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Club News

Hi everyone. I hope you are all well. It looks like our prolonged hot summer is coming to an end although I have a sneaking suspicion that we might get an Indian summer as the land mass continues to stay warm. A short Vignettes this week.

Hummingbird Hawk Moth

We've had some great hummingbird hawk moth images on the WhatsApp Group recently and I'd be surprised if any member hasn't seen at least one Hummingbird Hawk Moth over the summer given the weather we've had and how they have multiplied. However, this YouTube video is a great intro to how to find them.

<https://youtu.be/f5Xcim6X5Og?si=QoTQWNyCldBzXIGE>

External Exhibitions and Competitions

Ocean Photographer of the Year



This extraordinary image shot by Allan Cronin wasn't down to dumb luck. Now announced as a finalist in the Wildlife category of this year's Ocean Photographer of the Year, Cronin had been closely watching the local wildlife. And that tipped him off to what might be about to happen. A fur seal gets firm hold of a New Zealand rough skate, flinging it clear of the water in a burst of spray, while a crowd of seabirds shows up for whatever falls their way. The scene is chaotic, visceral and a reminder that nature is not all bunnies and rainbows but, as the poet Tennyson once put it, red in tooth and claw. Check out all the winners here:

<https://oceanographicmagazine.com/opy/>

World Photography Day

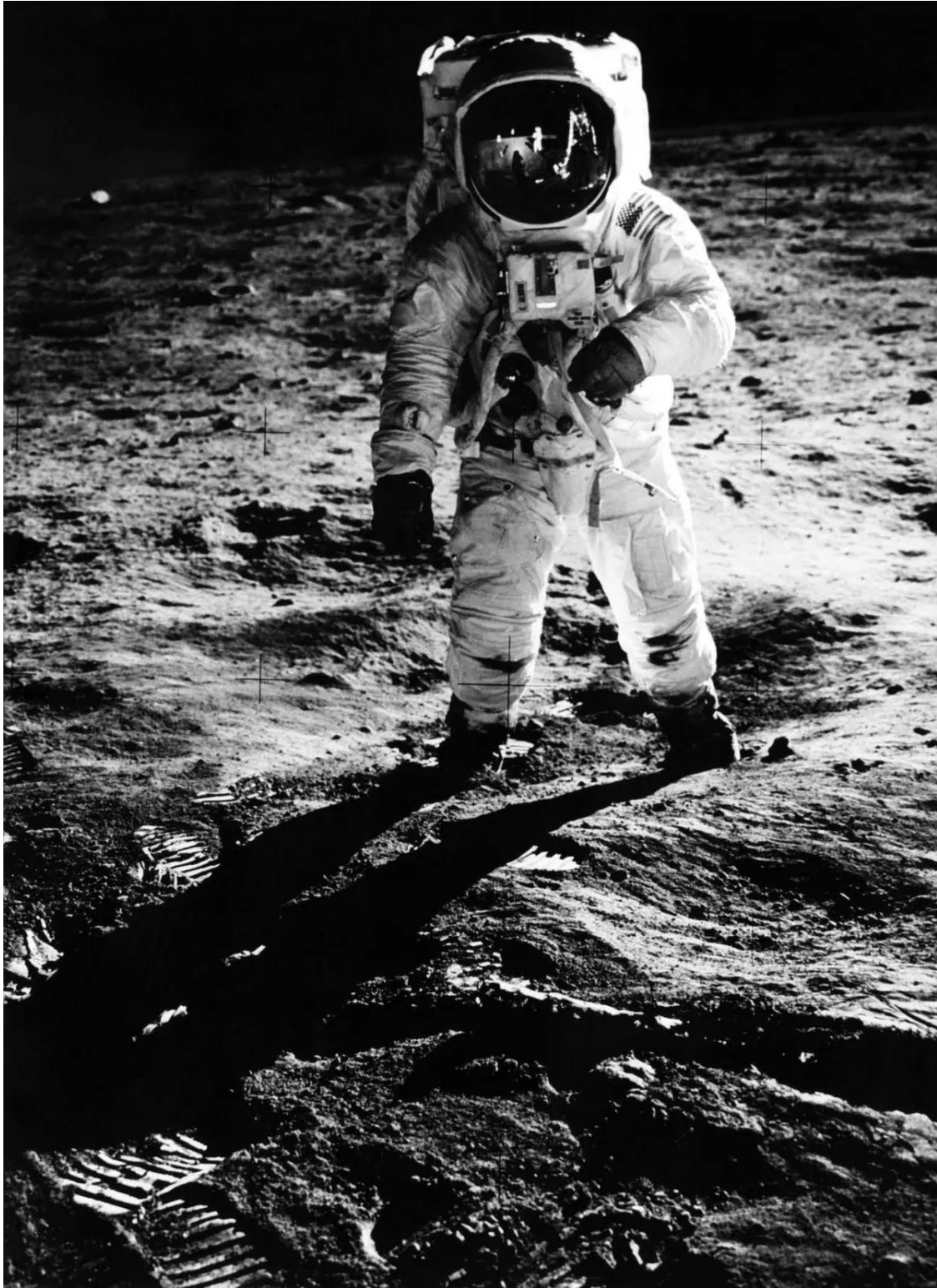


Every year, on August 19, we observe World Photography Day, a globally recognized celebration of the photograph and its history. And, as a bit of a double-header, 2026 also marks 200 years since the first ever photograph was taken. But what *is* World Photography Day – and why does it take place on this particular date? Check out this article:

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/news/happy-world-photography-day-heres-how-it-all-started-in-1839>

World Photography Day: How NASA imagery has shaped our understanding of the Earth, the universe and existence

Continuing the theme, since its inception in 1958, NASA has arguably played *the* most important role in furthering our knowledge of Earth, the universe and natural phenomena. Through its mesmerizing photos captured by spacecraft imaging devices and pioneering astronauts with handheld cameras, the agency has compiled the premier portfolio of pictures that have helped us, as visual creatures, understand our place in the cosmos. Check out this article:



<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/photography/astrophotography/world-photography-day-how-nasa-imagery-has-shaped-our-understanding-of-the-earth-the-universe-and-existence>

30 female photographers whose work deserves to be celebrated on World Photography Day
.....and this article too:



<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/features/30-pioneering-women-in-photography-you-need-to-know-about>

2026 Capture the Dark photography contest



Every year, DarkSky International – a global nonprofit advocating for reduced light pollution and protecting the nighttime environment – runs a photography competition. From incredible astrophotography to artificially-lit cityscapes, the event highlights truly spectacular scenes (many of which our eyes would never perceive without a camera to reveal) along with the growing threat to our night sky. Check out the nine category winners here.

<https://darksky.org/what-we-do/events/photo-contest/capture-the-dark-2026-winning-photographs/>

.....and finally. Don't recycle your eclipse sun glasses!

You can use them in a photographic experiment. Check out this article:



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/ckgdprd3mv9o>

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/cvgvjn25xzro>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cgk46elzxmmo>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/ceqevqwr1x5o>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c04k2670nnko>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cgr7pxk4gq2o>

Quote of the week

It's weird that photographers spend years or even a whole lifetime, trying to capture moments that added together, don't even amount to a couple of hours - James Lalropui Keivom

That's it, have a good week.

Cheers

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Club Competitions 2026

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, i.e. the general competitions and annual 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 two DPIs taken at any 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 general competitions trophies are awarded at the 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

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

Cirencester Camera Club General Competition Schedule 2026/2027			
	Competition	Submission date	Judging night
Summer Cup	DPI – 2026 Summer Club Events	11 th September 2026	21 st September 2026
A	Open DPI & Print	21 st September 2026	5 th October 2026
B	Set DPI & Print – Rule of Thirds	5 th October 2026	2 nd November 2026
C	Open DPI & Print	2 nd November 2026	30 th November 2026
D	Set DPI & Print – Up Close	30 th November 2026	25 th January 2027
E	Open DPI & Print	25 th January 2027	22 nd February 2027
F	Set DPI & Print – Markets	22 nd February 2027	22 nd March 2027
Annual	2026-2027 Annual Competitions	22 nd March 2027	26 th April and 10 th May 2027

Definitions of Set Subjects

“RULE OF THIRDS” – A follow on from Ian Howard’s talk where an image is divided into nine equal sections, and key elements are positioned along the grid lines or their intersections to create balance and visual interest. Think about the classic sand, sea, sky horizontals or the lone tree sitting off centre in the frame.

“UP CLOSE” – A follow on from the Club’s very successful Macro evening where various techniques were demonstrated and tried. This subject can also be about intimacy, detail, and revealing what we usually overlook. It challenges you to move physically closer — or zoom in visually — to transform ordinary subjects into something striking and unexpected.

“MARKETS” – A rich and dynamic photography subject because they combine people, colour, culture, and movement in one place. There are many Market Towns in the Cotswolds to choose from or go further afield with the famous Christmas Markets across the UK and Europe. They all offer endless opportunities to capture everyday life and storytelling through images.

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

pixoroo.com/public/account/login

CCC Annual Competition Categories - submission deadline 22nd March 2027		
Award	Subject	Format
Pitchers Trophy (Topic chosen by Club President)	Fresh Air Sculpture Show, Quenington Sunday 14 th June to Sunday 5 th July 2026	DPI, 1600 x 1200, sRGB
Dennis Moss Trophy	Open	Print 1600 x 1200, sRGB
Leonard Jones Cup	Open	DPI, 1600 x 1200, sRGB
Cavendish Cup	Black and white Open	Print 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 <u>Open to new members only.</u>	Open	DPI, 1600 x 1200, sRGB