



Vignettes 269

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Club News

Hi everyone. I hope you are all well. I hope you had a great bank holiday weekend. Your committee met up on Tuesday just to run through our regular agenda, previous minutes, finances etc plus a few matters which we will be raising at the AGM.

Next year's club programme is starting to take shape thanks to Dave Cahill and I'm sure he will be canvassing you over the summer months to help fill in the missing nights. More at the AGM.

Programme Secretary's Review

Next Week's meet up - 12th May - Here's Dave

Hi everyone. After the Bank Holiday break, I'm looking forward to our next meeting on the 12th May. I'm trying to keep up with a tradition of having an out and about practical evening for our penultimate meeting of the season, so I have booked a Morris dance side to perform for us outside the Parish Church in the centre of Cirencester.

Miserden Morris are a mixed (i.e. male and female) Morris group who dance in the Cotswold tradition and specialise in dances from Gloucestershire. They do stick dances, hanky dances and corner dances – with dances from the villages of Oddington, Sherborne, Bledington & Longborough!

They have promised to bring a full complement of dancers and musicians. Their Beast, Boris the Boar will be there too. So there should be ample opportunity for some interesting character and close up images, as well as some action shots.

Start time is 7:30pm. I guess they will dance for an hour or so, and afterwards, as is Morris tradition, we will retire to a pub, probably The Crown. At the moment the weather is looking good, so fingers crossed it will stay that way, or it could just be the pub!

Remember, any images will of course be eligible for the 2026 Miles Shield annual competition for practical nights or club outings.

Summer meet ups

Jean has been progressing with the Summer season which is inevitably an organic process so the best advice we can give you is to keep your eye on Vignettes (every couple of weeks in the close season!) and the WhatsApp group for updates. We will keep the programme in Vignettes as a regular feature over the summer. On that score here it is including an update from Paul Jones for the Frampton Mansell walk on the 9th June:

Hi everyone. Here's a brief outline of proposed summer meet ups. As you will see there's some things we have to action nearer the time so we will use WhatsApp and Vignettes to stay in contact:

- 26 May at 7.00pm kick off the Bank Holiday at Golden Cross pub, Black Jack Street.

- 9 June at 6.30 walk around Frampton Mansell. Paul Jones to host. Paul suggests including the canal and river leading to Baker's Mill Lake (often with swans), the railway viaduct, the Church and the Vestry and the heritage guide below contains a map and shorter descriptions of possible locations. The terrain is undulating and suitable footwear for fields and tracks is needed. Depending on numbers we may be able to split into two groups as necessary or feel free to roam as you wish.
- I suggest we meet in the Crown Inn car park.:-

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eSr9AlECmz8S9Ox9o6SEAA6slkvNNltL/view?usp=sharing>

- 23 June at 6.0 pm - meet Liz and the Worcester CC for a guided walk around Worcester with social meet at a pub after. Opportunity for car sharing.
- 14 July Cotswold's Lakes at time to be agreed with Highworth CC. Paul Norris to advise shortly.
- 28 July Sculpture Park. £10 admission as they will be opening out of hours for us. Times to be confirmed but we need to know numbers as they are opening especially for us. Please let me know if you are intending to come.
- 5 August (Tuesday) at 10.00 am -12 noon - site visit to the 'Missing Link' A417 road scheme organised by Martyn. He will be in touch via Vignettes nearer the time to firm up numbers as the contractors will need to know.
- 18 August maybe pub to end - any other ideas?

