

# WCC NEWS

Worcestershire Camera Club

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## This Week - Tuesday

Peter Siviter, EFIAP, presents **A Kind of Magic**, an entertaining evening of prints and AVs.

Gloucester Camera Club hosts the Three Counties Battle on Tuesday..

## Contemporary Group Cancellation and a Date Change

Unfortunately we have complications for this **Thursday's (4<sup>th</sup> Dec)** meeting and have to cancel.

We shall meet again in the New Year, however, the first Thursday falls on Jan 1st and we think it advisable to change our date to the **second Thursday, Jan 8th** (for this month only!) thus giving us all time to enjoy the New Year Festivities to the full.

We look forward to seeing any 'Festive Season' images that might fall in to the Contemporary category!

With apologies,  
*Tessa and Clive.*

*Header image by Roger Plant*

## Digital Group Your Homework!

The next DIG meeting is not until **18th December**, but this is give you plenty of time to get ready for the evening!

This is our special event to celebrate the photography we have done in the past year. Please bring **up to 10** images each to share with the rest of the members. They should be your **favourite photographs from 2014**, whatever they might be.

This year you can bring prints, projected images, a short AV or perhaps a book. A maximum of 10 in total please, not 10 per section!

For projected images please **email them to me** beforehand - it will speed things up on the evening. If not, bring them on the evening. Make them **1920 x 1080 minimum** please.

*Martin*

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## Club Exhibitions

A reminder that Douglas is still seeking promises of contributions for the **A Picture for Health** exhibition in the New Year.

If you haven't exhibited before, why not consider joining in - it's in a very good cause and it's nice to be part of what is quite a big exhibition at 2 venues. The major requirement is for cheerful images! Once you have 'reserved' a place for your contributions by registering and uploading some images, you can still change your entries at any time, so do register now!

All you need to know is on our [exhibition website](#) under **Forthcoming Exhibitions**. You must sign in to see this page. Enter the site [here](#).



## Club Exhibitions - CrownGate

A trusty crew turned up early on Friday morning to help Douglas set up the CrownGate exhibition for the Christmas period. Thanks to Clive Haynes for the photos with apologies to Henry Tomsett who appears to have been missed off the photocall, but was most definitely there doing his bit!



Roger,  
Douglas,  
Pam, John,  
Clive, Gill,  
and Ann





## Members' Items

### Cautionary Tales

Bob Tunstall writes to alert us:

#### Are external drives safe?

We are often advised to back up our images in case our computers crash. The most popular method of doing this is to use an external hard drive or maybe two, but where do you place these? One of my friends kept his on the desk-top, and this is probably where most are kept, but the curtain rail fell off the wall on to his hard drive! No visible damage was done but he was not able to access his images, so off to the experts he went. Several hundred pounds later they managed to retrieve about 80% of them.

A second friend kept his on top of his computer tower which was on a carpeted floor. It fell off - a fall of about eighteen inches, and again the images were not retrievable, and it cost fifty-five

pounds to be told his images could not be retrieved!

I once smashed a hard drive from an old computer it took a lot of effort, but a slight knock to one can be disastrous.

You have been warned...



*The WEEE man at the Eden project: his teeth are computer mice; his ears are satellite dishes; and his brain is built from computer parts.*

### Compact System Cameras

Les Bailey is asking if anyone in the Club has switched from DSLR to a CSC of late. He has a Fuji X Pro 1, but still uses the DSLR for anything but lightweight travel.

He has had a recommendation for the Fuji XT 1 and is going to have a look at it at the forthcoming Permajet day, but wonders what others might have to recommend.

He adds "My Nikon D800 + gear does tend to weigh me down when I'm going uphill. Maybe I should have two rucksacks – one for the flat with the Nikon, and one for uphill with the Fuji..." I can identify with that!

If you have experience of more advanced CSCs, please speak to Les directly or send in your information & suggestions to share via the newsletter.

