



MARWELL PHOTOGRAPHIC GROUP 2011 HANDBOOK

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Please note this programme of events may be subject to change. Any changes, additions, group outings, organised visits will be announced at the earliest possible meeting, or on our website

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Foreword from Our Chairman

Welcome to the Fourth edition of our handbook. Over the past years we have found that quite a lot of information is handed down by word of mouth between members. This can lead to some confusion, therefore, to this end we have created this booklet to include everything we could think of.

Our aim is promote a friendly and informative group for photographers of all abilities.

We are pleased to say that we have three additional meetings in the Science and Learning Centre during the summer months to replace the Wednesday 'out and about' sessions previously held within Marwell Wildlife. We will still hold 3 'out and about' meetings on Wednesday evenings at various venues.

Our hope is that you will find this year's programme entertaining with a diverse selection of speakers covering topics from Wildlife to Hampshire Childhood to the Slum Dogs of India. New judges have been selected so hopefully we will receive new and fresh comments on how to improve our photography.

This year we hope to hold more social events including a skittle night, a weekend at Skomer, a visit to the Hawk Conservancy and a Solent cruise if enough interest is shown.

We now hold workshops at Upham Village Hall on various aspects of Photography for those who wish to progress their skills. They are held on alternative Tuesdays and start at 1930. Please refer to the front page of the web site for up to date information.

We have put together another interesting programme for the year and are looking forward to many of the planned events.

Thank you for your continued support

Kath Weston

Programme of Events 2011

Unless otherwise stated, the location/time of Wednesday meetings is as described on page 7.

Out and About sessions at Marwell Wildlife meet in the car park at the main gate. Please arrive before the given starting time.

January

Wednesday 5th **Members Evening & Registration**
Membership to be renewed tonight.

Wednesday 19th **Presentation – Hampshire Childhood**
Talk by Gerald Ponting
Gerald was brought up on a farm and this presentation contains many photographs of rural activities from the 1940's and 1950's.

February

Wednesday 2nd **Presentation – Birds Eye View of Famous Landmarks**
Talk by Heather Hook:
Heather is a member of MPG and a professional photographer and is talking about how she got involved in aerial photography and showing us lots of pictures she has taken over the years.

NOTE – Any Wonston and Worthy's Competition entries need to be submitted at this meeting at the latest.

Wednesday 16th **Members Evening / Internal Speakers**
TBC.

March

Wednesday 2nd **Competition**
Annual Open Subject Competition
Judge: Rosie Armes FRPS, DPAGB, AFIAP, BPE3*

Thursday 3rd **Wonston & Worthy's Inter-Club Annual Challenge**
Judge: TBC.
To be held at Wonston & Worthies – time to be arranged

Wednesday 16th **Presentation - Madagascar**
Talk By Donald Bradshaw OBE, ARPS:
Donald has only recently visited Madagascar and this digital presentation shows a wide variety of the very special flora and fauna found on this island which was one a part of the massive continent of Gondwanaland which broke up 160 million years ago.

April

Wednesday 6th **Competition**
Animal Free Competition
Judge: Matthew White

Wednesday 20th **Members Evening**
TBC

May

Wednesday 4th **Competition**
The Animal Only competition
Judge: Barbara Holder

Wednesday 18th **Presentation – Slum Dogs of India**
Talk by Eloise Layden:
Eloise has had a book published about her travels in India and will be talking about her path into photography and her journey through India photographing the slumdogs, as well as other animals and people.

June

Wednesday 1st **Out and About – Netley Abbey / Royal Victoria Country Park 6:45pm**
Photo's around Netley Abbey (subject to opening times) before moving on to Royal Victoria Country Park.

Saturday 11th **Out and About at Marwell Wildlife (MORNING) 8:30 am**

- Wednesday 15th **Presentation – An Evening with Phil**
 Talk by Phil Gould
 Phil is a member of MPG and will be hosting an informal evening answering questions and talking about photography as well as a presentation on his book '365 Photography Days'.
- Saturday 25th **Out and About at Marwell Wildlife (MORNING) 8:30 am**

July

- Wednesday 6th **Out and About – Swanwick Lakes 6:45pm**
 Photo's and walk around Swanwick Lakes.
- Saturday 16th **Out and About at Marwell Wildlife (MORNING) 8:30am**
- Wednesday 20th **Competition**
 Flora Only competition
 Judge: TBC
- Saturday 30th **Out and About at Marwell Wildlife (MORNING) 8:30am**

