

## Club Names 2019

When you are new to any group it can be something of a challenge to attempt to recall the names of those around you.

I feel that club names serve not only to break the ice but also shatter any illusions of elitism and to potentially make the remembering easier.

Not every member has a club name yet as they just occur randomly (some are more random than others), and given time one will likely present itself.

Like everything else at HCC, there is no malice or intended insult in these names.

Here are the ones I recall in no particular order other than **club officials first** in case that also helps. Do please bear in mind that whilst the names remain, the facts may have been altered to protect the innocent.

### “Dancing Johnny”

**John** was club Chair for some years but is now in the less active role of **President** – he looks marginally more like Trump than Obama.

His name derives from when Club members used to visit The Kingfisher to photograph gigs etc (often involving the daughter of TASTCMT). It was not at all unusual to lose Dancing Johnny as he was whisked onto the dance floor by young ladies a quarter of his age.

Maxine had cause to visit John at home once and he apologised for coming to the door without a tie on. She was more concerned regards the lack of trousers (kidding)

It has taken me 5+ years to get John onto Enville Ale.

John is a keen rail enthusiast, photographed weddings for donkey's years and has no issue at all in making fun of his own blurred club images.

### “The Librarian”

**Max(ine)** knows stuff. Quite often “why, or how, do you know that stuff?” stuff.

She can also read a paperback book without it appearing that it has ever been opened, and will frown at anyone that dare not take equal care in that department, or be late with their returns. If you are familiar with the series *Suits*, at work she is the Donna.

Living on a diet of Cadbury's Dairy Milk and Coca-Cola (always full fat and *never* Pepsi) she is oft found looking at any form of stone structure to determine it's originating area and time period and will gladly wax lyrical regards it's fossil content.

Maxine is back in the **Chair** position at the club, and also runs her own photographic business for weddings, family shoots, conferences, product etc.

If you ask for an opinion, Maxine won't lie to you but she will be careful in how she gives you the truth in order to protect your feelings. Oh, she is also an unofficial rescuer of all things furry.

## “Molly”

We have yet to confirm a name but as **Abi** is currently the **Vice-Chair**

Before you all shout and scream at part of the reason for the linked names, I would point out that the first was self-proclaimed. Evidently, despite her remarkably young years and appearance, friends had previously made reference to bags (eye laughter lines).

The fact that she habitually carries Earl Grey and a packet of snuff upon her person obviously provides a nice link.

Molly of course is reference to Molly Badham that established the Twycross Zoo chimps as the Typhoo-swilling stars of the 70's

## “SHED!” a..k.a “Shed-Girl”

Please see the specific SHED! Download document as SHED! is not just our club **Secretary** but the first person to provide, and simultaneously become, a club mantra. SHED! (previously **Bev**) is a good supporter of any post-club sociables and can often be found quaffing an Enville.

## “BFG”

My own club name was only introduced quite recently by Swinging Rich and Mrs Pink – the short version is that Forrest Grump was suggested in reference to a tale of me walking 3+ hours home from the pub one evening after being abandoned by The Librarian (who is my far far better half).

Living by “honesty before diplomacy” means that folk that know me will only ask for an opinion on their images if they *really* want an honest answer. I tend to be one of the more verbally active members of the club and am currently the Treasurer as that is the only official role where a PC approach is less important. There we have the Grump aspect.

Although members do not select their own names, I added the B for Big - partially as Roald Dahl's BFG has become a film recently and, as this allowed a variation of names to fit – Big Fat Grump for instance.

If members did select their own names then I would be either Josey Wales or Cl. Nathan Jessup.

My own photographic interests are varied but do not really stretch to still life. My interests within the club are to tute to those that require it and to encourage and partake in the more sociable aspects.

At school I was voted 'most likely to die due to Enville overdose'

## **Committee Members**

### **“Swinging Rich”**

Unfortunately this is nowhere near as interesting (or embarrassing) as it sounds but simply stems from an outdoor evening where we happened upon a children's rope swing and a number of members took it upon themselves to play Tarzan.

It isn't that great a club name but when it was first introduced, Rich was seemingly horrified (or at least somewhat embarrassed) so that just encouraged me all the more. Swinging Rich is often mistaken as the missing Baldwin brother and is more interested in super heroes and lego than is normal for an adult.

With an IT based job, he is our go-to-guy for tech stuff.

### **“Barry Brush”**

**Barry** shares my own patience when it comes to image editing, why use a small pixel edit brush when a massive one will do the job faster.

BB hails from Yorkshire, which is a heck of a commute, and often references the county's alleged fiscal retention policy. Barry acts as audit for the club accounts and sadly is a vegetarian.

### **“Worzel”**

Whilst not unique within the club, **Keith** prefers a cider to an ale.

## General club members

### “Boomer”

I have to confess that I wanted to call Fred “Mick” as in Crocodile Dundee but “The Librarian” felt that was too random even for me. As such, on the same vein but marginally more obvious “Boomer” is short for boomerang as Fred is the only club member to have left for elsewhere only to have realised that sometimes the grass is not greener.

### “Bill..I.Am”

**Bill** has the endearing habit of confirming much of the information he tells you.

“I was walking down the canal I was” or “I’ve been on holiday I have” for instance. Hence, as luck would have it, stating his name ties in nicely with the pop star / producer of a similar name.

He has a long lens and a dog, he has.

### “D'ya Ken”

**Ken** Day is the club's martial arts expert and in his youth was so tough that Chuck Norris never once accepted an invitation to fight him.