Note:

For those who are interested, Tough Mudder is 16 August at Badminton. Unfortunately, I am away. Here's a link:

[https://toughmudder.co.uk/events/south-west/?utm_campaign=Purchase Google Search 2025 Tough Mudder South West %7C Brand Keywords Local Conversions 8/16/25 LOCAL RACE SALES CUS2727-102 2025 Tough Mudder South West %7C Brand Keywords&utm_source=google search&utm_medium=paid search&utm_content=2025 Tough Mudder South West %7C Brand Keywords 2025 Tough Mudder South West&utm_term=tough%20mudder%202025&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=22293326549&gbraid=0AAAAACf2qAkzbVhIQGwQEM_y2B00iWWKG](https://toughmudder.co.uk/events/south-west/?utm_campaign=Purchase+Google+Search+2025+Tough+Mudder+South+West+%7C+Brand+Keywords+Local+Conversions+8/16/25+LOCAL+RACE+SALES+CUS2727-102+2025+Tough+Mudder+South+West+%7C+Brand+Keywords&utm_source=google+search&utm_medium=paid+search&utm_content=2025+Tough+Mudder+South+West+%7C+Brand+Keywords+2025+Tough+Mudder+South+West&utm_term=tough%20mudder%202025&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=22293326549&gbraid=0AAAAACf2qAkzbVhIQGwQEM_y2B00iWWKG)

External Exhibitions and Competitions

Photographic Roadshows this May

We've been pinged by the Society of Photographers - see below:



Dear Cirencester Camera Club

The Society of Photographers warmly invites you and your fellow camera club members to join us for our inspiring photographic roadshows this May - a perfect opportunity to connect, learn, and be creatively inspired!

Upcoming Roadshows

Tuesday 13th May 2025 – Wetherby Racecourse, Wetherby

Wednesday 14th May 2025 – Colwick Hall, Nottingham

Thursday 15th May 2025 – Bank House Hotel, Spa & Golf Club, Worcester

These roadshows are the perfect opportunity to catch up with the latest products and services from the trade and gain education from a series of talks. You can attend these days free of charge and they are open to members and non-members alike.

Free Masterclasses with these Speakers:

Unleash Your Inner Sports Photographer with Alex Denham Sponsored by Fujifilm

Mastering Light & Storytelling in Wedding & Portrait Photography with Raj Khepar Sponsored by Canon

The Ultimate Black and White Portrait with Gary Hill Sponsored by Click Backdrops
Small Production, Big Results with Oliver Wheeldon Sponsored by Fujifilm

Exhibitors
Fujifilm, Canon UK, Sony, Elinchrom, Graphistudio, Camera Centre UK, Auduki, Evoto AI, Bump to Baby, PermaJet, Click Backdrops, The Societies of Photographers

FREE Trade Show Opening Times: 09:30-15:30

REGISTER FOR YOUR FREE TICKETS TODAY - <https://thesocieties.net/roadshows/>

We look forward in seeing you all there!

Regards

Ben Jones

The Society of Photographers

17th Picture Award winners announced

Picture Award is a global competition that welcomes professional, semi-professional and enthusiast amateur photographers, honoring artistry at a time when social media

and commissioned projects often overshadow artistic development in the photography world. This incredible golden heron (in the animal category) leads the winning images of Picture Award's 17th edition, centered around animals, people and panoramas. Take a look at the winners:



<https://www.picture-award.com/past-awards>

GDT Nature Photographer of the Year 2025

When nature photographer Konrad Wothe first encountered a dipper darting behind a waterfall, his film camera wasn't able to focus quickly enough on the bird to capture the unusual occurrence. But after two decades, Wothe was lucky enough to spot another bird that had decided to nest behind a waterfall. The resulting shot of the dipper behind a mesmerizing pattern of water has earned the photographer and filmmaker the GDT Nature Photographer of the Year 2025 title. Check out the winners here:

<https://www.gdtfoto.de/seiten/gdt-nature-photographer-of-the-year-2025.html>

Feeling old?

No? Well done - take a look at this enlightening story:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cpg70lwee8zo>

BBC pictures

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

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cwy78deezgyo>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c2kvwjy21do>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cx2v6rvq160o>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/articles/czd39932q39o>

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

Quote of the week

Photography is a way of feeling, of touching, of loving. What you have caught on film is captured forever... It remembers little things, long after you have forgotten everything - Aaron Siskind

That's it, have a good week.

Cheers

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