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a personal  
record of 2023  
in pictures

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Some shots taken on a visit to Llandaff Cathedral where the subject was texture (as I recall). I find these themes and task somewhat challenging; but I'm beginning to warm to the idea because it makes you think!

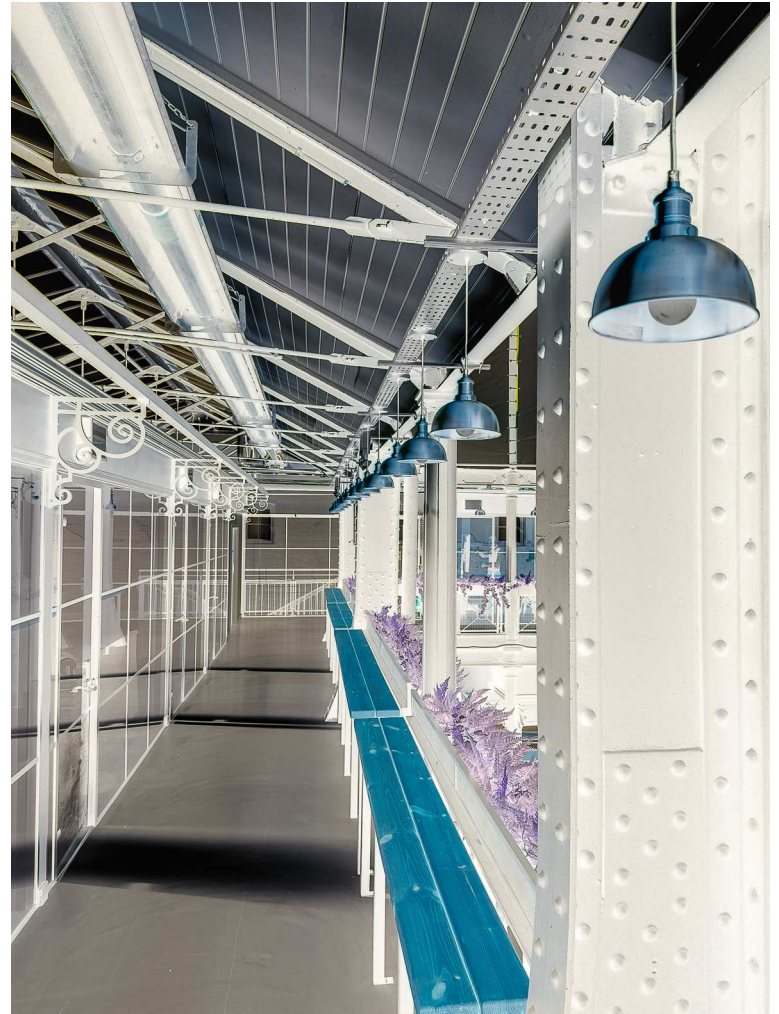
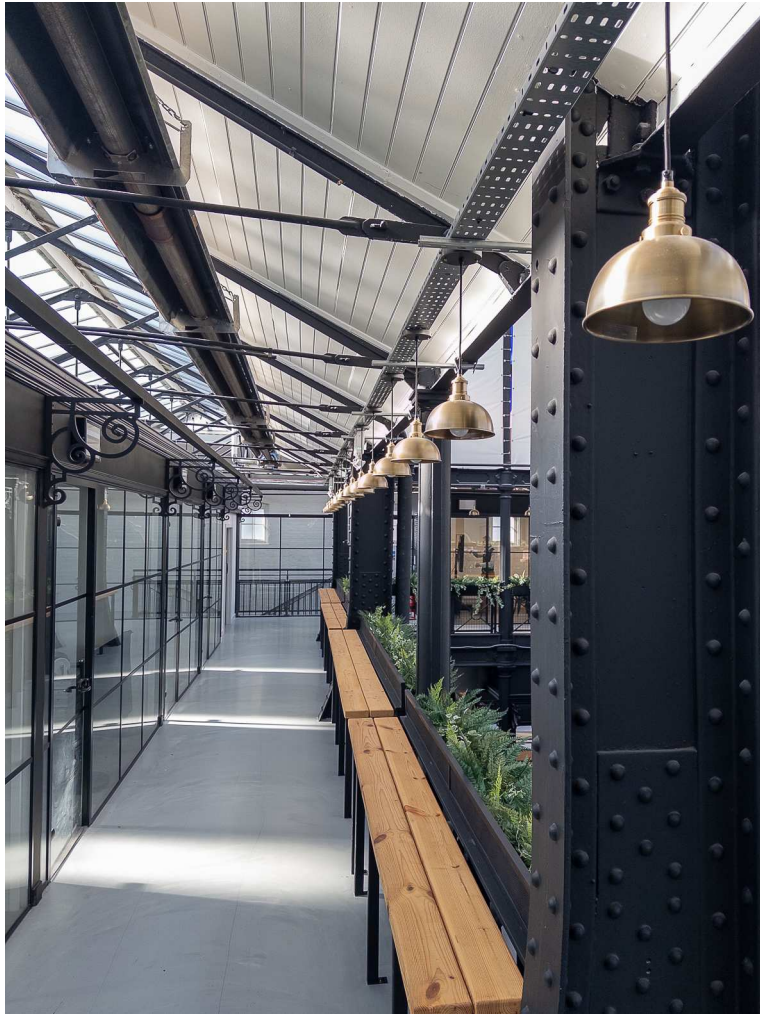






