



JEFF'S BLOG #26 SUMMER HOLIDAY EDITION!

Hello!

Outside, it's rather hot. But this blog will refresh you on what is happening in the club in our relatively closed but busy summer season. And today's terrific June Photo News will update you on the Annual Club Show and lots more. Please especially note the bereavement notice at the end of this blog.

New officers of the club, new committee

You will be aware already that new officers of the club were appointed at the AGM earlier this month. **Chris Goodrich** is now Club Secretary and **Frank Lauriello** is Club Treasurer. Please make a point of getting to know them. They are already highly engaged with club business. A first meeting of the new Committee was held this week – watch for minutes in the members' website.

A new Membership Secretary

Whatever you want to achieve with your photography over the next year, talk to **Duncan Locke**, our newly appointed Membership Secretary. We want to help you achieve your ambition and we have a range of options to help you.

Kruger National Park calling...

We have an unprecedented very special club ZOOM event on Tuesday 9th June coming to us from Kruger Nation Park. Chad Cocking will present to us on "Life as a Field Guide in Greater Kruger Park South Africa". Chad is an author, photographer and at base, a wildlife specialist extraordinaire. Chad comes to us without charge, for which we thank him. See the details on the website and let's make it a great evening.

Special interest groups

Our Thursday evening special interest groups continue through the summer. You will be most welcome to attend when and if you are not tanning in Tenerife.

We're all going on a summer outing...

As I write there are 8 (eight) club events listed on the club members' website, including *Worcester races* (June 11), *Pershore Midsummer Brass* (July 4), *steam train to Bridgnorth* (July 8), and *Japanese gardens* (August 15). These are splendid opportunities for your photography. Already good numbers of members are signed up for most of these events, but please check out the website and sign up to attend as many as you can. You will also find there our monthly coffee and chat events.

A special request please for another 4-6 photographers for the Pershore Midsummer Brass Festival, where we are official photographers.

There is space for two or three more club events through the summer. Delight us with your most imaginative destinations or maybe a simple social opportunity by creating a new event. We love summer outings!

Your River Severn and Diglis images requested by 18th June

Following our successful mini exhibition at Diglis Tea Room earlier in the year, we are now invited to participate in a continuous slide show there in September/October. The show will be handled by our friends at Cheltenham Camera Club.

If you have any images which could be considered for the 'exhibition' please send them in WCC competition format to Liz Gillham. Any Diglis Island and River Severn images will be welcome. Please send by 18th June.

AGM discussion points – a progress chaser

You will no doubt be interested to read initial responses to members' comments in the discussion at the recent AGM. This is attached as a separate document. Please feel free to comment and keep the discussions going.

Bereavement

Wendy Allard has recently been bereaved of her husband, and we send our warmest sympathy and best wishes to her. The funeral will be held on Friday 12th June 2026 from 10.30 to 11.30am at Wyre Forest Crematorium and Cemetery, Minster Road, Stourport on Severn, DY13 8DE. Afterwards, anyone attending is warmly invited to join us for a buffet lunch at the White Hart in Fernhill Heath.

Personally yours

For the club chair, summertime includes a mix of processing all that has emerged over the past year, helping to plan and communicate all that the club has in store, and lots more. No worries, this weekend I planted out my summer displays of Nicotiana, photographed a grasshopper warbler reported near Evesham, and roared on a triumphant visit to New Road for the Vitality Blast cricket. Don't forget...see you at the races on June 11.



Grasshopper warbler at New Farm, Evesham, this week. ISO 25,600.

I always love to hear from club members. My inbox and my ear are always open to your thoughts whatever they may be. I welcome them all. Be aware that some members are going through trying times. Be assured, you are all always in my thoughts and prayers.



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