

Worcestershire Camera Club

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*Grand Prismatic Spring,
Barrie Glover ARPS, DPAGB, BPE4, WSDP2*

Tuesday

Do come along and play your part in the AGM on Tuesday, usual **7.30** start time.

Coffee and tea will be served on arrival (no charge).

Agenda and last year's minutes have been circulated, or can be found in the members' area of the website (Club Activities/ Other/ Minutes) and other papers have already been circulated by email.

If **you** can offer help or support in any form for the smooth running of the club for next season, please do speak to Paul or any other committee member.

Digital Group

We meet as usual on **Thursday 18 April** at **7.30 pm** at the [Royal British Legion, Cornmeadow Lane, WR3 7RL](#).

Martin will be reminding us about safe sensor cleaning and offering more Lightroom tips. If you have an image or two you'd like him to edit as a demo, do bring them along.

You are also invited to bring up to 10 of your finished images to share with the rest of the group.

£2 inc refreshments. Bar also available.

MCPF Club Championships

Last Saturday, 13 April 2019, two members travelled to Braunstone to take the Club's entry for these events.

Both of these competitions take place over 2 rounds, with only the top-scoring clubs moving on to the second round.

This year we managed to get through to the second round in the PDI competition, just missing the second round in the Print competition by **1** point! Strangely this was the reverse of last year when we missed out on the second round of the PDI competition again just by **1** point!

The overall marking was lower for the PDI images than the Prints – scoring **168** in round 1 for PDI's but **172** for the prints where we did not qualify!

Our final position for the PDI's was **tenth** place with a total of **277** marks. This means that for the last three years of these competitions we have managed to reach the second round in one competition or another and in one year, both!

I will put up the individual marks for both PDI & Prints on the Club notice board for Tuesday evening.

Judy - External Competition Secretary

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Remember...

The last Tuesday event of this season is the **Annual Club Show** on **30 April**. Tickets for the ploughman's supper at 7.30 are available from **Anne Burrows** (£6, cash only please).

If you don't wish to attend the supper, you are still very welcome to come along for an 8.30pm start to enjoy the display of members' entries, the Club award presentations and handover to the new chairman.

The 'chain of office'



Congratulations!

Excellent news from **Bob Tunstall DPAGB**, who has had the following recent acceptances in B.P.E. Exhibitions.

Congratulations!

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|--------------------|---|-------------|--------------------------------------------|
| • Shrewsbury | 1 | • Solihull | 2 |
| • Guernsey | 2 | • Southport | 2 (one was awarded a certificate of merit) |
| • Frome and Wessex | 1 | • Evesham | 1 |

Female Kestrel and Great Crested Grebes in Early Morning Light



Dates for the diary

On now to 27 May Martin Parr [Only Human](#) at the National Portrait Gallery, London.

20-21 April [Pageant of Transport](#), Weston.

20-22 Apr [Easter Boat Gathering](#).

19-22 Apr [Easter Floating Market](#) and [Easter Vintage Weekend](#) GCR

21/22 Apr [Crich Home Front weekend](#). Also Harvington [Medieval Merriment](#).

[Weston Park Easter Motor Show](#), [MotorFest](#) @ Chetwynd Deer Park,

21 April [Morris@the Fleece](#). Also **23 April**.

22 April [Animal Mania, Hartlebury](#).

23 April [Asparafest launch and more](#).

25 April [Bird Calls at the Knapp](#).

27 April [Victorian Oxford through the Stereoscope](#).

27 April Something different, Batsford Arboretum and Lenches Lakes - [free World Tai Chi Day events](#). Take pics and take part!

28 April [Spetchley Plant Fair](#) -and last day of WCC exhibition there!

5 May WWT's [Tiddesley Wood Open Day](#).

9-12 May [Malvern Spring Festival](#)

11 May [Kinver Centenary Path](#) walk.

12 May [Clent Hills ramble](#).

16-19 May [Photo London](#). . take a look at their [exhibitions listing](#) , the varied [Talks](#) programme and the [events listing](#).

Members' websites

Have you included (and shared) your website in your membership details on the members' area? Here are a few very varied members' sites to browse and enjoy...

