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Club News

Hi everyone. I hope you are all well. The big news for all you Canon fans is that the wait is over - the Canon R6 III has finally been announced after months of rumours. Who's going to be first?! Meanwhile here's Dave with his weekly roundup:

Programme Secretary's Review

Dave's weekly round up

Hi everyone. I hope you all enjoyed the Brian Lee presentation this week where he told us all about his 'Diamond Decade' project. I was impressed by the number of great images he got from just 4 weeks each year, spring and autumn, in the various regions. The phenomenal amount of planning, research and day-to-day scheduling he did certainly paid off.

The Apps he mentioned were LightTrac and Tides. I haven't been able to find those in the Android app store so possibly they are Apple only. As he said there are probably other similar apps available. The willyweather.co.uk website he mentioned seems to be a useful source of weather and tides information too. It was also a good idea to get friendly with the locals to get advice on the more unusual locations and the best vantage points. A clean Aston 'Marion' came in useful too, to add that something extra to the composition.
I enjoyed the AV at the end.

There were a few locations I recognized, but many more stunning ones that I didn't. As I said at the end, we are still looking for presenters for the Travelogue UK evening on the 12th January. I'm hoping a couple of you were inspired enough to step forward! They don't all have to be 'Awesome Man!' Images, just an interesting location within the British Isles. Brian's ten A3 photo books were impressive too. He also sent me the links for his websites:

<https://brianlee8.wixsite.com/my-diamond-decade>

and

<https://brianlee8.myportfolio.com/>

I didn't know Adobe users had the Portfolio option in the plan – that's something I will definitely look into. Brian also sent details of the service he used for the infrared conversion on his Nikon.

https://www.protechrepairs.co.uk/infrared_conversion_-_filter_choices.html

Next week we have more AV, the Cheltenham International Salon Presentation. We will see some of the best images from the 2025 Salon across the various categories – Open Colour, Monochrome, Creative, Nature and Scapes. This is always an entertaining and inspiring evening, and as usual several of our members had successes this year, so hopefully we will see a few familiar images.

It will be our normal start time of 7:30pm.

I hope to see you there.

Dave

Cirencester Advent Market

David has been in touch - Volunteers wanted to capture the Cirencester Advent Market and Christmas Light Switch on event

Hi Martyn.

I have received the following note from Ciren Council regarding their Advent Market. I have said that we will respond so all I need now is some volunteers!

Hi David

I'm reaching out from the Community Services Team at Cirencester Town Council, we're hosting our annual Advent Market and Christmas Light Switch on event on the weekend of November 29th/30th and we're looking for someone to help capture photos from the day at this much-loved vibrant event. We wanted to see if any of the members of The Cirencester Camera Club might be interested in photographing the event. While we're not able to offer payment this time, it could be a great opportunity to gain experience, build their portfolios, and be credited for their work. If interested, we'd be happy to provide any additional details.

Please let me know if this might be of interest to your members, or if there's someone specific I should reach out to.

Kind regards

The Community Services Team

(Becky, Sarah, Valerie & Gemma)

On behalf of Cirencester Markets

Performances in the Church

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

Performance	Time
MARKET OPENING - TOWN CRIER & CANON MORRIS	10:00AM - 10:15AM
CORINIUM GUITAR ENSEMBLE	10:30AM - 11:00AM
HARMONIA VOCAL GROUP	11:20AM - 11:50AM
DONNA & THE TALL FELLA	12:10PM - 12:40PM
TINKCO	1:00PM - 1:30PM
STAY TUNED	1:50PM - 2:20PM
CIRENCESTER SINGERS	2:40PM - 3:10PM
ADAM OKIN	3:30PM - 4:00PM
CHURCH CLOSED FROM 4:00PM	
WATCH ON THE 3 BIG SCREENS	
CURIOUS LITTLE BIG BAND	4:15PM - 4:45PM
LIGHT SWITCH-ON CEREMONY	4:45PM - 4:55PM
FEATURING MAYOR OF CIRENCESTER & HEADLINE SPONSOR, THE RELISH GROUP, PLUS LOW NOISE FIREWORKS	
INFORMATION CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRINT - LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE	

Sponsors: ikt FAMILY SOLICITORS, Cirencester Town Council, Cirencester MARKETS, GATEWAY ICE RINK, Wenn Townsend, TROVE, Cirencester Church.