A visit to Newport where the task was to “invert” colours. This you do in Lightroom by swapping the anchors of the Tone Curve around to get the effects you see in two of these photos. I’ve included one original so that you can see what the effect is, before and after the effect is applied.







The task here was to capture movement in liquids. I was reasonably happy with the outcome.





We lost a dear friend this year. Ros passed away in late October.

It was good to have a couple of days with her and Alan staying with them at Myddle in a cottage in a pub car park!!

We got to see these wonderful snowdrops on a visit to Chirk Castle with them. Before that we'd had a mini-Aber re-union in Shrewsbury with John & Midge, Richard and Tony Moyes.





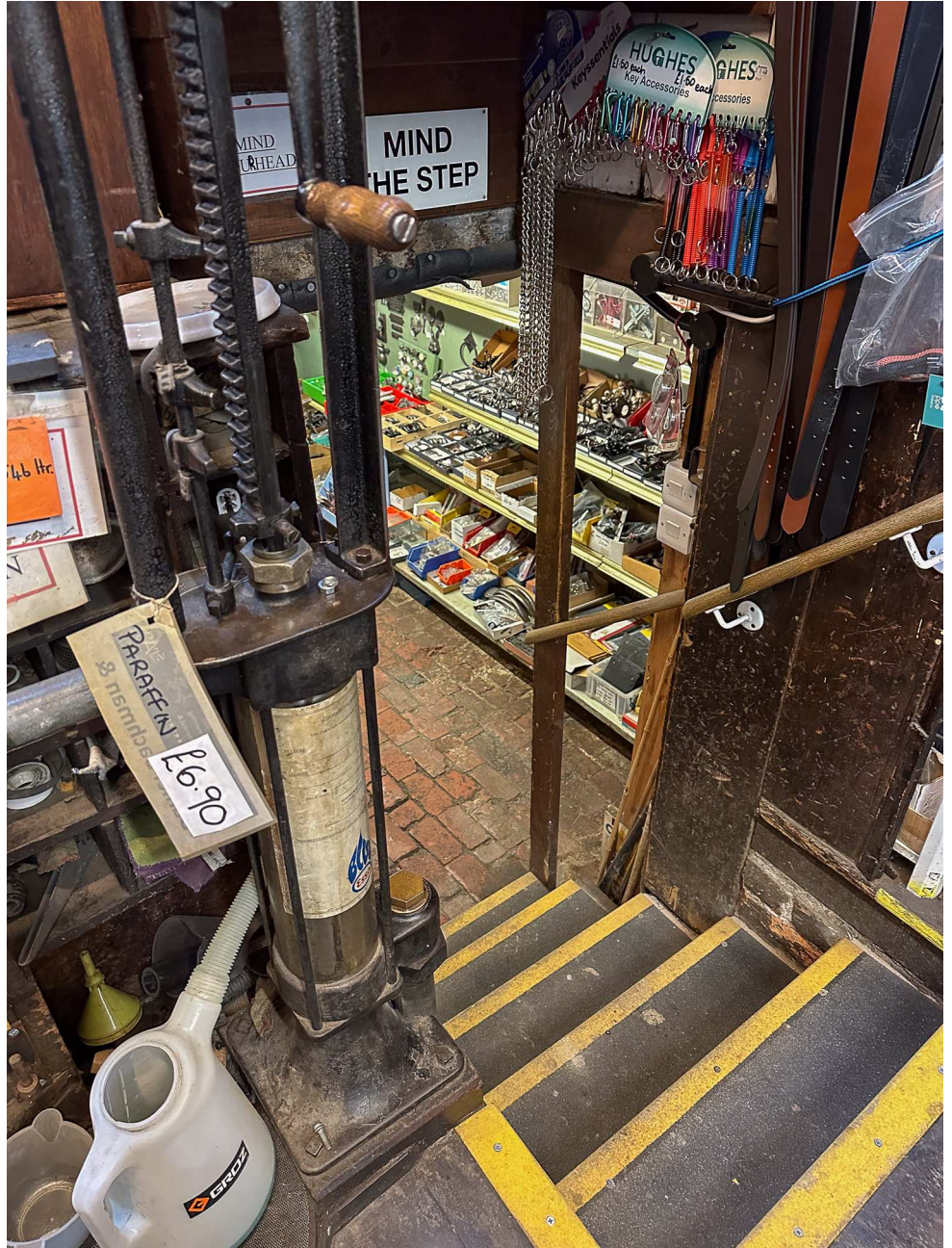
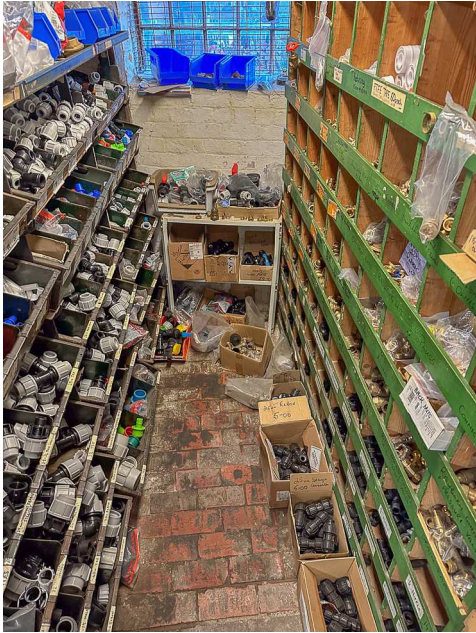
We've been meaning to have a couple of days away with Chris & Carol at the Dragon Hotel in Montgomery for some time now, and this year we managed it!!

