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Members meeting up at the local hostelry before week 5 of Summer Club
Rhys Owen

THE "SUMMER SPECIAL" EDITION

STROUD CAMERA CLUB



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Welcome to Stroud Camera Club

We hope you enjoy this Newsletter. If you want any help with matters relating to the club, or your photography in general, we are here to help.

Chairman: Roger Matthews

Secretary: Trish Bloodworth

Treasurer: Leslie Holmes Competitions:

Richard Atkinson Publicity: René Cason

Programme: Ali Garrett

For more information, including contact emails for all the committee please go to www.stroudcameraclub.co.uk

Roger's Report

In my last piece for the Newsletter I discussed some of the advances in AI and how they were shaping the future of photography. At the time of writing, I did not know quite how quickly Adobe would change Photoshop to offer an AI generative fill option along with an AI enhanced removal tool (available in the PS beta release since May) - this update has the potential to make complex PS editing accessible to many but, in doing so, it generates pixels that were not part of the original image and therefore not the work of the photographer. Moreover, the altered image has no metadata to indicate that it has been modified making policing of competitions extremely difficult. There have been many YouTube examples of what generative fill can achieve whether it be adding elements to the scene, erasing and infilling areas of the image or extending the image canvas, but the images on this page from my recent trip to Japan illustrate what can be achieved in just 15 seconds!

Your Committee will look at the implications for Club competitions when it next meets, but the rule that work entered into competition must only be the work of the member is fundamental to how all photographic competitions are judged.

This, of course, is not to say that you should not use the technology to enhance images for your own use. Making members aware of the rules and where they could fall foul of the rules will be key to ensuring that our competitions remain relevant and images can continue be used to represent the Club externally. Ultimately, we will have to rely on the integrity of members, but I am confident that our desire to improve by receiving feedback on our work will endure.



Roger

AND FINALLY – Remember -
Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching (C S Lewis)

The review >>>

Summer Club & Free Visits

A welcome breather for a couple of weeks at the end of the main season, and then Summer Club rolled in – and with it some astonishing weather! Lovely to sit in, but not always great for photography. However, as usual our members have embraced the challenge, enjoyed the company and come up with some great images!

An average attendance of around a dozen members have been enjoying the summer club locations, with these ranging so far from further afield at Neigh Bridge and Malmesbury, whilst closer to home at Frampton, Minchinhampton and Bisley.

A full range of locations are still “in the bag” so don’t forget to check your bulletins and the website for details. Remember your website is the main place for all information, and if you can’t seem to find what you are looking for, just send a quick email to Richard or myself secretary@stroudcameraclub.co.uk competition@stroudcameraclub.co.uk

Don’t forget also to visit Rococo Gardens, Berkeley Castle and Sudeley Castle – all part of your membership – and you can take a friend for free as well! Upload your images after your visit as instructed on the website.



Steve Vines – “Shopping” - Malmesbury



René Cason – “Geese” – Oldbury on Severn



Leslie Holmes – “Swan 2” – Neigh Bridge

Facebook

We have a FaceBook page to show our work to the world.

Why don’t you share some images via our Facebook group?

For more information go to

<https://facebook.com/stroudcameraclub>

The group currently has over 290 members who can all see your images – a great way to showcase SCC.

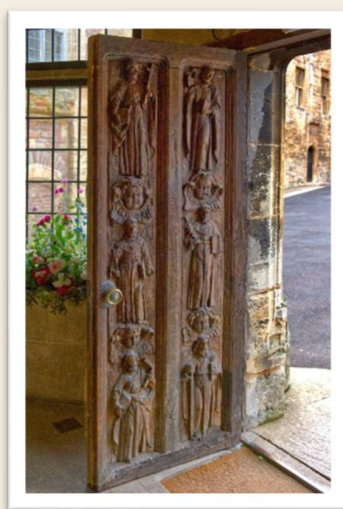
Remember you also have your own gallery on our Club website, so don’t forget to upload your images there as well.

And there are thousands of our best images from our competitions on there for the world to see and enjoy!

Rococo Gardens & Berkeley Castle >>>



Rococo in summer plumage June 2023 – Trish Bloodworth



Berkeley Castle in June 2023 – Possibly John Edwards?
There is no name on the image on the website



Sudeley Castle – John Edwards in June 2023

A bit of fun! PHOTOGRAPHY Scavenger hunt & word scramble

Photo Scavenger Hunt

How many can you check off?

