

Thorley U3A Photography Group



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We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at the Garden Room at Great Hadham Golf and Country Club at 7:30pm.

We are a very informal and friendly group and we meet once a month to view and discuss our photography. There is no need for any fancy photo equipment as it's more about the images rather than what it was taken with. This combined with regular outings where we set assignments so that we can concentrate on a specific subject or technique.

We hope to improve our photography by studying composition and how to use our cameras to the best advantage by using such things as aperture and shutter speed and how best to use available light to our advantage.

The meetings are conducted in two halves separated by free tea and coffee (or you can pop through to the golf club bar and get something stronger). The first half we normally view our photos on the screen based upon a subject chosen the previous month. After coffee we normally have videos or something similar on a subject to do with photography. Occasionally we will have the two hours taken up with a video on photography with a break mid way.

Our group has to be self-financing so every so often you may be asked for a small contribution toward the hire of the Garden Room at the golf club. Currently this is £10.

Previous meetings and outings:

May 2022

May 2022 meeting.

At our May 2022 meeting we viewed our last month's images based upon the subject of black and white photos and adopting the techniques of High Contrast, Low Key, High Key or based upon the Japanese technique of pen and ink drawing known as Sumi-E. This was followed by two videos of the Magnum Photos Agency course on Street Photography and addressing the techniques of how to photograph strangers and also how to photograph and capture the essence of an event.

Tuesday 31st May 2022 - Walk around Cambridge. Meet at Market Square at 7:30pm

June 2022

June 2022 meeting.

Meeting Wednesday 15th June 2022 - Our June meeting was a fun meeting taking portraits of each other. Dave brought along his lighting setup.

Monday 20th June 2022 - Another trip to Cambridge. This time to capture the vibe of the city in the evening whilst the students prepare for the annual Trinity May Ball.

July 2022

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This meeting was taken by Peter Allen. Peter had a quiz compiled on the subject of composition

Sunday 10th July 2022 - Vintage Fair in aid of the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity. A fun day photographing old cars, motorbikes and people dressed in vintage outfits! Please note that you will have to buy a ticket for this event.

August 2022

August 2022 meeting

For the first half of the meeting we viewed last months subject for our photos based upon the lessons learned on composition. For the second half we discussed using blur in a creative way and viewed a couple of video on the subject.

Upcoming meetings and outings:

August

3 Mills Island photo walk.

A short 3 mile photo walk taking in the area of the east end of London where the river Lea splits into multiple creeks. There is also record of a mill here in the doomsday book. The old mill buildings are currently TV studios.

September

September meeting

The first half will be looking at our images on the subject of creative blur. This followed by a session of discussion between ourselves on anything you may be finding difficult in your photography.

Photo subject for November: It's about using the maximum depth of field and getting it sharp throughout the image. So, the two sections of this assignment will be 'The Shoreline' and 'The Great Plains'. Go for details or large vistas of landscape. The only other criteria is that it has to be in black and white.

October

October meeting: DVD – Harry Benson who photographed a lot of the stars including the Beatles with a break half way for coffee and tea.

November

November meeting: In our first half we will be viewing our images on the subject of maximum depth of field and large vistas of landscape. The second half will be a video: How To Photograph Crowds Like Alexey Titarenko: 15 mins. How to create very mindful images using slow shutter speeds and blur.

Project for next month: Keep going with your assignment of 'Event' and provide 5 images (1 triptych and two separate images or 5 separate images as prints) for showing next month. Please make sure you put your name on the back of them.

December

December meeting: This will be our Christmas social. This is very likely going to be a meetup in a local pub as Phil has kindly offered to organise this. More information nearing the time. We will however be showing our images as prints for our event subject that we've been working on over the summer months.

Note! New photo walk are being added to the programme so please keep an eye on the Facebook group for new items under the events section.

****New members welcome****