Apart from a walk up the Cardingmill Valley and some very poor cake in the NT cafe, we also visited the castle, drove across and down the Long Mynd and of course visited Bunnors - the most wonderful hardware (and general) store in the world - imho.

A great place to visit, and an interesting hotel to stay in - we will be back again, without doubt - now that we've discovered the rooms that have level floors.











One for Shells





Quite a few shots this year of family, so we start off with James and Tom who visited with Gail early in the year.

Then a nice shot of Ruth and Ross on Sully Island - it's a long time since I've crossed the causeway and been on the island.





Finn and "Uncle Tomato"





Only Lyra doesn't seem to want to take part





Wave breaking at Petit Bot on Guernsey









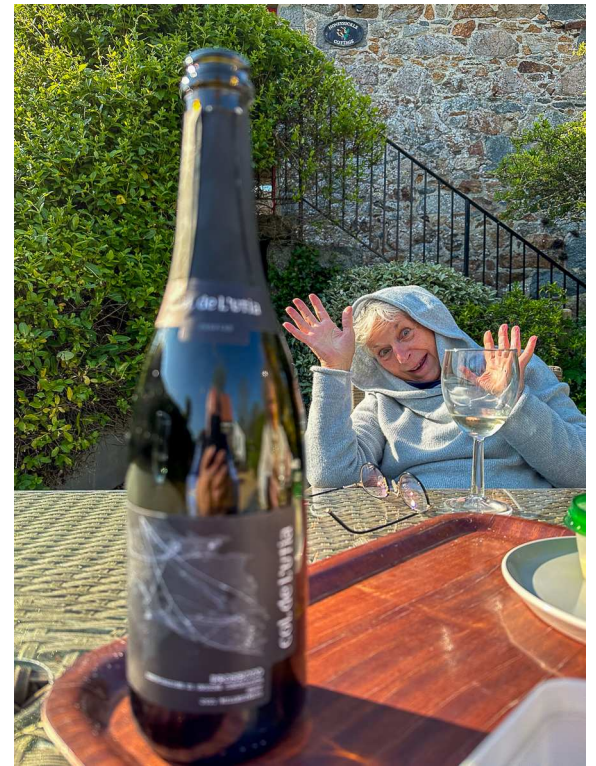
The Little Chapel on Guernsey





Pleinmont on Guernsey









I do hope Jane doesn't mind sharing her pages with a friendly seagull









Colourful Shell Beach on Herm











Jane on Shell Beach





A really interesting visit to the house that Victor Hugo lived in whilst he lived in St Peter Port during his exile from France.

