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"There'll be thunder, plagues of locusts, and bone-chilling storms ... the rest of the day should be fine and sunny"

Marty Feldman's 1970s parody of weather forecasting played into our scepticism of looking too seriously at what might be. After all, did we ever believe Mystic Meg? But the world of photography has its fair share of soothsayers, and it may interest members to know what they see in their crystal balls. Here are three casting their eye on what 2023 holds. Naturally they differ,

<https://skylum.com/blog/new-photography-trends-for-your-shoots>

<https://expertphotography.com/top-trends-in-photography/>

It's reassuring to see that the club's talks (Jet Lendon recently on smartphones) and competitions (Minimalism in 2021/22) are already reflecting topics cresting the wave.

Authenticity is much touted in



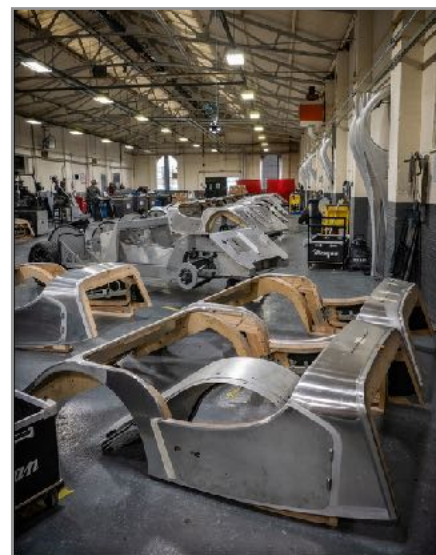
but a number of trends are mentioned in all three and a few more in at least two.

<https://photographycourse.net/photography-trends/>

the expected trends, and when David Cantor talks Street Photography with us on the 27th, we can expect plenty of that. Interesting times!

[PAGB Cup: A self-indulgent pat on the back?](#)

Simon Riches recently circulated the results of the PAGB Cup. The club rose to 34th out of 66 compared with 76th out of 87 last year. Our highest scorers came from George Collett, Mike Ashfield, Rob England and Matt Webb. Congratulations to them and to all the club members whose images made up the club's entry.



[Fire assembly point](#)

Rock Street remains as our assembly point for now, but because of the current construction works this is being regularly reviewed. Please take particular note of any announcements at each meeting.

[Annoyed by Apple?](#)

Users of Apple Mail will be familiar with its automatic changing of any jpg attachment into an embedded image. One member reached out to the Forum for help and received several helpful responses:

<https://postmasterthornbur.wixsite.com/thornburycameraclub/>





[When did you last view our own galleries?](#)

If it's been a while since you last looked at the members' galleries page on the club website, you may not have viewed several updated or new galleries, only loaded in the last few months. As always, some fab shots - what a talented bunch we are! <http://www.thornburycameraclub.co.uk/members-galleries.html>

[Programme at a glance - February/March](#)

- 13 Feb: Sarah Howard - An image seen Landscape photography thoughts and techniques. <https://www.sarahhowardphotography.com/>
- 20 Feb: Judging: internal competition round 4 (high key or low key) - Steve Hallam
- 27 Feb: David Cantor - Ramblings of a so-called street photographer. <https://davidcantor.weebly.com/>
- 6 Mar: AV: N&EMPF Exhibition N&EMPF Exhibition: An AV with full commentary by Ashley Franklin - featuring all the accepted images along with the medal winners. *CLOSING DATE: Internal competition round 5 (open). Images to intcomp.thornburycameraclub@gmail.com. Brian will remind folk about how/where to submit prints.*
- 13 Mar: Peter Weaver APAGB CPAGB LRPS - Welcome to the Show. Photography from twelve different events including country shows, steam fairs, music events and strange customs.
- 20 Mar: The photography of Alec Skirrow (Andy Gillingham). Alec, a former chair of the club, was a member from the late 1960s. Following his death, his daughter has made some of his prints available to us. This evening Andy will present just some of Alec's photographic work. *REMINDER: Contributions due for Street Photography Please send up to thirty (yes, thirty) images to programme.thornburycameraclub@gmail.com*
- 27 Mar: Street Photography: An opportunity for members to share examples of their own work in the "street photography" genre, possibly influenced by David Cantor's presentation on 27th Feb.



[Best camera poll](#)

Originally posted as a whimsical test of the Forum's multiple choice quiz capability, Collette's question has roused deep passions and some awful puns. If you have an opinion feel free to wade in ... <https://postmasterthornbur.wixsite.com/thornburycameraclub/forum/coffee-break/camera-poll>



What's On (Forum: That looks interesting)

Light-hearted inducements elsewhere in this issue for members to visit the Forum are all well and good, but our new resource really comes into its own if you seek well researched and comprehensive information about what's on: <https://postmasterthornbur.wixsite.com/thornburycameraclub/forum/that-looks-interesting>

A couple of examples:

- If you need to engage youngsters over half term, you might head for the RWA PhotoLab where they (and you) can be hands-on. <https://www.rwa.org.uk/collections/events/products/photolab>

- You only have until Feb 12th to enjoy Bristol Light Festival <https://bristolightfestival.org/news/2023-exciting-announcements/>

That Looks Interesting has fifteen other links on things happening in February and will aim for similar numbers for the coming months. The newsletter will continue to highlight some, but the Forum has become the best go-to place to keep on top of opportunities.

More than thirty members have joined the Forum already - the more the merrier!



Quotation Corner

When we define the Photograph as a motionless image, this does not mean only that the figures it represents do not move; it means that they do not 'emerge', do not 'leave': they are anaesthetised and fastened down, like butterflies.

— Roland Barthes

While there is perhaps a province in which the photograph can tell us nothing more than what we see with our own eyes, there is another in which it proves to us how little our eyes permit us to see.

— Dorothea Lange

A photographer is like a cod, which produces a million eggs in order that one may reach maturity.

— George Bernard Shaw

Don't pack up your camera until you've left the location.

— Joe McNally



!! Hello to Beginners Course attendees !!

It's a pleasure to have our Beginners Course running once again, and a very warm welcome to the eleven participants. We very much look forward to you joining in the club's wider programme and coming along on a Monday night!