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Club News

Hi everyone. I hope you are all well. With last Monday being the last meet up of the summer, a big thanks to Jean for organising all the events. No mean feat with a great variety of interests and subjects to attract the different photographer in all of us. Our first meet up is on the 7th September and we look forward to sharing our summer stories.

We've heard from Clifton Cameras

Take a look at this and see what you think. Separately, we are investigating whether Clifton Cameras do Club talks. A few of us have been to their open days and we've also bought/traded in cameras from them so there is a positive relationship there. Not sure about the helicopter event. Been up in a few over the years, including military ones, and no one has switched off the fan yet!

From: Bea Debney <bea@cliftoncameras.co.uk>

Date: Tuesday, 25 August 2026 at 11:03

To: info@cirencestercameraclub.org <info@cirencestercameraclub.org>

Subject: Local Photography Events at Clifton Cameras

Good morning,

I'm writing from Clifton Cameras to invite you and your members to our local photography events. It would be great if you could share these in your newsletters or community groups, as we'd love to see as many local photographers as possible.

Photograph the British Hill Climb Championship at Prescott

With Canon, Stephen Fisher and The Bugatti Owners Club 19th & 20th September. Join us with Canon and 2021 Motorsport UK Young Photographer of the Year, Stephen Fisher, at the British and Midland Hill Climb Championship closing round of the season, held at the iconic Prescott Speed Hill Climb.

The day will be action-packed with automotivemotion. You'll enjoy Media Passes and exclusive access to the track so that you get the best view in town. Explore the paddock to photograph tantalising close-ups, and you'll even get an exclusive hill walk with one of the drivers to give you the best feel of how each turn works.

<https://www.cliftoncameras.co.uk/vip-photography-day-at-prescott-hill-climb>

Helicopter Event with Fujifilm GFX - Summer Sale - Now only £299

10th September. As part of our Summer Sale, we've reduced the ticket prices for our Fujifilm GFX Helicopter event from £499 to £299, which is a huge discount. On this day, you'll fly up in the air for unbeatable views of the Cotswold landscape with a full GFX camera kit in your hand.

<https://www.cliftoncameras.co.uk/aerial-landscape-photography-with-fujifilm>

Coming Soon...OM System In Store Day

16th September. Join us in our Cheltenham store to test out the latest from OM System against dedicated macro stands. Link to follow.

I've attached graphics for the Canon and Fujifilm events in case this makes sharing easier.

If you have any questions, please let me know and I will be happy to help.

Kind regards,

Beatrice Lee

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What!!

Do not photograph or film people in public

In the UK, you should not take pictures or videos of someone without their permission.

This includes taking pictures or videos in public spaces, like streets or parks, or in private spaces, like at home.



Here's an interesting article for all of us including new members. This Gov guidance note for asylum seekers is clearly incorrect but it nevertheless leaves an uninformed police officer with conflicting gov advice. Be interesting to follow this story as I'm sure the professional photographer's bodies will take up the cudgel to get clarification. Check out the article below.

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/photography/street-photography/orwellian-uk-government-pamphlet-contradicts-police-on-photography-law-imagine-if-martin-parr-had-been-prevented-from-taking-photos-in-public>

Jay Maisel

Lawrence mentioned recently on the WhatsApp group about the passing of Jay Maisel, the New York photographer who shot one of history's most iconic album covers, made masterful use of light and color, and loved to pass on his knowledge to others. The photographer for Miles Davis' famed album, Kind of Blue, Jay was a mentor to many. Here's an article:

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/photography/rip-jay-maisel-the-new-york-photographer-who-shot-one-of-historys-most-iconic-album-covers-made-masterful-use-of-light-and-color-and-loved-to-pass-on-his-knowledge-to-others>

It's Christmas!!

Only joking. However, for those planning a trip to see the Sudley Castle Christmas lights - always a great event, there's an earlybird booking opportunity. Here's the link:

<https://spectacleoflight.co.uk/sudeley-castle/>

External Exhibitions and Competitions

Wildlife Photographer of the year (WPOTY) - shortlist

I say this every year but the big one has come round again. Yes it's the WPOTY and the shortlist has been revealed. The BBC take up the story revealing the usual selection of crackers:



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cg7m5e3mylpo>

BMC Ecology and Evolution and BMC Zoology image competition

What a mouthful or should I say mandibleful. Now in its third year, the BMC Ecology and Evolution and BMC Zoology image competition celebrates photos depicting the beauty and diversity of life on Earth. This certainly puts a smile on your face. The winning image captured an orange-tailed marsh dart damselfly (*Ceriagrion cerinorubellum*) framed by a hole in a leaf. Rather than flying away in distress, the curious insect stayed put, peering directly at the camera. Check out all the winners below.



<https://communities.springernature.com/posts/2026-bmc-ecology-and-evolution-and-bmc-zoology-image-competition-the-winning-images>

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/c330g5p5k4mo>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c2lq8j7py28o>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c2dkwl52xr2o>

Quote of the week

Once photography enters your bloodstream, it is like a disease - Anonymous.

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