## Commercial

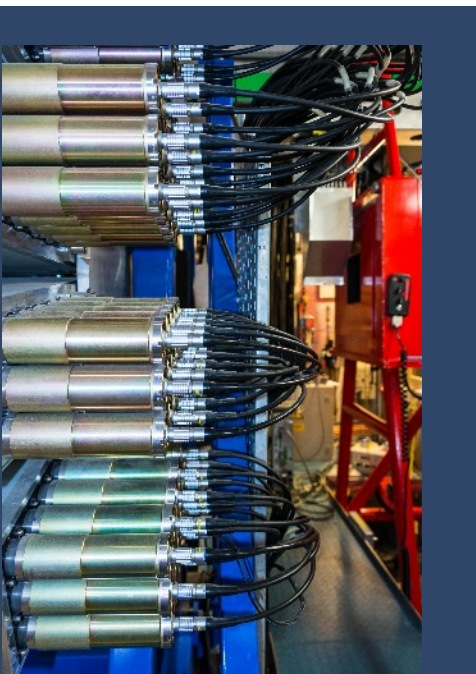
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Blurb offers finishing midnight to-night...

If you missed the email message I passed on for Clive, don't forget the complete Topaz package, some 15 items in all, is on offer at the special price of £158.75 (normal price \$429.99) also until midnight to-night.



## Croome Project - December Opportunities

We work with the National Trust at Croome Park - find out more and do join in... Here's a list of pictures wanted and upcoming events. Contact Pam Turner to volunteer or Becky where listed, and see the website for more information.

**Remember you have complimentary access when covering these events. Please have your club ID card to hand. Would anyone who still has a Croome memory stick please make sure they are returned!**



**General wintry pictures** – ideas such as cobwebs covered in frost, frost covered plants, raindrops with reflections in them, frozen puddles, misty mornings at the lake etc etc...

**Christmas market – 6 & 7 December** at the RAF. General shots of the market and some nice ones of produce, stallholders (looking happy), serving the public.

**Santa's sleigh & reindeers** – this will be located on south side of the court every day **from Saturday 29 November**. Families can climb onto it for their photos – would be nice to get a picture of a family in it.



**Father Christmas in his grotto** with a present and special post box to post Christmas wish lists to the North Pole. **Each weekend between 6 December and 21 December, 12-3pm.** Call Becky 01905 370005 as she wants some pictures of her new Santa and may be able to get Santa in before they officially open to public & take some staged pics. Also children visiting Santa too – again needs **model release form**.

**Scaffolding and platform** – this is open at weekends (some weekdays depending on volunteer availability) - pictures from the top looking out towards the parkland at the great views, grabbing a cuppa at the top (depending if our catering option is running that day) and looking out to the views holding their cup.

Images of the **traditional storytelling**. Children can listen to some festive stories every Saturday and Sunday between **6 December – 21 December**, 12.30pm, and 2.30pm in the Court. Either take images of backs of children's heads otherwise if faces showing then a signed model release form is needed .



There will be **live performances of "A Christmas Encounter"** by **professional actors** following servants Mrs Phillips the Cook and Minnie the Scullery Maid around the house as they prepare for Christmas and find out about a very special visitor. Performances on **Sunday 7, Saturday 13, Sunday 14 and Sunday 21 December** at 11.30am, 1.20pm, 3.15pm. Again need model release forms if visitors' faces are in it.

## Croome Project - continued



Pictures of the **Christmas decorations that adorn the RAF Visitor Centre and also the Court** – the RAF ones are handmade and the Court ones in a Georgian theme. Would be nice to get something in the background of some of the pictures to show where they were taken.



**Saturdays, 13 and 20 December. Starting at 3pm**

The **annual carol concert in Croome's Church** is always popular with enchanting performances by The Hills Singers followed by a warming festive drink and mince pie in the 1940s style canteen. . Photographer(s) to let Becky know if they are coming by calling 01905 370005 as space is limited in the church.

**Time Explorer game** – this is a game that children play which is located in the court (ask a volunteer to point you in the right direction). A child playing the game (model release form needed). Available every day except Tuesdays when house is closed.

**Hidden House building blocks** – this is the basement of the court and illustrates the hidden house within the current Croome with giant building blocks. Would be nice to get pictures of a family dismantling and putting back together (light is quite poor in this room!). Available every day except Tuesdays when house is closed.

**Scaffolding surrounding the Court** – some photos of the street art wrap that covers the scaffolding on the north side of the house. Perhaps photo(s) of someone looking up at it.

**Birds in the park** – we have some colourful model birds made by artists “hidden” around the parkland, would be nice to get some pics of them, perhaps with visitors looking or pointing at them. If you ask a volunteer in the court they should be able to give you a leaflet that explains a bit about them.