A very strange set of rooms.

The home of Victor Hugo





"The place of judgement" for Victor Hugo





North coast of the island





Seaweed at Bordeaux Harbour









Panorama at Bordeaux Harbour near St Peter Port







A selection of photos from a lovely holiday with Jane on Guernsey.

Sandy beaches, blue sky and sea, coastal flowers, wartime defenses. So much to see - we did our best to see as many of them as we could.







Goldfinch at Nant Bwlch yr Arian



Red Kites at Nant Bwlch yr Arian





At Borth Beach



A holiday at Capel Bangor with Ruth & Ross, Dougie and Finn and a flying visit from "Uncle Dees".

Much fun, fishing in the the Rheidol. Sweltering in the sun at Borth, up Constitution Hill on the funicular railway, a cycle ride for the boys beside the Ystwyth, a ride up to Devil's Bridge on the Vale of Rheidol Railway, and kicking the bar at the end of "the prom".













Guess what's grabbing their  
attention - yes ... the TV!

























Wetherby Festival - Hewit Band performing on the band stand and some street theatre























York Gate



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Reflections on Settle





Peaky boo





Ribbleshead Viaduct



On the Settle-Carlisle Line





Gallows by the Keep, Lancaster Castle





Todmorden Station

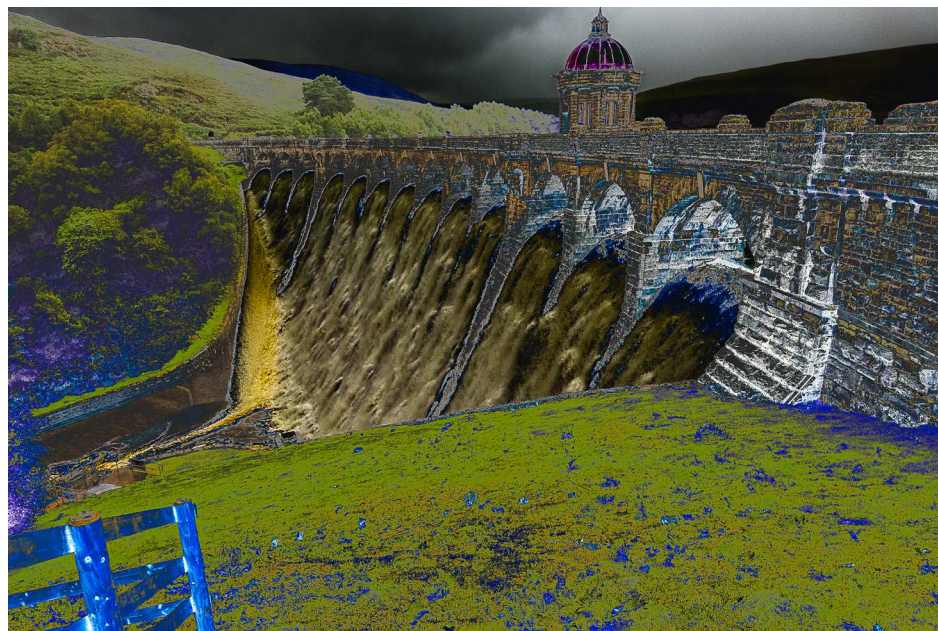
Returning from our railpass holiday, we spent a lovely couple of days with Jane and John who joined us on the trains to show us some West Yorkshire towns and cities we really didn't know





High-energy aspertitas clouds at Kirkstall Festival.









A bit of u3a fun again. This time the task/theme was selfies, but not with a smart phone. You needed to have a delayed shutter release and then get yourself in the shot. The one above I superimposed two images of myself together in Photoshop.

Like a lot of these themes, I really wasn't looking forward to doing it, but in the end had a lot of fun.













We were treated to a joint birthday treat at The Newt in Somerset.

