SO.CO Music Photographer of the Year Awards.
94. Concrete of Life photo comp.
95. The Society of International Nature and Wildlife Photographers Nature in Action Photography Competition.
96. The World Photography Awards.
97. Scottish Nature Photography Awards.
98. The Mind's Eye All About Photo Awards.
99. GDT Nature Photographer of the Year.
100. The Veterinary Photographer of the Year.
101. Scottish Landscape Photographer of the Year (SLPOTY)
102. International Wedding Photographer of the Year.
103. Oppo Imagine IF Photography Awards.
104. iPhone Photography Awards.
105. The Northern Photography Prize.
106. Cotswold District Council Photography competition.
107. Cornish Wildlife photography Awards.
108. The AOP Photography Awards.
109. Red Bull photo contest.
110. Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust photo contest.
111. European Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition.
112. Nikon Small World Photomicrography Awards.
113. Canon Redline Challenge.
114. Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum International Photography Award (HIPA).
115. British Dragonfly Society Calendar Competition.
116. Mineral Products Association Awards.
117. ViewSonic's ColorPro Awards.

118. Royal Society Publishing Photography Competition.
119. Northern Lights Photographer of the Year awards.
120. Society of Photographers Photographer of the Year competition.
121. International Wedding Photographer of the Year.
122. SWPP Dog Competition.
123. Virtual Photographer of the Year Award (VPOTY).
124. South Downs National Park astrophotography competition.
125. York National Railway Museum launches young person's photo competition.
126. LCE Photographer of the Year.
127. Nikon Comedy Wildlife Awards.
128. Weather Photographer of the Year.
129. Hasselblad Masters photo contest.
130. The Wild Mann Nature Photographer Awards.
131. Fujifilm Life as You See It competition.
132. All About Photo (AAP) various photography contest.
133. Milky Way Photographer of the Year.
134. Abbey Road Studios Music Photography Awards.
135. Royal Entomological Society's Photography Competition.
136. Marilyn Stafford FotoReportage Award.
137. Leica Oskar Barnack Award (LOBA).
138. Academy of Science's BigPicture: Natural World Photography Competition.
139. Australian Photographic Prize.
140. Digital Photographer's Dark Nights contest.
141. Royal International Air Tattoo Photo Competition.
142. Think Pink: The photography competition.
143. The World Food Photography Awards (formerly Pink Lady Food Photographer of the Year).
144. Autumn Atmosphere photo contest with Photocrowd.
145. Spotlight Awards by Production Paradise.

146. Nikon Film and Photo Contest.
147. The International Dog Photography Awards.
148. RAF's Photographer of the Year 2024.
149. Cheltenham Animal Shelter's Winter Photo Pet Show Competition.
150. British Journal of Photography's - Portrait of Britain Competition.
151. International Pet Photography Awards.
152. Budapest International Foto Awards.
153. Society of the International Nature and Wildlife Photographers (SINWP)
Bird Photographer of the Year.
154. The 'East Suffolk Through the Lens' contest.

Cheltenham international Salon of Photography (CISP)

That time of year is coming around again in Jan when our friends in the Cheltenham Camera Club open its doors to its annual CISP competition. It's normally in the first week of Jan so watch out through its website. As you know the Cheltenham Club presents its CISP AV every year to us in Sept/Oct which is always well put together and a great night's entertainment. Here's the link:

<https://cheltenhamcameraclub.co.uk/club/cheltenham-international-salon-photography-cisp>

[Ed note: Salon entry is made through Pixoroo]

Adobe

David has been in touch - software
Here's something that David sent me this week:

Hi Martyn. I have found the attached regarding Adobe Price rises which might be useful to add the link in Vignettes. A yearly subscription should keep prices steady for 2025.

https://blog.adobe.com/en/publish/2024/12/15/all-new-photography-innovations-pricing-updates?clickref=10111A5wi6CE&mv=affiliate&mv2=pz&as_camptype=&as_channel=affiliate&as_source=partnerize&as_campaign=lightroomqueen

*Cheers
David*

External Exhibitions and Competitions

Society of the International Nature and Wildlife Photographers (SINWP) Bird Photographer of the Year

The Society of the International Nature and Wildlife Photographers has just announced the winners of the SINWP Bird Photographer of the Year 2024 competition. Organized in support of the RSPB, this competition helps to showcase some of the best wildlife photography from around the world. With over 2,300 entries, the judges saw a huge range of feathered species from around the world. The overall winner was Hira Punjabi from Maharashtra in India, whose dramatic image shows a parakeet attacking the tail of a monitor lizard up a tree. His winner was shot with his Nikon Z9 and Z 600mm f/4 TC VR S TC super telephoto lens. Check out the link:

<https://sinwp.com/bird/>

Siân Davey's work celebrated with major exhibition at the Martin Parr Foundation
Siân Davey's photography offers a window into the complex nature of family, identity, and community – an exploration shaped by her journey from psychotherapist to photographer. Now, with *The Creative Body: Photographs 2014 - 2024*, the Martin Parr Foundation presents a comprehensive exhibition of her intimate photographic practice. Here's the story:

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/photography/galleries-and-exhibitions/a-pioneering-female-voice-in-british-photography-a-decade-of-sian-daveys-work-is-celebrated-with-major-exhibition-at-the-martin-parr-foundation>

AAP announces its competition winners

All About Photo (AAP) has announced the winners of its most recent competition for issue 44 of its online magazine. Titled Street, the 25 winners span 11 different countries and 5 continents, representing the very best in street photography. Here's a link:

<https://www.all-about-photo.com/all-about-photo-competitions.php>

RSPCA Young Photographer Awards

Anwen Whitehead only took up photography as a serious hobby last year, but has just scooped the overall prize in the RSPCA Young Photographer Awards. Aged 15, her winning photograph of a puffin was shot on Pembrokeshire's Skomer Island in Wales. Her image was shot using a Canon EOS 2000D DSLR, fitted with a Sigma 150-600mm f/5-6.3 DG OS HSM Contemporary telephoto zoom lens. The exposure was 1/3200sec at f/5.6, ISO500. Here's a link:

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

BBC pictures

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

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c1wq83p54eeo>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cdr0zd1mlv5o>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/ce8n44zgrwjo>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cvgr0n4r82vo>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/articles/c2lde8nq9jyo>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cdjgdmym8lgo>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/weather/articles/cj49egxk58zo>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c159zx1dxkwo>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cgr0p4er2l7o>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cq5lwvvp6x1o>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c9vkegeg43zo>

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 three subjects, which must be taken between end of May and beginning of September. These will then be judged by the other members at the start of the season. [Exact dates and subjects will be confirmed each year at the AGM]

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 the start of the season. This image must have been taken between the start of the current season and the start of the following season. [Exact dates will be confirmed each year at the AGM]

For all Competitions, please upload images via Pixoroo link below: -

pixoroo.com/public/account/login

Quote of the week

The negative is the equivalent of the composer's score, and the print the performance - Ansel Adams

That's it for this week. From all of us in the editorial team at Vignettes Global Headquarters, have a great Xmas and a peaceful 2025.

Cheers

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