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| 1 ___ | Selective focus photo | 37 ___ | Something cute |
| 2 ___ | Wide depth of field photo | 38 ___ | Something scary |
| 3 ___ | Photo stopping motion | 39 ___ | Something funny |
| 4 ___ | Photo showing motion | 40 ___ | A sign |
| 5 ___ | Rule of thirds photo | 41 ___ | Tools |
| 6 ___ | A photo with leading lines | 42 ___ | Lettering |
| 7 ___ | A photo with balancing elements | 43 ___ | A musical instrument |
| 8 ___ | A photo with pattern | 44 ___ | Bubbles |
| 9 ___ | A photo with texture | 45 ___ | A rainbow |
| 10 ___ | An abstract nature photo | 46 ___ | Something that flies |
| 11 ___ | A split-lit portrait | 47 ___ | Something old |
| 12 ___ | An object that looks like a letter | 48 ___ | Something new |
| 13 ___ | An object that looks like a number | 49 ___ | Diffused lighting |
| 14 ___ | A shadow | 50 ___ | Directional lighting |
| 15 ___ | An organic subject | 51 ___ | Cool colors |
| 16 ___ | A geometric subject | 52 ___ | Warm colors |
| 17 ___ | A reflection | 53 ___ | Complementary colors |
| 18 ___ | Water | 54 ___ | Something above you |
| 19 ___ | Something alive | 55 ___ | Something below you |
| 20 ___ | Something with wheels | 56 ___ | A silhouette |
| 21 ___ | Something big | 57 ___ | Something symmetrical |
| 22 ___ | Something tiny | 58 ___ | Something asymmetrical |
| 23 ___ | Books | 59 ___ | A tree |
| 24 ___ | Shoes | 60 ___ | Something shiny |
| 25 ___ | Food | 61 ___ | People |
| 26 ___ | Clouds | 62 ___ | Someone else taking a photo |
| 27 ___ | A photo shot with tungsten light | 63 ___ | Playground equipment |
| 28 ___ | A photo shot with fluorescent light | 64 ___ | Painting with light |
| 29 ___ | A photo shot with daylight | 65 ___ | Someone in a costume |
| 30 ___ | Lockers | 66 ___ | The vein of a leaf |
| 31 ___ | Refracted light | 67 ___ | A tea cup |
| 32 ___ | A skeleton or skull | 68 ___ | Someone wearing a hat |
| 33 ___ | A flag | 69 ___ | A broad landscape |
| 34 ___ | A grid | 70 ___ | A one-point perspective image |
| 35 ___ | Something made out of wood | 71 ___ | Something made out of plastic |
| 36 ___ | Something made out of metal | 72 ___ | A soda can |

Photography Word Scramble

Unscramble the letters to solve the puzzle!

1. STHUERT _____
2. OSI _____
3. EFWIDLLI OPYPHRAOHTG _____
4. CRMOA _____
5. PRHPAOTYGHO _____
6. PAITROTR _____
7. SALDEPCAN _____
8. URRPTEEA _____
9. RPTOSS OYPRGHPOHTA _____
10. TOFSP _____
11. LESN _____
12. OOFD RHGHPYOOTAP _____
13. CFUSO _____
14. SEXPUERO _____
15. RETTES PGYORPOHHTA _____
16. RNESSO _____
17. LSAFH _____
18. NTLRUAA HTLIG _____
19. RUAETN AHOPRYGHOPT _____
20. LGIHT OOMR _____

FIAP News

Congratulations to the following members who have received Distinctions from FIAP:

René Cason – AFIAP

*For more information take a look at the PAGB website:
<http://www.thepagb.org.uk/fiap/fiap-distinctions/>*

We now have several members sporting FIAP Distinctions, and regular salon entrants, so just ask for help if you are interested.

Mark Halling – has had his first award at salon too – so congratulations to Mark

New Season

We don't want to wish the summer away, but just a quick mention that the new season programme is on the website.

The new method for membership subscriptions will also come into effect from September, with renewal invites being sent out towards the end of July/early August. Please help your committee by making your payments promptly! Membership cards and name badges all need to be made, as well as reconciling payments in the bank.

Federation News

Our Federation "WCPF" remains active – and once again will be running various competitions for members.

The **Knights Hayes Trophy** has a theme for 2024 of "Water in all its Forms" – so make sure you keep tabs on any of your images that may fit this brief.