A really lovely day, walking round the grounds and having a lovely lunch out in the sun.

















Another sabattier (solarisation) effort - The boat house at Roath Park





In the Cardiff University  
greenhouses







A new venture for me. I led a group of Photography Group members on a trip to mid-Wales to visit locations I knew well, but had scouted out earlier with Jenny.

Careg Cennen Castle, Llandoverly, Llandeussant Red Kite Centre, Llyn Briane, Soar-y-Mynydd and the Elan Valley.

Then on the way back to Cardiff we stopped off in Brecon, and had lunch and walked along the canal at Llangynidr and Talybont-on-Usk.











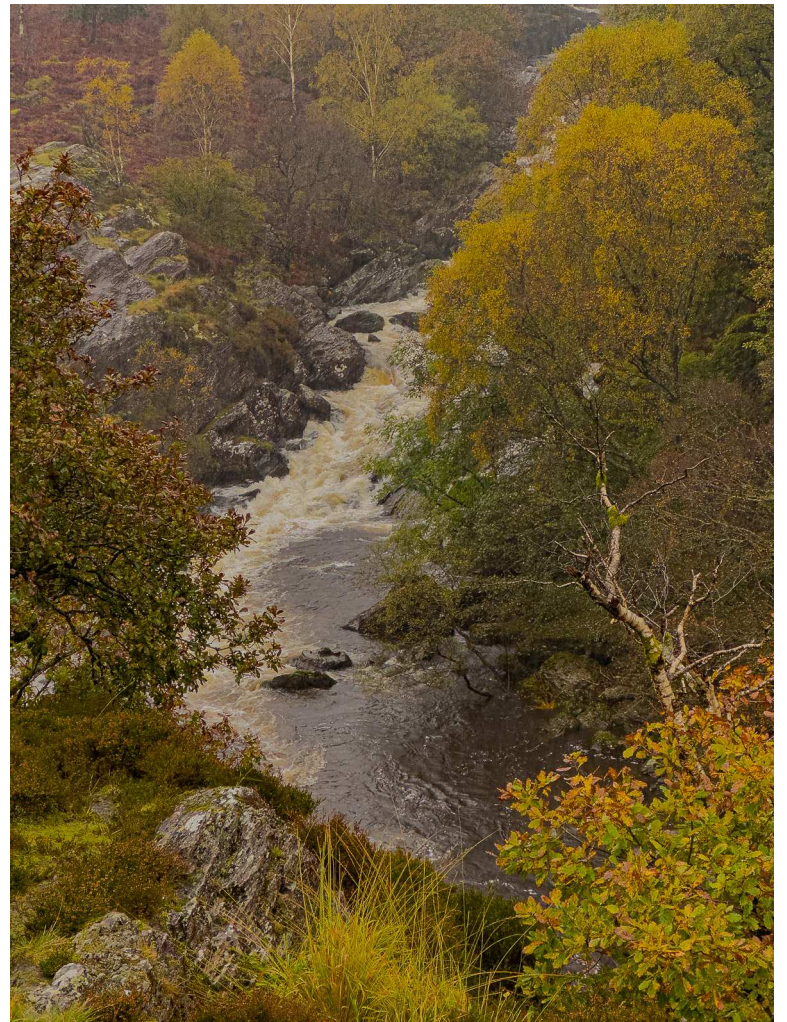












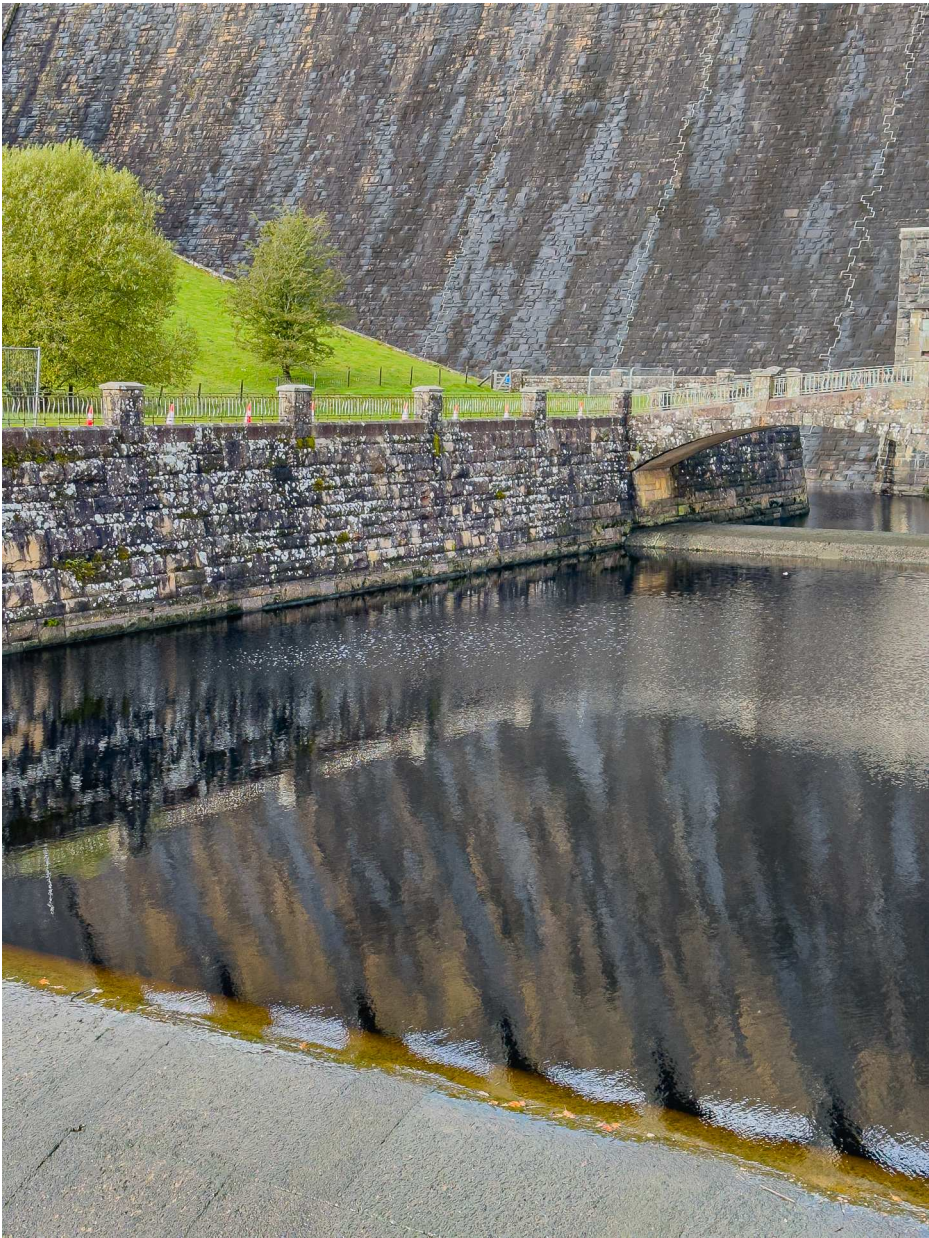




Llyn Brianne











Claerwen Dam













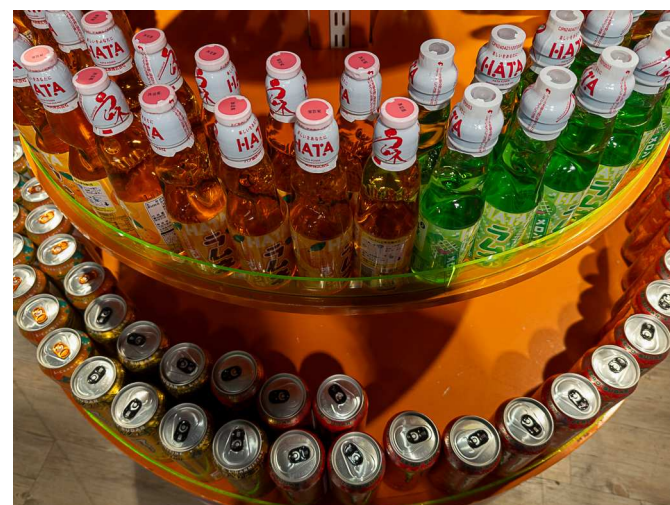
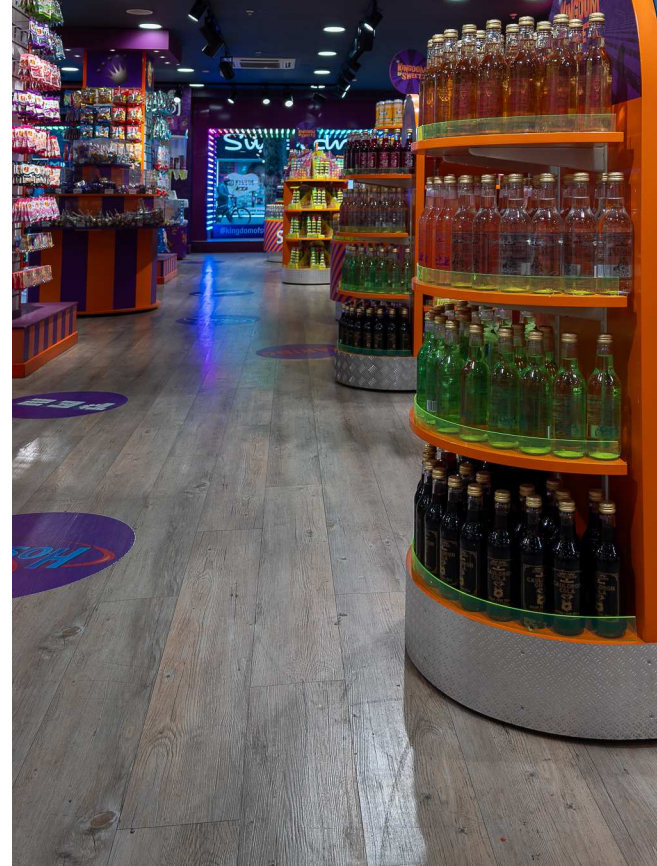
Llangynidr











