

# Photo News

NEWSLETTER OF BIDEFORD CAMERA CLUB



## What's On

### Things to visit, things to photograph

Some great events coming up on the calendar. Dust off the cameras, charge the batteries, splash on the suncream and get out there.

## Competitions

### Ultimate Challenge

Full results and a gallery of awarded images.

## Local Shows

### Plenty to see and do

Visiting local agricultural shows gives access to lots of local characters as well as a full programme of events in their main arena. From aardvarks to Zumba, well perhaps not quite, but you get the picture.



## RANTING AND RAVING

Well, it has been some time since the last newsletter, although in fairness you did not see the last one. This was because somehow it got corrupted and I got fed up with it and did not feel comfortable with sending it out to you all.

SO FAR THIS YEAR I HAVE NOT REALLY GOT IN AS MUCH PHOTOGRAPHY AS I DID FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN 2025. BUT I HAVE BEEN RELIVING THOSE 2025 EVENTS AS I HAVE FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH PROCESSING THE LAST MEMORY CARDS FOR THAT PERIOD. I HAVE BEEN AMAZED AT HOW MANY RUBBISH PICTURES I HAVE MANAGED TO TAKE, BUT THEY ARE A WONDERFUL AIDE MEMOIRE.

ANYWAY ONWARDS INTO THE SUMMER.

WITH SOME GREAT EVENTS COMING UP.

### MAY

9 LYNTON AND LYNMOUTH CLIFF RAILWAYSTEAMPUNK GATHERING.

9/10 EXETER PRIDE

10 SOUTHERLEY MOTOCROSS AT LITTLE SILVER EX67XD

17 ACU BRITISH MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP LANDRAKE PL12 5EP

21-23 DEVON COUNTY SHOW

22-24 EXMOUTH BEACH RUGBY AND NETBALL FESTIVAL

24 BIDEFORD BIKE SHOW VICTORIA PARK

30 CHAGFORD VILLAGE FETE 2.30PM AT CHAGFORD HOUSE

31 SOUTH WEST OFFROAD MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP(SWOR) LANDRAKE PL12 5EP

### JUNE

6 BIDEFORD FAIR AND MAYORS PARADE

7 SOUTHERLEY MOTOCROSS EX31 4JZ

7 RHS ROSEMOOR MASSED BAND CONCERT

14 SWOR LITTLE SILVER EX6 7XD

20 BIDEFORD REGATTA

27/28 HOLSWORTHY VINTAGE AND CLASSIC RALLY

### JULY

5 BIDEFORD SOAPBOX DERBY

12 SWOR FRADDON MOTOR PARK NEWQUAY TR8 5BP

18/19 BRITISH MASTERS MOTOCROSS LITTLE SILVER EX6 7XD

### AUGUST

9 ND FESTIVAL OF TRANSPORT VICTORIA PARK

8/9 SOUTHERLEY MOTOCROSS FRADDON TR8 5BP

23 SWOR LANDRAKE PL12 5EP

WEEKEND 31<sup>ST</sup> MINI GRANDTOUR OF NORTH DEVON

### SEPTEMBER

6 BIDEFORD WATER FESTIVAL

12 BIDEFORD CARNIVAL

## VINTAGE EVENTS

Personally, I always love the lovely friendly and laid-back attitude you find at vintage shows. Exhibitors are always pleased to talk about vehicles, steam engines etc and often are happy to be photographed with them.

Closest to home is

### South Molton Vintage Rally

Weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May.

### Launceston Steam and Vintage Rally

Between 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May.

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For something a little different

### RAF Harrowbarrow 1940s Weekend

Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

This should be particularly special this year as it marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the airfield.

Or

### Sidmouth Regatta and Airshow

Aug 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>





## LOCAL SHOWS

Lots to see and do, from craft tents to show jumping, local food to vintage vehicles and everything in between.

There is usually a full day of entertainment.

Always interesting



### Woolsery Show

27<sup>th</sup> JULY

### MID Devon Show

SAT 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY

### North Devon Show

WED 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2026 GATES OPEN AT 8PM

### OKEHAMPTON Show

THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

### CHAGFORD Show

THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

### HOLSWORTHY Show

THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

## Close to Home

Well, no need for a passport, or vaccinations.

Chagford you may need a phrase book or local guide as they tend to be a bit posh there.

## Further Away

BUT WELL WORTH THE EFFORT

## Riviera Airshow (Torbay not the French one)

May 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>.

## Royal Cornwall Show Wadebridge

June 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

## Bristol International Balloon Fiesta

### Ashton Estate

August 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>

## THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE

The “Ultimate Challenge” proved to be just that as it provided an exciting climax to our winter programme competitions. We are grateful to Andy Francis for his judging and helpful critiques. At the end of the evening Judith Flacke proved to be a clear winner with 114 points after scoring full marks in three categories – Architecture, Nature and Still Life. In the silver position was John Glass with 106 points who had one top scoring image sharing the top image in the nature category with Judith. In bronze position was the 2025 winner Bob Jinks and Bob had one top scoring image in the Landscape category.

Many members did not enter the full challenge but instead chose to compete in selected categories. The top scoring images and points in each category were: - Action 17 points “Feloupe, Georgie Goss 25” by Bob Jinks and “Whippet Coursing” by Erica Griffiths.

Architecture 20 points “High Rise” a powerful monochrome by Judith Flacke.

Creative 19 points “Clown Retired” by Judith Flacke.

Landscape 20 points “Swaling Witheridge Moor” by Bob Jinks.

Lowligh 17 points “December Sunrise Somerset” by Bob Jinks, “Mouthmill Beach” by Mike Leigh and “Twilight Buddies” by Geoffrey Desmond.

Nature 20 points “Woodland Stillness” by John Glass and “Woodlouse” by Judith Flacke.

Still Life 20 points “Sombre” by Judith Flacke.

Street 19 points “Early Morning Taster Covent Garden” by Geoffrey Desmond.

Thank you to everyone who entered their prints whether successful or not, they all contributed to a very entertaining evening.

# Judith Flacke winning pictures

Clockwise from top left Woodlouse (20), Clown Retired (19), 50 Per Cent Off (17), Dartmoor Storm Incoming (18), High Rise (20), Sombre (20)



# John Glass Runner-up images

Clockwise from top left Woodland stillness (20), Dartmoor Daybreak (18), Surfs Up (16), Into the Light (17), Stillness in Motion (18), Harvest and Bloom (17),



Bob Jinks Third Placed images  
Clockwise from top left.

December Sunrise Somerset (17),  
Repose (16),  
Swaling Witheridge Moor (20),  
Into the Woods (17),  
Feloupe Georgie Goss 25 (17),  
Horizon View Westward Ho (17).