Ken has the habit of producing images that I place into a special category called “Why?” D'ya ken is a marginal variation on the song D'ye ken John Peel as it is an anagram of Ken's name and the original meaning “do you see..” fits closely enough with my query of “Why?”

Ken has proven himself a valuable club member, sniffing out Enville-serving pubs that *even I* didn't know were there.

### “HDRon” a.k.a Leigh Lawson a.k.a Wanderer a.k.a Charlton Heston

If **Ron** is not at the club showing us his HDR images then he is likely on holiday searching out piers lost to man, or assisting with the local gun club. Ron's photographic mission was to visit every lighthouse, pier or such within the UK. Having achieved that he is now stockpiling materials to make his own.

We have known HDRon for a few years so it is perfectly natural that we have yet to see an image that he has produced in normal definition.

### “Heisenberg”

**Alan** knows “The Librarian” from providing her with the means to gain her PhD in Paleontology by means of teaching A-level Geology at Halesowen. An extremely intelligent person but he really needs our assistance in getting out more.

Whilst only bearing a very passing resemblance to his namesake (if you squint after a number of Enville) he gained the name due to being follicly-challenged, an ex-tutor, and upon purchasing a camper van. The club and it's officials have no knowledge of any meth labs in Wall Heath.

If Heisenberg does actually make a meeting this year can everyone please give him a big hug.

## “John-Boy”

Another name with no complexity, **Craig** has the surname Walton. Being a teacher puts John-Boy in a good position to play quiz-master in what is becoming an annual opener to the club year. Whilst he participates in most if not all genre of photography I think it is fair to say that he shines brightest in Landscapes.

A drinker of cider and also Enville (but not Enville Ginger) and also a runner of marathons for charity.

## “Mrs Pink”

An alternative club name for **Emma** could have been Eve or i-Emma as she has a love for all things Apple and it is rumoured now gets a Christmas card from Steve Jobs' family.

However her pink camera, pink car, pink hair etc lent itself to the name and a passing reference to Reservoir Dogs for no apparent reason.

You will often hear banter between the two of us with me taking the proverbial out of the heavy Black Country dialect and Mrs Pink's response often being more visually based.

Mrs Pink shares dancing Johnny's love of the use of double-negatives and may or may not be a dark horse depending on whether she really means “I doe know nuffin” is as intended.

## “Noosoo” or perhaps “Nusu” etc.

Yep, pretty much as simple as the “T'other Tim” scenario. Not so new to the club any more and one of the members that knows more than they think they do.

Working within the prison service offers us some peace of mind in case the annual Stourbridge match-an-image competition becomes overly heated.

Obviously the arrival of Noosoo to the club further vindicated my daft naming habit as having two members with the same names could be confusing and of course silly.

## “Pippin”

**Mark** may not even be the most diminutive club member but does on occasion make reference to not being able to see over obstacles (see T'other Tim) and as such was named after a Hobbit. Another tea-totaller but other than that a good egg. Pippin has recently been awarded the only partially fabricated role of reminding members that we have a website that already has the answer to their query.

## “Roger”

Francis joined us in the latter part of 2018 mainly due to a misunderstanding as he thought we were an extension of his beloved CAMRA which, on the right night, is easily understood.

Naming is simply based on the fact that most folk (surely?) would immediately think of St. Francis of Assisi upon hearing the name Francis. Sure of course we could have used Saint but

i) where's the fun in that? ii) the club has also recently acquired a David.

Whilst a number of us would only recall Ian Ogilvy playing The Saint (let's attempt to forget the Val Kilmer film version) the role was initially played by Roger Moore (not an euphemism).

## “Shoulders”

**Hugh** and **Sally** generally attend as a couple and their *initial* club names (Head and Shoulders) were taken simply from the first letter of their names. Hugh has since been renamed so Sally's name is even more random than it was before.

Having spent some considerable time in Africa, they have a plethora of indigenous wildlife images.

It later occurred to me that Hugh should be called **Tom Baker** (younger members would perhaps use other names) as he also hails from the medical profession. Oh come on, make *some* effort folks.. “Dr Hugh”

## “Steve”

Stuart is a recent club member having decided that he was already attending sociables and assisting with event evenings so may as well make it official. Most likely to be seen wearing a hi-vis and saying “Yes dear”

Steve's name simply derives from the fact that he is Mrs Pink's hubby and that Steve Buscemi played that role in Reservoir Dogs.

## “Sundance”

**Martin** is the king of long exposure, notably one that took a little over 3/12 days.

Making the tenuous link to the film Indecent Exposure, leads to a few potential actors but Robert Redford seemed a reasonable option at the time and as such led to a further film link.

Of course the actual film name in the first link was Indecent Proposal but luckily no-one seems to have noticed my faux-pas yet and the name has stuck.

## “The Flying Doctor”

Unfortunately taken from the same evening outing as “Swinging Rich”

**Arvind** is one of the quieter, gentleman, members of the club and is from the medical profession. In his school year book he was voted as “most likely to ask about ISO”

## “Wuanteesu”

Accidentally created by previous club member Stan who habitually made the half-time brew. When the membership was somewhat smaller almost all members were coffee drinkers and most

weeks Stan would call out “One tea Sue?” **Sue** is from an educational background and is often accompanied on outings by hubby WuanteeMike”

There are other members yet to receive club names – it is simply that they have either not with us long and that nothing entirely appropriate has occurred to us.

Hopefully more namings will be forthcoming with the next full moon assuming the naming committee have regrown their eyebrows.