[Geoff Hicks LRPS](#)

[Lawrence Keen WGDG](#)

[Tessa Mills FRPS](#)

[Derek Skinner](#)

[Mark Waidson](#)

[Sue Warner](#)

[Jayne Winter ARPS BPE1*](#)

Phototrips

A big 'Thank you' to Martin, Derek and Jeff, who have added to our Phototrips listing. You currently have the choice of street photography in Brick Lane on Wednesday (see also Offer! Below) and two activities on 29 may. The Upton Warren RPS day is fully booked but you can sign up as a reserve in case of cancellations. However, you can sign up for the Bewdley-Bridgnorth SVR trip on the same day.

Check out Forthcoming events on the [members' area](#) of the website.

Offer!



London for a tenner, valid for Senior Railcard holders.

Pam Turner has a rail ticket available for **17 April**. Timings are to suit the Brick Lane trip and you can still sign up for this, or just use it for a London outing...

08.25 Worcester Foregate Street to Paddington, arr 1057

Return 19.22 arr Foregate St 22.01

Ring Pam for details. **£10 or offer.**

07 817 560 409

Learning

John W alerts us that there were just four places left a few days ago on the [Introduction to Photoshop for Artists](#) course at Malvern Hills College.

RPS workshops include:-

- [RPS Macro and Art](#) online, on-demand digital workshop.
- **28 April**. [Photographing Landscape whatever the weather](#). RPS.
- **4 May** [Smartphone photography for beginners](#). RPS Bristol.
- **5 May** [Photo Editing On Smart Phones & iPads](#). RPS Bristol.

Worcs Adult Learning courses include:-

[Beyond Point and Shoot](#) starts **16 May**

[Digital Photography in the Countryside](#) **4 May & 22 June**

[Photography Know-How](#) starts **2 May**

Competitions & exhibitions

BPE

[Midland Monochrome](#) closes **17 May**.

[Robin Hood](#) **20 April**

[Neath](#) closes **21 April**

Other

[Portrait of Britain](#) closes **18 April**.



[TPOTY](#) now open, closes **1 October**. Sign up for the [TPOTY newsletter](#).

[LensCulture Street Photography](#) closes **24 April** (one single image is free).

[National Geographic PotY](#). Close **3 May**.

[London Salon](#) closes **20 May**.

[Compton Verney on Facebook](#) Spring challenge - closes **Sat 11 May**.

[Taylor Wessing](#) closes **11 June**.

Showcase your work with the **@AestheticaMag Art Prize 2019**. Prizes include £5,000, publication and exhibition. [Submit your work here](#):
Deadline **31 August**.



Out and about in Herefordshire and Worcestershire

Peter Willis has been out and about in the locality. He writes:-

Photos 1 and 2 are from sunny Herefordshire with nice seasonal yellow to be seen,. No 1 below includes a Victorian box in the wall, from the early 1880s, of which under 30 of this type now remain in the UK.



Photo 2, (right) also from the same locality, but this time, I just missed the peak for these daffodils, by the busy roadside.

This post box is from Edward VII's era, so has been in that wall for just over 100 years, still in service and it is called, by us Post Box anoraks, a "Hovis" type of wall box.

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Peter Willis

Photo 3: now in rural Worcestershire. Most folk probably just whizz past the turning to Uphampton. Nice and quiet, this time with just an Elizabeth II, “Tin Lizzie” box in that wall. These types should be mounted on a pole, so it was probably a replacement for something much older, from times gone by.

Photo 4 came, on the spur of the moment, when “Spiderman” was caught on his different-looking motorbike, locally in Worcestershire, at the traffic lights. He seemed happy enough to be snapped!

Fun with ICM



*ICM in the Garden
(Intentional Camera Movement)
Ruth Bourne LRPS*



[A guide to ICM](#)

More on Timelapse

In response to the Time Lapse tips in a previous newsletter, Les Bailey sent me this advice:-

The ideal plant for you to play time lapse with is Mesembryanthemum. Before I went low maintenance in the garden, I used to really enjoy these plants. The flowers close up at night for protection against dew, frost etc. then open up with sun or daylight. Fascinating. You could always try a Venus Fly Trap, introducing an insect on a bit of fishing line. Hours of fun!

If you've a minute or two to spare, take a look at these very varied timelapse examples...

[NYC](#) [Honey](#) [Dandelion](#) [Amazon](#) [Ship in Storm](#) [Bremerhaven](#)

[Timelapse software recommendations](#) (also saved in WCC [Flipboard mag](#)).

And finally...

[How to get 6 kittens to pose for a photo...](#)

And in the interests of balance, [here are the posing dogs...](#)

