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Club News

Hi everyone. I hope you are all well. What a cracking night we had on Monday. A good turnout and a terrific model with Kate Peake in the role and her mum acting as assistant. Here's Dave with his weekly roundup and a couple of images from Dave.

Programme Secretary's Review

Hi everyone. We had a great turnout for our penultimate meeting of the season with Kate Peake doing a super job as our model for an outdoor, and then indoor photoshoot. I thought she handled our mass paparazzi approach very well. We were so lucky with the weather too. Many thanks to Gerry and Mike for setting everything up inside – I didn't know we had such untapped studio lighting resources in the club. I think everyone enjoyed the evening. We could definitely run something like this again, and at any time of the year if we can call on our lighting experts again.

I imagine we might see a few pics of Kate in the competitions next year! I got lots of shots that I liked. Kate would be pleased to see some images, so if you have any you would be happy for me to pass on, please email them to me, or share them via the WhatsApp group.

Here are a couple of mine to start things off:





So next week it's the final meeting of the main season before we embark on the summer programme. It will be our AGM and awards night, with our usual 7:30pm start. See you there. Cheers

P.S. Just to remind everyone that the Charlie Waite Print raffle winner is being picked next Monday night and I would like to thank everyone who entered and to Jean for looking after it. It's been a great success in helping to reduce the cost of Charlie's excellent talk and it's certainly something which we might do again in the future if we are faced with wanting a top-quality speaker whose fees would otherwise be prohibitive.

Thanks Dave. Kate did indeed handle the night very well. Colin sent me a couple 'action' shots:



The AGM

Just a reminder that the AGM papers were sent out last week and to keep the meeting short, do take the time to read the various Committee Member reports which will, in the main, be taken as read.

The Summer Meet up - an update

We posted the summer meet up last week which Jean has been hard at work on. Jean posted a 'who's attending' note in the Clubs WhatsApp page to build up a framework of who's coming when but Dave has been back in contact with an additional event which he also posted on the WhatsApp page associated with the Northleach Photography Group:

Hi everyone. Just a reminder regarding the Stratford meet up trip which I posted on the WhatsApp page. Just to recap, I'm organising an event for Northleach Photography Group which Cirencester Club members would be very welcome to attend too. My friend Steven at Kineton will be the guide, along the lines of '50 buildings in Stratford'. We're looking at Thursday 2nd July. We're thinking we'd meet up for a coffee etc somewhere early afternoon (The Prospero Lounge is our go-to place) then do the tour running into the early evening. Then if people want to find somewhere to eat, grab a drink or just go home the choice is theirs.

So let me know if you are interested. There are already a few CCC members interested in attending so we might be able arrange some car sharing.

Cheers Dave

Books

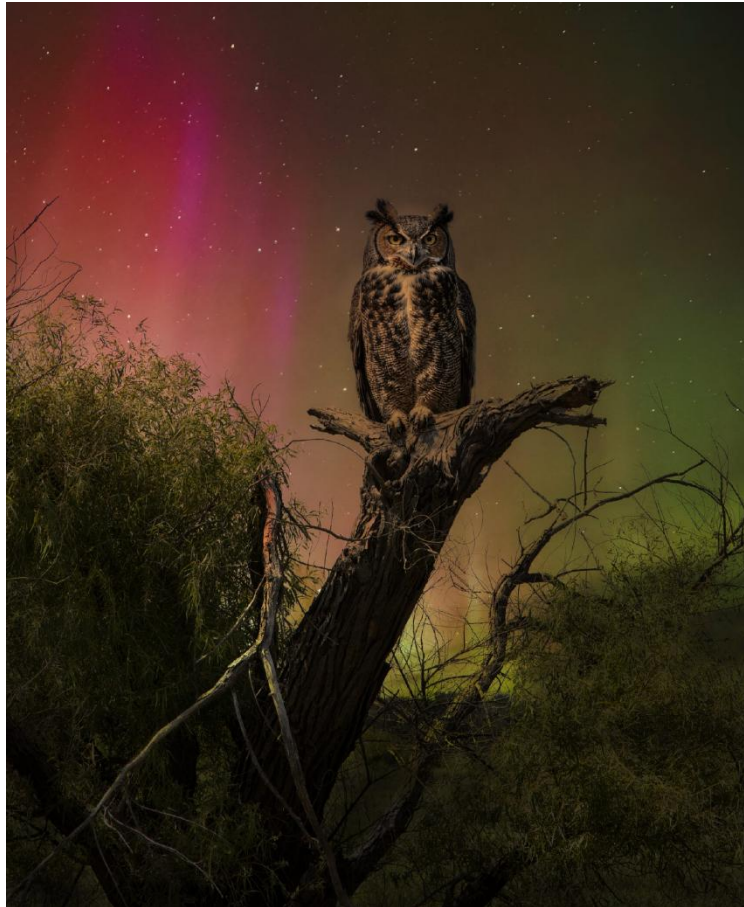
[Are you a serial photography book buyer - better read this](#)

Historical photography, archival images, and personal storytelling dominate the longlist for UK's leading prize for photography and moving image publishing. Take a look:

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/photography/awards-and-competitions/from-victorianportraits-through-nazi-archives-to-nyc-in-the-70s-these-photo-works-just-earned-majorrecognition>

External Exhibitions and Competitions

It's a fake



Yes the world of Ai has been hard at work. Here's the story. Look out for the dodgy talons!

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/tech/artificial-intelligence/owl-photo-dethroned-fromwildlife-comp-amid-backlash-genai-paranoia-is-ruining-photography-contests>

The world's largest photography competition is now open – and it's FREE to enter!

Submissions are now open for the Cewe Photo Award 2026 – the world's largest free photography competition, offering photographers of all levels the chance to win more than £216,000 in prizes and have their work judged by an international panel of experts. Cewe, Europe's leading photo printing company, has officially launched the latest edition of its global contest, which runs until May 31 2027 and is free to enter worldwide. Here's some info:

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/photography/awards-and-competitions/the-worlds-largestphotography-competition-is-now-open-and-its-free-to-enter>

Annie Leibovitz launches a new prize for emerging photographers

Only in its second year, the Saltzman-Leibovitz Photography Prize is shaping up to be one of the most interesting awards in the field. Launched in 2025 by New York photographer and philanthropist Lisa Saltzman, through the Saltzman Family Foundation, and created in collaboration with Annie Leibovitz, it's explicitly designed to spotlight emerging female photographers at a pivotal point in their careers. It comes with real money (\$15,000 for the winner, \$5,000 for the runner-up), a serious jury and, crucially, an exhibition at Photo London.

Only in its second year, it's already making a strong case for itself. The 2026 edition takes Leibovitz's book *Women* as its inspiration, with five international nominators each putting forward a candidate, whose work is then judged by a panel of experts.

<https://saltzmanfamilyfoundation.org/>

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/photography/awards-and-competitions/annie-leibovitzlaunched-a-new-prize-for-emerging-photographers-and-its-already-producing-remarkablework>

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/cy42lwn80p4o>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cj9p179rkm0o>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cz62p02x7j3o>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/ckgpzx3zv4vo>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cz023mrvejpo>

Quote of the week

Most things in life are moments of pleasure and a lifetime of embarrassment; photography is a moment of embarrassment and a lifetime of pleasure - Tony Benn

That's it, have a good week.

Cheers

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