



# Vignettes 312

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## Club News

Hi everyone. I hope you had an enjoyable weekend. Just a couple of weeks to go to the end of the season. And what a great season it's been. Judging by the club's ability to maintain a similar membership level for the last few years when other clubs are experiencing declining numbers, we must be doing something right! We had a committee meeting on Thursday night and will provide details of the outcome at the AGM.

Also, Jean has been hard at work on a summer season meet up which combines an opportunity for socialising with some great venues for photography. The summer programme is set out below and the key takeaway is that, for some of the events, **we need to know numbers for booking**. More info next Monday but start thinking about whether you can attend.

We look forward to Monday nights model evening and Prog Sec Dave put some info about the night on the WhatsApp group board but in case you missed it, here it is:

## Programme Secretary

*Hi All*

*An update on the outdoor model photoshoot evening next week, 11th May.*

*First, and most important, we've decided to go for an earlier start time of 7pm, to make best use of the light. The shoot will last for about 90 mins, with a short costume restyle in the middle. So if you can't get there early don't worry you can arrive later and there will still be opportunities to take part. Kate will arrive wearing an 1890s late Victorian 'Natural Form' dress, which will hopefully look in keeping with the gothic styling of the church exterior. For the second half she will make a quick change of accessories (incl capes, gun, feathers) darker eye makeup etc to make it steampunk.*

*From experience she suggests organising ourselves into groups of about 3/4, rotating every 10 minutes or so. That way everyone should get a go at both outfits. We can sort this out on the night depending on how many of us there are.*

*Bring cameras obviously, your favourite fastish lens (I'm probably bringing my go-to zoom which should be most versatile). She asks us to avoid flash unless very diffuse, as they annoy other photographers and often make the images look worse. The weather is looking a bit touch-and-go at the moment, so worst case scenario will be that we run this in the hall itself. With that in mind, does anyone have some backdrops they could bring for us to use?*

*I hope that covers everything, again please note the earlier 7pm start.*

Thanks Dave.

## **Summer meet up programme**

Hi everyone. We've put together a great summer programme. Take a look and please confirm which events you would like to attend. Some events require us to let the organisers know in advance. Times and days vary which, in part, is due to venue opening times and some require entry fees but we have tried to create variety. We are hosting a return town walk visit for Worcester Camera Club which proved to be successful last year. We are still working on the walk and food options.

### **SUNDAY 31st MAY**

REME Museum  
Calne Road, Lynham, Wiltshire, SN15 4XX  
Meet 11am  
£9 (or £5 Forces Vets, Over 60's £6.50)

### **MONDAY 15th JUNE**

Walk around Coln St Aldwyns  
Meet 7pm (TBC)  
8.30 The New Inn Pub, GL7 5AN

### **SUNDAY 21st JUNE – Numbers needed**

Steam Day at Crofton Beam Steam Engines, SN8 3DW.  
Meet 11am for 15 minute private talk  
Take picnic or lunch in Swan pub at Wilton  
£14.50 includes annual pass (£7.25 for Kennet & Avon Canal Trust members)

### **MONDAY 29 JUNE – Numbers needed for food**

Worcester Camera Club return visit following successful visit to Worcester led by Liz Gilham (ex CCC)  
Meet 6pm Station car park  
Walk around town (in small groups)  
Finish with sandwich snacks at venue TBC

### **FRIDAY 10th JULY - Numbers needed**

Visit to Cotswolds Lavender Fields  
Hill Barn Farm, Snowhill, Broadway, WR12 7JY  
£7.75  
Meet at 3.30 til 7pm for best light  
(shop closes at 5pm)

### **MONDAY 27th JULY**

Walk around Tetbury town  
Meet 6.30 at Old Railway Goods Shed car park  
Meet at 7.45 for drinks at the Snooty Fox

SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST - book your own tickets

Vintage Prescott Speed Hill Climb – Tickets purchased from Ticketsource

Gotherington, Cheltenham, GL52 9RD

£22

8.30am til 6pm

MONDAY 10th AUGUST

Blunsden Station Visitors Centre

Details to follow

MONDAY 24th AUGUST

Walk around Abbey Grounds to photograph Mardarins (8 last seen). **Meet** 6pm Pub social at Golden Cross pub from 7pm

*I will put something on the WhatsApp group to get an indication of numbers for each event.*

*Thanks*

**Jean Thirkettle**

*Treasurer*

**External Exhibitions and Competitions**

World-leading wildlife photographers and photo contest winners unite to help protect giraffes through powerful imagery

