



# Vignettes 270

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## Club News

Hi everyone. I hope you are all well. What a cracking Monday night we had. Great weather, a good club turnout and a super troupe (is that what you call them?) of the Miserdon Morris dancers to delight us. A big thanks to Dave for thinking out of the box and organising it all. Really excellent. It will be a tough act to follow for next year's post May bank holiday meet up. All ideas welcome! Here's Dave with his weekly round up.

## Programme Secretary's Review

### Last Week/Next Week

*Hi everyone. Many thanks to the 27 (I think) club members who turned up for a fun evening photoshoot with the 'Miserden Morris'. One of my better ideas for a club practical event I think. The weather was on our side, even after the black skies and thunder which we had in Northleach mid afternoon. I enjoyed it and thought Miserden Morris were really good and co-operative. I hope you all got some great images for the Miles Shield next season. Their bagman, Richard, asked if I could forward any images to him so they could use them for their own publicity. If you are are happy for them to do this then please email or WeTransfer them to me and I will send him a collection in due course. If they do use any he said they will give the club full credits.*

*I got over 150 images which I am working my way through. I did a lot with long exposures using my Urth variable ND filter, which I have to say is brilliant and super easy to use. The results are a bit Marmitey I guess. I thought half a second exposure gave the best results. Apologies to our President for cloning him out of this shot! I saw Shaun had the same long exposure idea so I'm looking forward to seeing what he got.*



*The Crown pub got a lot of business afterwards. It made me smile to see that 'Boris The Boar' was allowed in. I wish I had taken a photo. I did get a few featuring him in the dancing.*



*Next week is our final meeting of the season – our AGM and awards night. I feel the year has raced by. **It will be our normal 7:30pm start.** I look forward to seeing you there for a final hurrah to our club committee and cheers to all the season's comp winners.*

*Cheers*

*Dave*

Thanks Dave. I guess if you are going to send Dave some images of the Miserdon Morris night, it would be best to do it sooner rather than later.

### **External Exhibitions and Competitions**

Last call. Enter the 2025 CEWE Photo Award before it's too late

Here's the flyer for all you comp fans. You've got to be in it to win it:

<https://www.cewe.co.uk/cewe-photo-award.html>

Photography cheat sheets: camera reference guides for visual learners

We highlight these 'cheat sheets' from time to time in Vignettes as they are a great way to brush up on your essential camera skills. Check them out here:

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/tutorials/photography-cheat-sheets>

CatchLight Visual Storytelling Summit

Each year, CatchLight recognizes photographers who go beyond documenting events. They collaborate closely with the people and communities they photograph, building relationships over time and sharing creative control. At the CatchLight Visual Storytelling Summit on May 03, which coincided with World Press Freedom Day, the San Francisco-based nonprofit announced its 2025 Global Fellows – a trio of visual storytellers who are redefining what it means to make work *with* rather than *about* others. Check out the backstory:

<https://www.catchlight.io/summit>

## **Camera bags - oh no it's an update!!**

Hello, is there anyone there?!! If you recall (if you were still awake) from my camera bag chat a couple of years ago that I had a beef about ergonomics and the camera bag companies being more interested in what you get in a bag, tips and tricks etc than actual comfort, particularly for hiking. I highlighted and favoured the 'air mesh' type back venting system you see on 'proper' backpacks which keeps your back dry on walks and suggested, as an alternative, that you have a look at the cube system where you can fit a separate cube with your camera kit (there are different sizes) into a properly designed hiking bag made by companies like Osprey, Deuter, North Face etc. Of course, if you occasionally don't use the photo cube, the backpack can then be used as a full hiking kit.

At the time, I did however find (only) two air mesh style hiking camera bags on the market made by hiking bag companies, namely the Jack Wolfskin ACS Photo Pack Pro and the Cosyspeed photohiker 44 both of which are out of production, with the threatened Mk2 version of the Cosyspeed never materialising. I managed to find the Jack Wolfskin bag on eBay (£80) and have been using it quite a lot recently. It really is very comfortable and, like the Cosyspeed, gives you space for coats, picnics etc which a lot of camera bags don't. However it's not a cube backpack.

Well there's some good news. Two new air mesh camera bags have appeared on the market - the PGYTech One Pro Flex which has been getting rave reviews for comfort and the Deuter Futura Pro Jaypack 36. Both operate a cube type photo kit storage system with the PGY, at 44 litres, having more capacity for non camera stuff. You can also use different size cubes as well. As you would expect they have all the proper padding, comfortable kidney waist straps, sternum strap etc befitting of a bag made by a hiking company. Of course the weight should be carried on your hips not your shoulders.

As for my Wolfskin bag there is one issue which I have resolved and that is that the sternum strap tends to rise upwards and come out of the shoulder strap fitting but this has been resolved by fitting a simple 'stay'. Hope that all helps. The things I do for Cirencester Camera Club.....!!! You can wake up now.

## **Summer meet up dates**

Here's a repeat of last weeks summer meet up programme to keep it in the frame:

*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. 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:*

- 26/5 at 7.00;pm kick off the Bank Holiday at Golden Cross pub, Black Jack Street.

- 9/6 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>

- 23/6 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.
- 14/7 Cotswold's Lakes at time to be agreed with Highworth CC. Paul Norris to advise shortly.
- 28/7 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.
- 5/8 (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.
- 18/8 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)

## **BBC pictures**

As usual some great images from across the globe from the BBC's website. Lots of archival stuff this week:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cq69rpn3e31o>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c05n5d91jdgo>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c8rexndkm27o>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c17rgd4xyelo>  
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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cn5yr2l1w00o>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/clj1yj1ydego>

**Quote of the week**

*We are making photographs to understand what our lives mean to us - Ralph Hattersley*

That's it, have a good week.

Cheers

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