The **Kingswood Salver** requires a panel of 5 prints for 2023 – based on a theme with one print each from 5 members. If you would like to take part or have an idea for a theme, please let Roger or Trish know. This will need to be completed by end of September 2023.

Summer Club

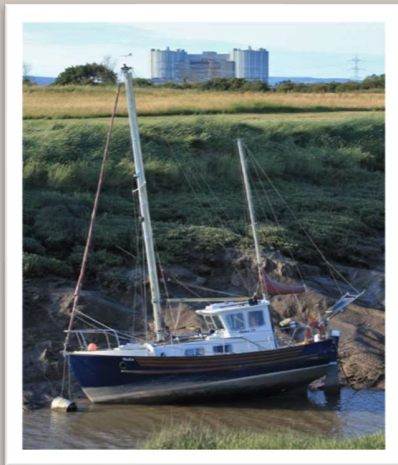


“Izzy” – Captured by Mark Halling and given the “winning” image title by Roger for the week at Minchinhampton Common

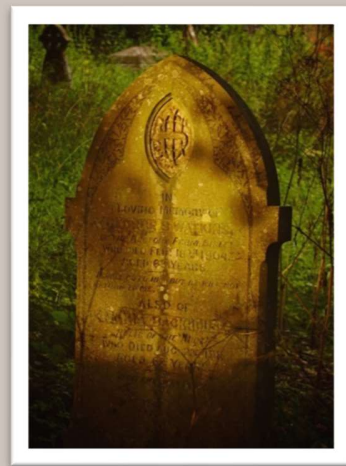


“A view through” – Chris Organ at Bisley – a good image to show at our member night “Frame within a Frame” on 5th October 2023

On the next few pages you can view some of the images captured during summer club evenings, and either posted on the Club Galleries, or on Facebook.



“Old and New Energy” – Jane Bodkin – Oldbury on Severn



“Graveyard sunset” – Glyn Heskins - Bisley

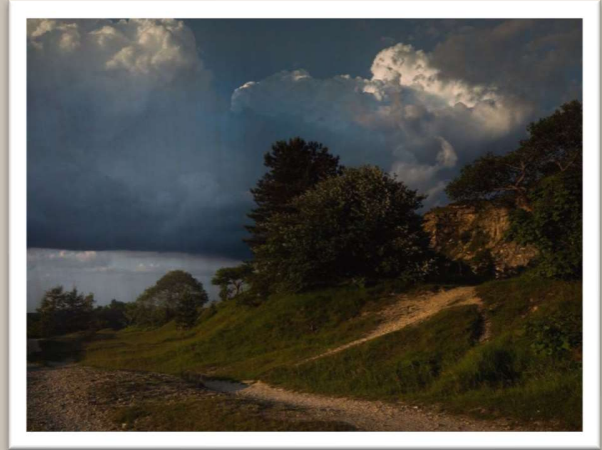


“Sunny Evening at the Boat Club” – Mervyn Dawkins – Frampton Lakes

“My cloud photographs are equivalentents of my most profound life experiences, my basic philosophy of life. All art is an equivalent of the artist’s most profound life experiences.”
– Alfred Stieglitz



*"Lego-esque"
Mick West - Frampton*



*"Blue hour"
Ali Garrett - Devil's Chimney*



*"Devil's Chimney"
A drone image from Roger Matthews*



*"Across Cheltenham"
A drone image from Richard Atkinson*

More from Summer Club



*"Oldbury on Severn" - Annie
Blick*



*John Edwards captured by Mark Halling at Oldbury
on Severn*



"Malmesbury" - Guy Bryan

SUMMER What's On

Fotospeed FotoFest Day 10th Sept 2023 in Bath

4 speakers throughout the day including, Nigel Danson, Amy Bateman, Paul Sanders and Jack Perks. Also trade stands from Sony, Canon, Clifton Camera, Sigma, The RPS and WCPF

All happening at Bath university on the 10th Sept 2023 and tickets are £35 and available on www.fotofest.co.uk.

The 'British Wildlife Photography Awards 2023' are coming to Nature in Art July 25th – September 3rd 2023

Date of exhibition: July 25th - September 3rd 2023

Time: 10am – 5pm, Tues - Sun (& Bank holidays).