Another u3a challenge - Patterns









To round the year off - a trip to Lanzarote and a workshop with Mike Browne.

There's no mistake in stating that it's a strange place, and if you like lava - they've got plenty of it there.





The Red House at Haria - Punta Mujeres





Haria - Punta Mijures (and me)













La Graciosa





On the cliffs near Haria, looking towards Famera













Sunrise near Tiagua

























Caldera at Los Volcanes Natural Park





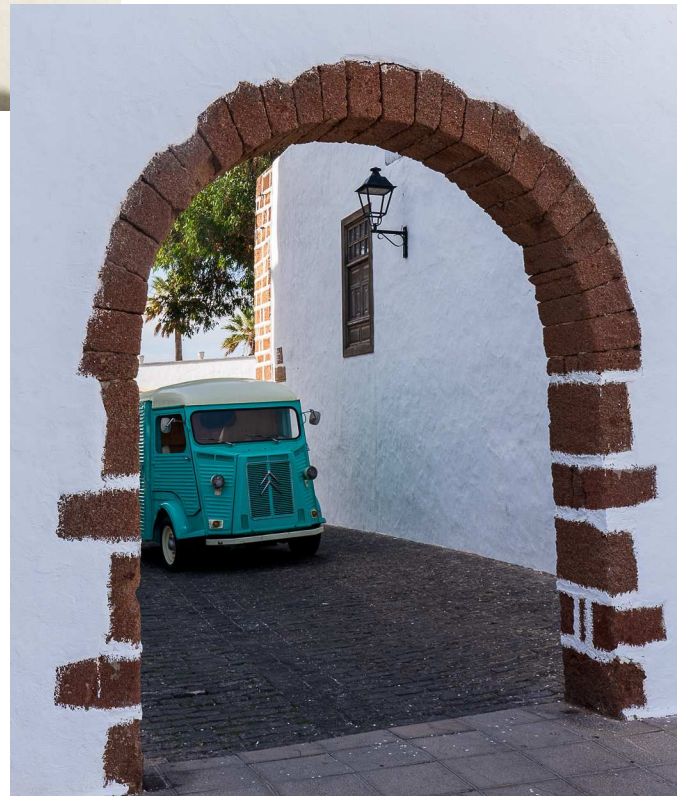
Chapel on the hill above Tesguise





Cave dwellings near Arietta









In Tesguise









Sunset at Famara Beach









project nr Playa Blanca





Saltpans at Salinas de Janubio















Shopwreck at Punta Chica













The wine-growing region, inland from Puerto del Carmen and centred around Uga is fascinating.

The vines protected by low walls, or in shallow hollows, somehow manage to grow on the rich volcanic soil protected by a covering of pumice.

These few photos give a flavour (no pun intended) of the hard work that's necessary to produce a crop.

























Finally a couple of shots of Puerto del Carmen, including the view from our apartment.









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