Christmas Quiz

And now there are 24 - Christmas Quiz - A reminder

Since last week, we've had quite a few members signing up to come to the Christmas Quiz. Up to 24 as I write which is great but a bit short on the last couple of years - we were around 30. It's at the Greyhound in Siddington which has become our regular venue for this event. David Wallis has once again been volunteered to be Quizmaster!! Thanks David and Dave Cahill gets a night off!! So, one for the diary.

I've been in touch with the pub and everything is confirmed. I should get the menu to circulate in the next few weeks, and we normally give them about 10 days' notice so get ready to let me know what you would like to eat plus any allergies. Pay on the night:

Christmas Quiz

Venue - Greyhound Pub, Siddington

Date - December 15th 2025

Time - 7.00 sharp.

Food - from 7.45

Team tables will be chosen at random nearer the time but in the first instance can you let me know if you are coming. I'll list the attendees in Vignettes each week. Here's the latest and do let me know if I have left you off:

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| 1. David Wallis | 15. Bex Jordan |
| 2. Martyn S | 16. Joh Smith |
| 3. Colin Hoskins | 17. Patrick Barker |
| 4. Brian Champion | 18. Ruth Barker |
| 5. Gary Gleghorn | 19. Roger Armitage |
| 6. Steve Kirby | 20. Lawrence Wilcock |
| 7. John Crew | 21. Billy Kerr |
| 8. Paul Norris | 22. Jean T |
| 9. Fin Simpson | 23. Andy Dipper |
| 10. Dave Cahill | 24. Katrina |
| 11. John Hankin | 25. |
| 12. Paul Jones | 26. Etc |
| 13. Mike Cheeseman | |
| 14. Steve Finch | |

Don't leave it too late.

External Exhibitions and Competitions

2025 Standard Chartered Weather Photographer of the Year

Yes the iPhones are marching on. The Royal Meteorological Society has revealed the winners of the 2025 Standard Chartered Weather Photographer of the Year competition, celebrating the 10th anniversary as one of the world's most visually striking photography awards. Selected from over 4,000 entries from 84 countries, the winning images capture the beauty, drama, and unpredictable power of the natural world. This year, the Mobile Category title was awarded to Kyaw Zay Lin for his gripping image of a sudden monsoon storm at Inle Lake, titled Fishing in raining season. And it might surprise some that this photograph was captured entirely on a Xiaomi smartphone camera – proving that you don't need a DSLR or mirrorless camera to capture high-quality imagery. Check out the story here:

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/photography/awards-and-competitions/this-award-winning-image-was-shot-on-a-phone-yes-really-is-this-the-final-proof-that-mobile-cameras-can-rival-traditional-gear>

British Photography Awards 2025

The 2025 British Photography Awards (BPA) not only showcased the finest work selected by a panel of expert judges but also gave photography fans a chance to make their choices heard – and the results are in. Take a look:

<https://www.britishphotographyawards.org/2025-shortlist/gallery>

BBC pictures

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

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c39749px2zyo>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c2lp28y9r25o>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cly2ppw9gwjo>

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20251107-the-photos-showing-why-pink-dolphins-are-the-amazons-great-thieves>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cz910pp3gwvo>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cqx3d5r439wo>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cy5q7xqwxvro>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cql94n54ze0o>

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20251106-the-sea-of-ice-that-inspired-frankenstein>





<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cgjd1j56yn8o>

Chairmans Challenge Part 11

Here is the tenth of this year's photo challenge.

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11 White Balance: Auto vs Custom

-  **Objective:** Learn colour temperature control.
-  **Setting:** Auto WB, Custom WB (Kelvin)
-  **Assignment:** Photograph same indoor scene using Auto WB and 3200K.
-  **Tip:** Compare white tones and skin colour accuracy.

Quote of the week

Photography is truth - Jean-Luc Godard

That's it, have a good week.

Cheers

Martyn (thehoneys@btinternet.com)

David (david.wallis@btinternet.com)

Dave (david.cahill@cantab.net)

Comp schedule and definitions for 2025-2026

	Competition	Submission date	Judging night
Summer Cup	DPI – 2025 Summer Club Events	1 st September 2025	15 th September 2025
A	Open DPI & Print	15 th September 2025	6 th October 2025
B	Set DPI & Print – Square Format	6 th October 2025	3 rd November 2025
C	Open DPI & Print	3 rd November 2025	1 st December 2025
D	Set DPI & Print – Automotive	1 st December 2025	19 th January 2026
E	Open DPI & Print	19 th January 2026	16 th February 2026
F	Set DPI & Print – In the Kitchen	16 th February 2026	16 th March 2026
Annual	2025-2026 Annual Competitions	16 th March 2026	20 th April and 27 th April 2026

Definitions of Set Subjects

SQUARE FORMAT: typically refers to using a square aspect ratio (1:1) intentionally as a creative constraint or theme. This can be achieved in camera, or by cropping during post processing. So, you are being asked to explore how composition, balance, or storytelling changes when restricted to a square. The square naturally invites symmetry, central framing, and geometric precision and works well for portraits, minimalism, or patterns. Rule of thirds still applies but feels different, centred subjects often look stronger in square, and negative space becomes more powerful. Explore how the square changes emotional or narrative impact. How does it shift the viewer's attention compared to landscape or portrait orientation?

