Simon’s notes from the meeting on 7th February – Around the Web

(The videos below are all from You Tube)

What to look out for

- Production Quality

- Content

- Watchable (entertaining / annoying)

- Be critical - creators aren’t always experts

- Even bad ideas can be helpful or inspiring

1. A subject you know - Bristol

- Title - GRITTY in the CITY

- Channel - e6 Vlogs

- Subscribers - 35,100

- Creator - Craig Roberts

- A travel and landscape photographer & writer who shoots videos on

location in the rural and urban landscape. Digital photography.

- He gets some of his facts and geography wrong

I picked this because it is interesting to see an area you know well

through the eyes of someone who is looking at it with relatively fresh

eyes.

<https://youtu.be/xlm3pZ68zRk>

2. A photographer out of his comfort zone - macro

- Title - I Thought Macro Photography Would be Easy

- Channel - Thomas Heaton

- Subscribers - 506,000

- Creator - Thomas Heaton

- A landscape photographer; mostly digital, some medium format film

- Filmed during the first lock-down

This is not at all typical of Thomas's videos. He was previously a TV

professional and his outdoor video work is amazingly slick given that

he works alone. This is something totally different for him, both a

different style of video and different photographic work.

<https://youtu.be/R6YCAM7Arak>

3. Finding a style / subject

- Title - Photographing Ghost Houses

- Channel - Photography Online

- Subscribers - 51,800

- Subject - John Maher (former drummer with Buzzcocks)

- A magazine programme for photographers

- Abandoned houses of the Hebrides

I was looking for a good video of John Maher's work to show you and

quite by chance the best I found was part of a Photography Online

video, a series I always watch.

Photography Online is a very slick magazine-style programme, published

fortnightly as a 30 minute video by a company called MC2 Photography

and specifically by their people based on the Isle of Skye. The company

runs photographic workshops and holidays. The series covers all sorts

of photographic topics from beginner to advanced and occasionally, like

this, interviews with outside people of photographic interest.

This video is from a time when they produced a one-hour monthly show.

The segment I showed you started at 01:10. The segment is introduced by

Photography Online's regular link person, Ruth Taylor who hosts the

daily breakfast show on Radio Skye.

<https://youtu.be/Haik1ZGZSmc>

4. Judging your own images

- Title - How a Nat Geo Photographer Selects the Best Images from a

Shoot

- Channel - WIRED

- Subscribers - 8,870,000

- Subject - Steve Winter

- I found this randomly and thought it quite useful

I included this because we often have to select images to show at the

club or elsewhere. One comment that has been made about this video is

that we often go through an image editing stage. I would suggest then

that we actually go through something like Steve's process twice. The

first time to select images worth editing, and the second time to

select from the images we have edited.

<https://youtu.be/7VVU0DlIWuE>

5. Photographing the ordinary

- Title - On photographing where we live

- Channel- aows

- Subscribers - 19,200

- Creator - Adrian

- A Spanish-American photographer in the US and Europe. Square format -

- film previously but now digital

- More arty and atmospheric than instructional

When I first came across Adrian he was shooting mostly if not

exclusively with a medium format 6x6 camera , i.e. in square format,

and using black and white film. I believe at some stage he did a video

about why he was moving (back?) to digital. In any case he seems to

shoot digital now, but still favours a black and white, square format

presentation.

I thought this worthwhile because, like many people, he thinks of his

home town as boring, but he seems to have stepped beyond that to draw

out photographic interest and see it with fresh eyes, harking back in a

different way to the first video in which Craig visited Bristol.

<https://youtu.be/zBB8O0FssWo>