20 winning images have been announced for the latest **Remembering Wildlife** competition, showcasing striking giraffe photography set to feature in the upcoming fundraising book, **Remembering Giraffes**. The selected works will appear alongside images donated by some of the world's leading wildlife photographers, combining visual storytelling with a powerful conservation mission. Founded by wildlife photographer Margot Raggett MBE, **Remembering Wildlife** has grown into a globally recognized initiative since its launch in 2016. Here's the back story:

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/photography/awards-and-competitions/world-leadingwildlife-photographers-and-photo-contest-winners-unite-to-help-protect-giraffes-throughpowerful-imagery>

Jack Thornell RIP

It's the nightmare every photojournalist knows. You're at the scene of a major news event, something violent and fast and chaotic, but when it's over you're not sure you captured it. Jack Thornell knew that feeling better than most. Check out his illustrious career:



<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/photography/photojournalism/rip-jack-thornell-the-press-photographer-who-captured-james-merediths-assassination-attempt-but-worried-hed-be-fired-for-not-getting-the-photo-only-to-go-on-and-win-a-pulitzer>

Dog photography - you know you want to

A renowned dog photographer is celebrating our beloved four-legged friends and promoting rescue dog adoption with an exhibition. Check out the story below:



<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/photography/galleries-and-exhibitions/a-photographer-lost-his-beloved-rescue-dog-his-new-series-is-giving-rescued-pups-the-chance-to-fly>

GDT Nature Photographer of the Year competition

This beautiful image of a black-headed gull in golden backlight wins a major nature photography award. Nature photography can follow a strict documentary approach – but when light, environment, and wildlife align, it also offers incredible opportunities to explore a more artistic vision. A prime example of this approach is the image, *Lachmöwe (Black-headed gull)*, that took the top spot at the GDT Nature Photographer of the Year competition. Check out the story and website here:



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<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/photography/awards-and-competitions/for-me-nature-photography-is-so-much-more-than-just-sharp-documentation-says-award-winning-photographer-shooting-with-canons-most-powerful-camera>

[https://www.gdtfoto.de/seiten/index\\_en.html?lang=English](https://www.gdtfoto.de/seiten/index_en.html?lang=English)

### Canon Sports Photographer of the Year

Julian Finney has been a Getty photographer for over 20 years and won multiple honors for his incredible sports photography, but the SJA Canon Sports Photographer of the Year title had eluded him, until now. The talented sports photographer picked up the prestigious Ed Lacey Trophy at the British Sports Journalism Awards on April 27 during a gala at the London Palladium. Website details and story below.



<https://www.sportsjournalists.co.uk/awards-news/canon-photography-winners-sja-britishsports-journalism-awards-2025-julian-finney/>

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/photography/awards-and-competitions/from-trumpscontroversial-chelsea-moment-to-high-jump-heroics-the-worlds-best-sports-photographersgather-for-sports-journalists-association-gala>

### Revisiting Dorothea Lange's lost Californian valley: 3,200 photos from an almost-forgotten 1950s project just went free online

UC Santa Cruz Library has digitised and published 3,200 photographs taken by Lange and Pirkle Jones for their project *Death of a Valley*, a documentary record of the final year of Monticello, a small agricultural community in California's Berryessa Valley. Here's the fascinating story:

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/photography/revisiting-dorothea-langes-lost-californianvalley-3-200-photos-from-an-almost-forgotten-1950s-project-just-went-free-online>

That famous photo of New York workers eating lunch on a steel girder - how it was photographed can only now be told

A new book unpacks the untold story behind Lunch on a Beam, the 1932 publicity photo that became a 20th-century icon. Here's the details:



<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/photography/books/this-famous-photo-of-new-yorkworkers-eating-lunch-on-a-steel-girder-has-been-seen-by-billions-but-the-daredevil-story-ofhow-it-was-photographed-can-only-now-be-told>

2026 Milky Way Photographer of the Year collection

The image title 'Geminid Symphony Over La Palma's Guardian of the Sky' was photographer Uroš Fink's first successful capture of the Gum Nebula – a striking deep sky detail in the composition. Now, it is part of Capture the Atlas' 2026 Milky Way Photographer of the Year collection, which showcases 25 of the world's most striking astrophotography scenes. Website link below:



<https://capturetheatlas.com/milky-way-photographer-of-the-year/>

### **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/cwy2g4kqx7ko>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/clypv02rql0o>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/crlpr054g5zo>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cd7pxxx52nzo>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cg404656wpko>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cwyvezw4rjdo>

### **Quote of the week**

*Look and think before opening the shutter. The heart and mind are the true lens of the camera - Yousuf Karsh*

That's it, have a good week.

Cheers

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