

Roll: **19770103-6435**

Camera: **Olympus OM1: OM1**

Film: **Kodak Tri-X**

Subject:

Xmas - New Year Nottingham - Clissold Park

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 damn it £1,548 at 2020 prices. Jesus I must have been keen. And it would have involved months of studying photographic magazines and writing off for quotes. Maggie bought me an extension tube for Christmas on 23rd of December so the camera must have been delivered and in use by then but the shots are very few in number and almost universally very bad, out of focus and with masses of camera shake.

We seemed to be living very high on the hog at that time, going out to movies, seeing bands, eating out, having people to stay and lots of drinking. We would drink till late and then eat, or watch a double bill at the Screen on the Green in Islington, or watch a film in the afternoon then go on to a pub in the evening and see a band. How I kept awake I don't know. On at least two occasions Maggie didn't but then she was drinking heavily after work before meeting up with me.

The people we were seeing most were Jim Farrell, Nick Greenwood, Brian Cooley, Greg and Barbara. Martin Durham we saw often too as he came to stay many weeks as he was using the British Library to study for his PhD. We went to a couple of parties at Jim's and even stayed over drinking malt whisky.

We also saw a chap called Alistair who I don't remember at all but he even stayed over and Maggie played badminton with him at "his club". Brian seems to have been partnered with Carol and we saw her with him a few times and it looks like the two of them stayed at Jim's for a while.

Regular pubs were Norfolk Arms, Island Queen, Robinson Crusoe, Rochester Castle, Salmon and Compass. We also frequented the Marquee and the Kings Head. I suspect we were also regulars at the Rose and Crown at the top of Albion Rd. but as this would be a quiet pint with just ourselves present it didn't make the diary. The landlord and his wife were Joan and Barry (I wanted to write that down while it was fresh in my head.)

On the 18th October we discovered Humus for the first time at the Sultan Ahmed in Essex Road.

Maggie's Uncle Jim died Saturday 18th December the funeral was the 23rd. I dropped Maggie off at her Mum and Dad's before leaving for Nottingham that night. That seems very wrong to me now. I cannot understand why I did not stay with Maggie and her Mum and Dad that Christmas. We could have gone together to Nottingham

Maggie came up to Nottingham on 27th. Went to the Wolds in the afternoon. Saw Pat Kelly and his wife. Went to the Trip in the evening. Mick and Sue. On the 28th the Willow Tree, Mary and Neil's, walk with the dog and then the Wagon and Horses.

Maggie records that we lost Mary, Neil and Roy in the Victoria Centre on the 29th December at the sales, which is a puzzle. Back to London in time for a pint in the Robinson Crusoe.

It's also a puzzle that Maggie has a log in her hand in Clissold park, it is well past the conker season and the weather is freezing. Apparently we spent a long time watching the ducks in Clissold Park that day. It looks like I was trying unsuccessfully to use the extension tubes.

People:

Maggie Hughes

Dates:

The dates are recorded in Maggie's diary and the times for Clissold Park.

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Frames:

OM1-A0028 19761229 09:00:00 Jane.
 OM1-A0029 19761229 09:01:00 Rastus.
 OM1-A0030 19761229 10:30:00 Victoria Centre.
 OM1-A0031 19761229 10:32:00 Victoria Centre.
 OM1-A0032 19761229 10:33:00 Victoria Centre.
 OM1-A0033 19761229 10:35:00 Victoria Centre.
 OM1-A0036 19770103 12:05:00 Fallow Deer - Clissold Park.
 OM1-A0037 19770103 12:06:00 Fallow Deer - Clissold Park.
 OM1-A0038 19770103 12:08:00 Ducks - Clissold Park.
 OM1-A0039 19770103 12:09:00 Ducks - Clissold Park.
 OM1-A0040 19770103 12:11:00 Ducks - Clissold Park.
 OM1-A0041 19770103 12:12:00 Coots - Clissold Park.
 OM1-A0042 19770103 12:13:00 Coots - Clissold Park.
 OM1-A0043 19770103 12:15:00 Ducks - Clissold Park.
 OM1-AA000 19770103 12:17:00 Mallard Duck - Clissold Park.
 OM1-AA001 19770103 12:19:00 Ducks - Clissold Park.
 OM1-AA002 19770103 12:58:00 Maggie - Clissold Park.
 OM1-AA003 19770103 12:59:00 Maggie - Clissold Park.