AUTOMOTIVE: A follow- on from Amy Shore's Presentation in October. A chance to explore and creatively interpret vehicles and the world around them as your primary theme. This can go far beyond simply photographing a car — it's an invitation to tell stories, explore design, motion, culture, and even emotion through the lens of automotive imagery.

IN THE KITCHEN: Typically, a scene encompassing components or activities that you would find in the kitchen. This could be food still life, equipment and utensils or an activity such as stirring a pot.

CCC Annual Competition Categories

– Submission deadline 16 th March 2026		
Award	Subject	Format
Pitchers Trophy (Topic Chosen by President)	Sunset in the Cotswolds	DPI, 1600 x 1200, sRGB
Dennis Moss Trophy	Open	Print + DPI 1600 x 1200 sRGB
Leonard Jones Cup	Open	DPI, 1600 x 1200, sRGB
Cavendish Cup	Black & White Open	Print + DPI 1600 x 1200 sRGB
Miles Shield	Open (Club Outing)	DPI, 1600 x 1200, sRGB
Gladiator Trophy	Aviation	DPI, 1600 x 1200, sRGB
Ted Parrot Trophy	Sporting Action	DPI, 1600 x 1200, sRGB
Pitchers Cup (Open to new members only)	Open	Print + DPI or DPI, 1600 x 1200, sRGB

For all Competitions, please upload images by the submission date shown above via Pixoroo link below: -

pixoroo.com/public/account/login

Club Competitions from September 2025

Club Competitions are designed to allow members the opportunity for their best images to be critiqued by a qualified judge from outside the club whilst engaged in friendly competition with other club members. The judge will award the following positions and points.

1 st Place	6 points
2 nd Place	5 points
3 rd Place	4 points
Highly Commended	3 points
Commended	2 points
All other entries	1 point

Points from all externally judged competitions throughout the season are totalled prior to the Awards Evening and the member with the most points is awarded the **Presidents Cup**.

Summer Cup

The Summer Cup is a Member Judged competition held at the start of each season. Members may enter one DPI taken at one of the Club's Summer Events that year. As this competition is member judged all entries, including those placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd may be entered in any General or Annual Competition.

General Competitions

All General Competitions are externally judged and consist of 2 sections:

1. Digital Projected Image (DPI)
2. Mounted Print

There are 6 competitions throughout the season – 3 x Open and 3 x Set Subject.

Following completion of all six competitions trophies are awarded at the Annual AGM to the members with the most points in each of the following Categories.

1. Open DPI
2. Open Print
3. Set DPI
4. SET Print

Set subjects, submission and judging dates are available on the Club Website, Vignettes and Pixoroo.

Annual Competitions

There are several Trophy based Annual Competitions, many dedicated to the memory of past Camera Club members. Judging is spread over two evenings towards the end of the season. Members may enter once in each competition with the winner holding the Trophy for one year.

Pitchers Trophy	A subject chosen by the Club President each year – DPI
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Pitchers Cup	Open to New members only in their first full season – open DPI
Dennis Moss Trophy	A mounted Print on any subject
Leonard Jones Cup	Open subject DPI
Cavendish Cup	A monochrome mounted Print on any subject
Miles Shield	A DPI taken on a Club outing or Practical Event.
Gladiator Trophy	A DPI with an Aviation Theme
Ted Parrot Trophy	Sporting Action based DPI

