

Roll: **19761225-6434**

Camera: **Olympus OM1: OM1**

Film: **Kodak Tri-X**

Subject:

Maggie - Christmas Party Kings Cross UBO.

Notes:

On 7th December I bought an Olympus OM1 mail order from Jessop of Leicester with 50mm f1.8 lens for £189.95 and a Vivitar 3x Converter for £20.51. That's as near as damnit £1,548 at 2020 prices. Jesus I must have been keen. And it would have involved a month or more of studying photographic magazines and writing off for quotes.

This film has non of the light emission that was resulting from the damaged shutter screen on the Zorki but then I know I repaired the screen myself with some gun gum so it's not conclusive that it was the new camera.

I have attributed the pictures of Maggie to 9th December and they're probably the first photograph I took with the Olympus OM1. I've cropped the picture but I'm still quite glad that you can see a print from the Gough Road sessions on the wall and almost read the book that Maggie is reading as she knits.

The rest are at a staff Christmas party at Kings Cross Dole office which I have guessed at being on Friday 17th December as I was off to Nottingham the following Friday.

Maggie's Uncle Jim died Saturday 18th December.

People:

Maggie, Tony Pickard, Stan, Jim Wilson, Nick Greenwood, Brian Cooley, Letty, Shelia and one or two others I recognise instantly but can't put names to and a couple I don't recognise. Stan had a stroke but appeared to be recovering. I think he must have died shortly after as I note on the contacts that he is deceased. The young man standing next to Brian and Letty may be called Bri. I wish I could remember the name of the chap with the beard. He was the switchboard operator and a lovely chap. He was very knowledgeable about films and recommended going to see Tony Scorsese films. I remember him making some crack about hand held cameras, unknown actors and black white film stock. "Perm any 2 from 3 and Time Out wont like you." or maybe he said "will like you", I can't recall but I know it seemed very funny at the time.

Kings XX UBO is still there at the junction of Ekford Street, Penton Street and Barnsbury Road, it is now called Barnsbury Job Centre.

The pictures of Mum's sewing machine show that the Zuiko lens was better than many of the other snaps would indicate. God knows what happened with the picture of Christmas dinner which I think may have been at Perry Road.

Dates:

Best guesses based on diaries.

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**Frames:**

OM1-A0012	19761209	18:00:00	Maggie Knitting.
OM1-A0013	19761209	18:01:00	Maggie.
OM1-A0014	19761217	17:30:00	Tony Pickard.
OM1-A0015	19761217	17:35:00	Stan.
OM1-A0016	19761217	17:40:00	Jim Wilson - Nick - Brian.
OM1-A0017	19761217	17:45:00	Letty.
OM1-A0018	19761217	17:50:00	Office Party.
OM1-A0019	19761217	17:51:00	Office Party.
OM1-A0020	19761217	18:20:00	Brian the Smooth.
OM1-A0021	19761217	18:25:00	Brian Cooley.
OM1-A0023	19761223	19:30:00	Singer Sewing Machine.
OM1-A0024	19761223	19:31:00	Singer Sewing Machine.
OM1-A0025	19761225	14:00:00	Christmas Dinner.