



Vignettes 291

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Club News

Hi everyone. I hope you are all well. Here's Dave with his round up of Monday nights activities.

Programme Secretaries Review

Hi everyone. Many thanks to Paul and the battle selection committee for organizing a very interesting and entertaining evening this week. I thought the format of having the four groups worked well and produced some very interactive discussions. I wasn't surprised that there was wide range of views regarding the best images. That's generally what we find when we view the WCPF prints, and it's also what came out of the 'Everyone's A Judge' evening we ran a couple of years ago. I found it a challenge to differentiate between my favourites and the ones that I thought would do well in a competition or battle. For me they are not necessarily the same! I was pleased that my Antony Gormley Heavies was selected, but it was interesting that it was only picked out by our group, where I was able to explain the background and what was going on. Without that extra detail I feel some images are going to be found interesting, but not quite up there with the winners. I think a good 'bird on a stick', or a flower, are always likely to get more points from a judge. No doubt Paul will give more feedback on the images that came out on top. I think there were 9 or 10 highlighted, which gives the committee a good basis for selecting images for the WCPF DPIC in February next year, and the three-way home battle v Stroud and Cheltenham in March.

Next week we have another judging night, Competition C, which was an open competition. It is also the submission deadline for Competition D, with the set subject 'Automotive'. It will be our normal start time of 7:30pm.

I hope to see you there.

Dave

Thanks Dave. Paul is sending his summary of the evening for next week's Vignettes.

Christmas Quiz

And now there are 28 - Christmas Quiz - it's getting close

We are now up to 28 for the Christmas Quiz at the Greyhound in Siddington which has become our regular venue for this event. A good turnout. 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 shortly 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:

1. David Wallis
2. Martyn S
3. Colin Hoskins
4. Brian Champion
5. Gary Gleghorn
6. Steve Kirby
7. John Crew
8. Paul Norris
9. Fin Simpson
10. Dave Cahill
11. John Hankin
12. Paul Jones
13. Mike Cheeseman
14. Steve Finch
15. Bex Jordan
16. Joh Smith
17. Patrick Barker
18. Ruth Barker
19. Roger Armitage
20. Lawrence Wilcock
21. Billy Kerr
22. Jean T
23. Andy Dipper
24. Katrina
25. Steve Johnston
26. Brian Kent
27. Rod
28. Rob Gorthy
29. ?

Don't leave it too late.

Master your mobile photography course

Dave has just been pinged this mobile photography course. Check it out:

https://www.masteryour.photography/e/BAh7BjoWZW1haWxfZGVsaXZlcnlfaWRsKwjB9%2FCwCAA%3D--8f1bc6c213b3b52c18e5d1e8c3c3243de7ee9114?skip_click_tracking=true

External Exhibitions and Competitions

2025 Oceania Photo Contest

The Nature Conservancy has revealed the winners of the 2025 Oceania Photo Contest, celebrating nature photography that highlights critical environmental challenges, amplifies conservation action, and reminds us how deeply connected we are to the natural world.

Extraordinary underwater scene of a diver seconds before freeing a humpback whale from a rusted chain wins 2025 Oceania Photo Contest. Take a look:

<https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/asia-pacific/new-zealand/stories-in-new-zealand/photo-contest-2025-winners/>

The 2025 winners of the RPS Awards

From otherworldly landscapes to intimate portraits, the 2025 winners of the RPS Awards showcase the power and artistry of contemporary photography. A striking portrait, a landscape that seems almost otherworldly, and a moving documentary image are just a few of the winning photographs honoured in the 2025 Royal Photographic Society (RPS) Awards, now celebrating its 147th year.

<https://rps.org/about/awards/>

Christmas Presents

Christmas is coming got any grandkids?

Well, if you have and they are young enough to, you just might find this article helpful if you are thinking about what to buy them. These are the best cameras for kids in 2025, as recommended by real photographer parents:

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/buying-guides/best-cameras-for-kids>

Or what about a digital photo frame?

Check these out:

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/buying-guides/best-digital-photo-frames>

Or what about a bird box camera?

Have a look at these options:

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/buying-guides/best-bird-box-camera>

Here's an idea we could use

Read on. There's a few auctioneers in the Cirencester vicinity who might be interested:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c5yl1v7y09qo>

Photographers rally to highlight wildlife loss

Some of the UK's top wildlife photographers have come together to highlight the dwindling of habitats needed to support wildlife. A book containing dozens of images has been produced as a "manifesto to what is at stake," said Irene Amiet, who heads the Wilder Britain project. Here's the story:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c9d6yyx4ppeo>

BBC pictures

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

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cy5q7xqwxvro>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/articles/c075n3xv3dpo>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cvgk0047yv2o>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cgkey37y3p3o>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cly25vkg11lo>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c9868yrzrqmo>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/videos/cy8v00lr0myo>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/articles/ckgkr3g2l7lo>

Chairmans Challenge Part 13

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

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13 Creative White Balance Cast

-  **Objective:** Create artistic effects with WB.
-  **Setting:** WB: Tungsten in daylight (or vice versa)
-  **Assignment:** Use the “wrong” white balance intentionally.
-  **Tip:** Try for eerie blue or fiery orange tones.

Quote of the week

If you see something that moves you, and then snap it, you keep a moment - Linda McCartney

That's it, have a good week.

Cheers

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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	19th 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 50cmx40cm 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 DPIs
	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		