Competition Rules from 1st September 2025

General Competitions

1. There are 6 General competitions (3 Open and 3 set subject) per Season each consisting of 2 categories – Digital Projected Image (DPI) and Print.
2. Club members may enter one entry in each category for each General Competition.
3. All digital images must be in the sRGB colour space, no greater than 1600 pixels wide x 1200 pixels high, and 2.3Gb in size.
4. All prints must be mounted with mount size not to exceed 50cm x 40cm and a digital image of each Print entry must be provided.
5. All image Manipulation processes and techniques are eligible, provided that:
 - a) the image originates from a camera or smartphone.
 - b) entrants own the copyright to every element of their submissions the image, including its components.
 - c) AI techniques (eg AI denoise, AI sharpening) can be used to enhance the image provided that data is not drawn from outside the existing image to create new content (Generative AI).
 - d) the image is no older than three (3) years from the first meeting of the current club season.
 - e) any modification of the original image must be made by the author or under his/her personal direction.
6. All General Competition entries both DPI and Print should be uploaded to Pixoroo by the Competition close date.
7. All Prints should be handed to the Competitions Secretary by the competition close date specified in Pixoroo and the Club programme.
8. All digital images and digital images of prints entered for any competition must be available for use in inter-club competitions and for display on the club website. All prints must be available for interclub battles and for publicity displays in
9. Cirencester.
10. The club reserves the right to maintain a catalogue of all images entered in competitions.
11. A digitally projected image or print that has been awarded a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in any class of General competition may not be entered into any Club, Summer or Annual competition again.
12. Entries cannot be submitted more than twice in any class.

Annual Competitions

1. Annual Competitions are divided into a range of categories. Details of each category are published on the Club Website, Vignettes and Pixoroo. Winners of each category are awarded a trophy.
 - a) The General Competition rules plus the additional rules below apply to all Annual Competitions.
 - b) Members can enter one image per category.
 - c) Members must have entered 2 or more General Competitions during the current season.

- d) Entries for competitions that feature practical night/club outing must be taken between the previous judging date and the closing date of the current seasons Annual Competitions.
- e) A digitally projected image or print that has been awarded a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in any class of Annual competition may not be entered into any General, Summer or Annual competition again.
- f) A monochrome image is an image that consists of varying tones of a single colour. Most commonly, this refers to grayscale images, which contain only shades of grey ranging from black to white. However, a monochrome image can also use any other single hue, with variations in brightness or intensity.
- g) Sporting Action is defined as fast paced competitive activity governed by a specific set of rules defined by a sports governing body.

Club Programme 2025-26

S E P T	01 September 2025		Opening Meeting incl Photo AI & Chairman's Challenge Pt2
	08 September 2025		WCPF Print Viewing
	15 September 2025		Summer Cup Knockout DPLs
	22 September 2025		Nick Hodgson - Free Mines Coal Faces
	29 September 2025		Colin Walls - Observational Photography
O C T	06 October 2025		Competition A Judging - Open
	13 October 2025		Mop Fair - 6:30pm - Cirencester Parish Church
	20 October 2025		Amy Shore - How To Be A Car Photographer
	27 October 2025		How To Preserve, Present, Display Our Images
N O V	03 November 2025		Competition B Judging - Square Format
	10 November 2025		Brian Lee - My Diamond Decade
	17 November 2025		Cheltenham Salon AV Presentation
	24 November 2025		Battle Selection Evening
D E C	01 December 2025		Competition C Judging - Open
	08 December 2025		Andy Phillips - More Than Meets The Eye - remote ZOOM - 7pm
	15 December 2025		Annual Buffet/Quiz - 7pm - Greyhound Pub
	22 December 2025		Christmas Break
	29 December 2025		Christmas Break
J A N	05 January 2026		Charlie Waite - Behind The Photograph - remote ZOOM - 7pm
	12 January 2026		Travelogue UK
	19 January 2026		Competition D Judging - Automotive
	26 January 2026		Take 4
F E B	02 February 2026		Tim Jones - An Evening With Fotospeed
	09 February 2026		Latest Developments in Photoshop - Shaun Little
	16 February 2026		Competition E Judging - Open
	23 February 2026		Lockdown Memories

M A R	02 March 2026		Ian Howard - The Anatomy Of A Shot - remote ZOOM - 7pm
	09 March 2026		Cirencester College Visit - 7pm
	16 March 2026		Competition F Judging - In The Kitchen
	23 March 2026		Battle v Stroud & Cheltenham
	30 March 2026		Terry Walters - 100 Monochrome Images
A P R	06 April 2026		Bank Holiday - Easter Monday
	13 April 2026		Macro Photography - Mike Cheeseman & John Smith
	20 April 2026		The Print Panel Challenge/Annual Competition Judging
	27 April 2026		Annual Competition Judging
M A Y	04 May 2026		Bank Holiday - May Day
	11 May 2026		Outdoor Model Photoshoot - Kate Peake
	18 May 2026		AGM & Annual Awards
	Competition Judging		
	External Speakers		