



MARLOW CAMERA CLUB

NEWSLETTER –MAY 2009

My term as secretary comes to an end at the AGM so this will be my last newsletter. I hope you have found them useful.

May Programme

- 5 May This is our “Blind Tasting” evening in which we all judge our own prints, images and slides. Steven will be emailing shortly with details and instructions.
- 12 May Our final evening of the year which is the AGM and Prizegiving. I will send out the Agenda and supporting documents shortly.

Summer

In view of the sparse support for the events arranged last year the committee decided not to arrange any formal events this summer. However, members can use the forum (Google Group) to arrange photoshoots or visits between themselves.

Projector and Computer

The equipment has arrived. We will use the new projector next season for competitions and full instructions on image size etc will be issued nearer the time.

MCC Forum

Please sign up either 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 send Denis an email at denis.chapman@btinternet.com requesting an invite which he will answer as soon as he can.

Events

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

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

The RPS digital imaging group hold regular Sunday meetings at Bracknell. The next meeting is on Sunday 31 May. Details at <http://www.rpsdig-thamesvalley.org.uk>

Some dates for your diary – the Town Council would like photos of local events for their magazine and website:

- Saturday 2 May - Farmers Market at Higginsons Park
13 and 14 June – Marlow Town Regatta
Sunday 8 November - Remembrance Day Parade

There is a “What to Shoot” page on the Thames Valley RPS website at http://www.thamesvalley.rps.org/htm/what_to_shoot.htm

Windsor Photographic Society are holding an exhibition at The Firestation, St Leonards Road, Windsor from 4 to 30 May.

Messages Received

Rod Bird runs photography courses in Maidenhead. Future dates are:

- Fri 29 - Sun 31 May : Three-day indoor & outdoor course following the **full photography workflow** through composition, camera control, image editing, to printing. £245
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- Sat 6 June: One-day course "Get the Most from your Camera". Suitable for owners of DSLR or good compacts. Learn what to use, how, why, and when, on **your** camera. £95

Rod can be contacted on www.ElectricLandscape.com or 01628 627015

Tim notes that Wycombe Photographic Society have an exhibition at the Eden Centre from 25 April to 2 May. <http://www.wycombeartsfestival.org/Events.aspx?id=65>

Message from Ray:

Following on from last night's presentation by Phil Binks and now might be interested in Lightroom, there is a 30 day trial at

<https://www.adobe.com/cfusion/tdrc/index.cfm?product=photoshop%5Flightroom>

If you are interested in buying it, then be aware that if you download it from the Adobe site you will be charged slightly more than if you have it sent to you on CD. This is because the Adobe server is in Ireland and VAT is greater than here.

If you are interested in Adobe Elements then a trial can be downloaded from

<http://tryit.adobe.com/uk/photoshopelements/?sdid=DMWGW>

Geoff has found a petition to protect the rights of photographers which can be found at <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/Photorestrict/>

As mentioned at the last meeting, a member of the Windsor club had £7000 worth of camera equipment taken from his car which he thought was covered by his household insurance policy but this is now in doubt. Check your policy carefully and, if in doubt, consider taking specialist photographic insurance.

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