



MARLOW CAMERA CLUB

NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2009

January Programme

On 6th January I demonstrated a simple way to “pop colours” and have been asked if I have any notes. Better than that, go to <http://www.photoanswers.co.uk/Video-Tutorials/Search-Results/Imaging-Techniques/Popping-colour-in-Photoshop> for a video tutorial. The photo Answers site has many good photoshop tutorials which could waste many a happy hour.

On 13th January we held our internal AV competition. Congratulations to Adrian P who won with “Shipping Forecast, Alan T who came second with “Spot the Zebra” and Steven G who came third with “Ski Sunday”.

On 21 January we were very grateful to Glen Wilgrove who stepped in at short notice. A link to his Elements method of replacing a sky can be found on the MCC website under programme/21 January 2009.

February Programme

3 February – we welcome back Chris Palmer who noticed that he gave his talk “Creating Order out of Chaos” to the club some time ago so will talk on “Familiarity Breeds Content”.

10 February - We are hosting the 3rd round of the Rose Bowl competition.

17 February - We welcome Alan Copeland who will talk on “Curiosities in the Chilterns”.

24 February - Our very own Tony Turner will talk to us about Colour Management which is something that most of us need to know more about.

Projector

We announced at the 21 January meeting that the club has been awarded a lottery grant of £3695 towards the cost of replacing our projector and computer. The committee is reviewing which specific equipment to buy with a view to purchase in March/April. I will keep you informed. If you have any projector or computer knowledge which may help our deliberations, please let me know.

2009/10 Programme

Next year’s committee is putting together the 2009/10 programme and would welcome ideas for workshops, speakers, photo shoots etc and offers of contributions which members can make. Please help as much as you can. Contact Rita at ritram@aol.com.

Competitions

A general reminder that competition entries (digital files or print titles) must be with Steven by midnight on the Friday prior to the competition or they will be excluded.

The Coffee Mystery

As you know, in order to cover the increased cost of the hall, the committee increased the charge for refreshments to £1.00 per week. It is a puzzle therefore that in recent weeks the coffee money has come to £21.50 and £22.25. Someone is paying too little or too much?

MCC Forum

If you've looked at the club rules lately you'll see our first 'Object' is to "promote the study and practice of photography to the mutual benefit of the members". Originally this involved lectures and exhibitions but we now also have the internet.

To help everyone share knowledge and learn from each other we have set up a forum for club members. You can have a page to show and get feedback on your pictures and you can join 'threads' where you can ask and reply to questions or comments.

The forum is for Marlow Camera Club members only and is on Google Groups. To ensure security for members you have to apply (and be accepted) or be invited to join by the Group Administrator (who is currently Denis Chapman, our Webmaster). For those wishing to join please sign up in the following way:

- Either apply by going to <http://groups.google.com/group/marlow-camera-club> and follow the instructions - you will need to have a Google account (which is a fairly trivial thing to set up and which requests very little personal information);
- Or alternatively send Denis an email at denis.chapman@btinternet.com requesting an invite which he will answer as soon as he reasonably can but which might not be straightaway.

Events

Some February events can be found at <http://www.photographers-resource.co.uk/diary/index.htm>

A useful website for local events is www.ouinmarlow.com

The RPS digital imaging group hold regular Sunday meetings at Bracknell. The next meeting is on 15th February. Details at <http://www.rpsdig-thamesvalley.org.uk>

The Mid-Thames AV day is on Sunday 26 April in Wokingham. This is a good day for those interested in AV work. Email me if you would like a booking form.

The annual "Wildlife Photographer of the Year" exhibition at the Natural History Museum runs from 31 October 2008 to 26 April 2009. I have been for the last few years and thoroughly recommend it. <http://www.nhm.ac.uk/visit-us/whats-on/temporary-exhibitions/wpy/>

The Abingdon Arts Festival is holding a photography competition and exhibition. The closing date for entries is 4 March and further details are at <http://www.abingdonartsfestival.org.uk/exhib.html>

Wantage Camera Club is holding its annual Digiday on Saturday 28 April with the well known speaker David Rowley. Tickets cost £12 and are available on the door at Steventon Village Hall, The Green, Steventon, Abingdon OX13 6AA

Messages Received

David Muscroft is running photography workshops in France. <http://www.photographyworkshopsinfrance.co.uk/>

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