Location: Nature in Art

Address: Nature in Art, Wallsworth Hall, Main A38, Twigworth, Gloucester, GL2 9PA

Tickets: Included in the admission price of the museum.

Please see website for prices.

Visitor Queries: Please contact enquires@natureinart.org.uk

Royal Photographic Society Summer Exhibition

RPS Gallery, 1 July – 28 August 2023 | Free entry

Further details at

<https://rps.org/regions/bristol/>

Gerry Chance has the following enquiry:

I was wondering whether anyone from the SCC would be interested in the following assignment.

The following message was sent via the Stroud & District U3A Web Site. It was addressed to: Photography. Please reply to Keith Bostock <kb.teach@blueyonder.co.uk>.

Hello Gerry,

My wife and I are holding a special family occasion in late September, 2023.

To provide a memory of this occasion we would like photographs and, at certain times, video.

We are both members of Gloucester u3a, which does not have a photography / photographic group.

So we were wondering whether you have any one in your group who might wish to commit 3 hours to enable us to complement the images others may take. We would, of course be willing to make a payment for their services.

Regards, Keith

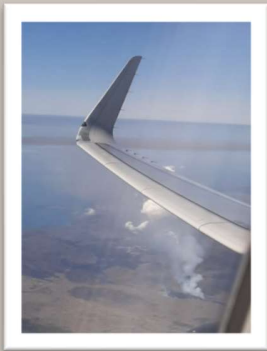
Reply to Keith Bostock <kb.teach@blueyonder.co.uk>, but please do not copy your reply back to this web site!

SUMMER CAPTURES

Members have once again been travelling the globe, or staying closer to home, but enjoying their photography. Here are just a selection of some of the images that have been shared so far over the summer – we look forward to seeing these and many others in print or digital format in the coming season.



Leslie Holmes has been to Svalbard



Margot Page witnessed the recent volcano returning from Iceland

Jenny Bircher and Jill Parker both visited Cornwall.

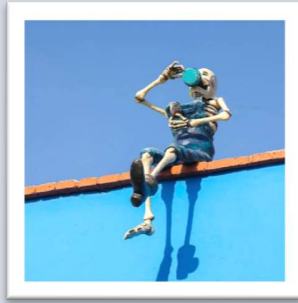


Jenny visited Bodmin Prison whilst Jill photographed dolphins.



René Cason shared some amazing images from his trip to Iceland, and was one of several of our members to experience the land of the midnight sun this summer.

Mick West shared a few of his images from his recent business trip to Mexico – what amazing colours!



Thank you to everyone for sharing some of your summer with us. It's fascinating to see what members see, and also how images can be created using mobile phones and apps to create beautiful images.

Don't forget to share your images – the website galleries, including your own, Facebook, or by emailing them directly to me for inclusion in future newsletters.

I'm on the look out for stories for the Newsletter, so send me a short piece with images from your travels and it can be included.

More from the Members

Annie used the UV rays to create a stunning Cyanotype



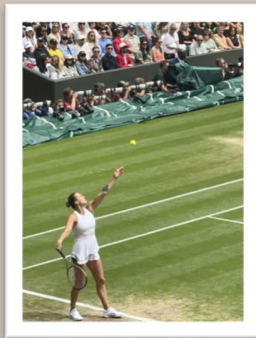
Francis Mridha shared his multiple exposure image of Harlech beach on Facebook



Geoff Perrett has been being creative with still life "Rosie Lee"



René was at Wimbledon



Trish enjoyed some local village cricket



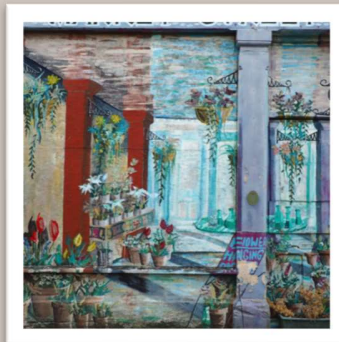
Mark and René went on a Peregrine Falcon workshop with Marc Humphrey



René went Cheese Rolling!



Gordon Hart spotted this mural in Nailsworth



Ali, Annie and Trish met up with Bill Ward at the Wales & West Photography Show



David Hunt took a trip to Slimbridge



Steve Harris captured Trish and Riddle in action at Summer Club on Minchinhampton Common



Richard Sellwood shared a variety of butterflies from local spots on Facebook



See more on our website: www.stroudcameraclub.co.uk