Could visiting photographers please make sure they are identifiable by **wearing a badge** and **carrying a clipboard** whenever possible.

2015 events are being finalised and we will let you know as soon as we hear so you can plan your diary!





# Exhibitions and Competitions to Enter

You've got to be in it to win it!

**WWT calendar 2016** is now inviting entries. Club members have a good track record of success!

Entry form with full details [here](#).

## Dates for the Diary / Out and About

What's on, exhibitions to go and see, photo-opportunities... Send in your events.

### Invitation for all members - 7<sup>th</sup> December

We really hope that you can pop in and support our Private View of the **Xmas Open Exhibition** on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 4 – 5.30** at **Barbourne Health Centre**. It will be 3 years since our first exhibition and it's a cause for celebration. Do please come along to enjoy mulled wine, mince pies and see the exhibition and do invite colleagues, friends and family along too.

With best wishes,

*Sally, Maggie, Nicky and May*

A Picture for Health

### Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

**to 31st Dec** - Interested in Still Life? See the [exhibition](#) (print, paint and sculpture) and send in your own still life photographs for inclusion on the screen in the entrance of the Waterhall gallery (ends 31st Dec) post it with the hashtag #staticstilllife on twitter or @STATIC\_STILL\_LIFE on instagram and **2nd December** a [curator-guided tour](#) - STATIC: Still Life Reconsidered

### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January

**Close and Far: Russian Photography Now.** [Mead Gallery](#) **Talk and Tour** Friday, 30 January 2015 - 11:00 until 13:00 [Booking and details here](#).

### Some London exhibitions in case you are heading capital-wards...

The Photographers' Gallery

Iconic fashion photography - [Steichen](#) & Sassen's [Analemma](#)

[He wasn't an easy gentleman to describe](#) - Kasia Wozniak (and of course the [Sherlock Holmes exhibition](#)).



### 40th SMETHWICK INTERNATIONAL

**3rd – 11th JANUARY 2015**  
THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE  
CHURCHBRIDGE, OLDBURY,  
WEST MIDLANDS (Junction 2 M5)

DOORS OPEN ONE HOUR BEFORE PROJECTED IMAGE SHOWINGS			
Day	Date	Time	Programme
Saturday	3rd	3pm	Official Opening - Pictorial Colour & Mono plus Nature Projected Images
Sunday	4th	3pm	Pictorial Colour & Mono plus Nature Projected Images
Monday	5th	8pm	Pictorial Mono & Colour Projected Images
Tuesday	6th	8pm	Pictorial Mono & Colour Projected Images
Wednesday	7th	8pm	Nature Projected Images + Pictorial Awards
Thursday	8th	8pm	Pictorial Mono & Colour Projected Images
Friday	9th	8pm	Pictorial Mono & Colour Projected Images
Saturday	10th	3pm	Pictorial Colour & Mono plus Nature Projected Images
Sunday	11th	3pm	Pictorial - Colour & Mono plus Nature Projected Images

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[Smethwick International](#)

### Contemporary Group Invitation

Stewart would like to invite members to send in 2 or 3 of their favourite contemporary images (competition size is fine) for a PhotoNews feature.

Please email to

[stewart\\_bourne@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:stewart_bourne@tiscali.co.uk)

as soon as possible, **latest 8<sup>th</sup> December**. If a panel rather than individual images, please include layout information.

## Around the Web

More Nick Turpin - [Street images](#) and a [Street down-load](#) for you.

Create a [festive portrait](#) with cheap and cheerful fairy lights...

Did you see the Beeb's feature on Witley Court and other [abandoned mansions](#)...?

Enjoy the Society of Biology competition's wonderful [winners](#).

I put together an ad-hoc [Betjeman poem photographic advent calendar](#) last year. Why not try a seasonal project yourself and send in the link or photos to share?

A [restyling project](#)...

[Paris in the 1790s?](#)

Martin sends these useful links to download Lightroom templates to make your own 2015 calendar. You can also download psd files to make them in Photoshop if you don't use Lightroom.

[Learning to See in Black and White](#)

[Redphotographic](#) & [Aurora-Foto](#)

[Did you know...?](#) Black Country cameras!

## A Walk in the Wyre Forest: Clive Haynes FRPS

Some of Clive's photos from the recent Digi Group outing. A last taste of autumn as the winter sets in...