August

- Wednesday 3rd **Out and About – Winnall Moors 6:45pm**
 Photo's and walk around Winnall Moors.
- Saturday 13th **Out and About at Marwell Wildlife (MORNING) 8:30am**
- Wednesday 17th **Presentation – Bournemouth University**
 Talk by Pete McKinley about the photographic courses offered by Bournemouth University followed by a demonstration on Portraiture Lighting.
- Saturday 27th **Out and About at Marwell Wildlife (MORNING) 8:30am**

September

- Sunday 4th **Wildlife and Wetland Trusts – Arundel (time: TBA)**
Day trip to Arundel WWT followed by some free time in Arundel centre to visit shops and/or castle.
Cost dependent upon numbers or free to WWT members.
- Wednesday 7th **AGM**
- Saturday 10th **Out and About at Marwell Wildlife (MORNING) 8:30am**
- Wednesday 21st **Competition**
Hilda Robinson Memorial Plate
Tony Robinson Memorial Cup
Judge: Giles Barkley

NOTE – Endeavours Competition entries must be submitted by this meeting at the latest unless otherwise announced.

October

- Wednesday 5th **Presentation – Wildlife of Botswana**
Talk by Andrew Watts
Andrew will be talking about the flora and fauna of the Okavango Delta, Moremi Game Reserve, and Chobe National Park in Botswana.
- Wednesday 19th **Endeavours – Competition Results**
All the entries will be displayed, with comments from the judging panel and the award of the trophy.

November

- Wednesday 2nd **Competition**
League Finals
Judge: Glyn Edmunds
- Wednesday 16th **Presentation – Peru, Land of the Incas**
Talk by Richard Collier
Richard's talk will feature a twin screen presentation covering an introduction accompanied by music followed by looking at Lima, Cordillera Blanca Mountains, Cuzco, and Machu Picchu.

December

Wednesday 7th

Christmas Presentation – Animals on the Edge

Talk by Chris Weston

Chris has had several books published and this talk will be about his book 'Animals on the Edge' which covers some of the world's most rare and endangered mammals from the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

NB: This is a ticketed event at additional cost.

The rear gate will be opened for arrivals circa 6.45pm.

Wednesday 21st

Christmas Celebration

A social evening at a venue in the vicinity of Marwell, full details will be provided when available.

PHOTOGRAPHIC GROUP MEETING INFORMATION

We hold our meetings in the Science & Learning Centre at Marwell Wildlife. During the summer months we also hold a number of 'Out and About' meetings where members can socialise and enjoy taking photographs together. Where these are held away from Marwell Wildlife, all members are welcome. We hold a number of Out and About sessions within Marwell Wildlife, and these allow out-of-hours access to our full members. ***Regrettably, these Out and About meetings are NOT open to Associate members.***

Entry to the Science & Learning Centre on meeting nights is through Marwell Wildlife's service gate. This is located along Thompson's Lane off the B2177. Go past the left turn into Marwell Wildlife and continue along the road for a further half mile until you find a turning on the left hand side. There is a large metal gate, which will be manned by two committee members, who will sign you in and out at the beginning/end of the evening.

The gate is only open between 7pm and 7.25pm for a 7.30pm start. Entry is at the rear of the Science & Learning Centre; please do not wander down to the front.

Once inside the lecture theatre, there is a fire exit on the right hand side at the rear as you face the front. Take care using this fire exit as the outside lights are situated under the pathway. The other exits are either through the door by which we enter or the front door downstairs which is unlocked during our meetings. The muster point if ever we need to evacuate the building is at the RHINO VIEWING AREA at the bottom of the road outside the theatre. There will be a housekeeping announcement at the beginning of each meeting, which will ensure the fire procedures and muster points are known to everyone in attendance.

We have a coffee break half-way through the evening which gives everyone a chance to catch up. The meetings then end typically around 10:00pm.

We have a mixture of evenings including;

- Competitions – internal and inter-club
- Guest speakers
- Members critique

Suggestions for different topics/speakers are welcomed and considered by the committee.

Membership Details

Membership of Photographic Group costs £16.00 per year for full membership, plus a valid Marwell Wildlife annual pass. Or £32.00 per year for associate membership - no annual pass required. Checks are made monthly throughout the year to check on the validity of Marwell Wildlife annual passes.

Applications for membership are accepted, and may be terminated at the discretion of the Photographic Group Committee, and subject to the terms and conditions of the Photographic Group constitution

Membership Cards and Badges

All paid-up Photographic Group members will be issued with a membership badge. Badges should be worn at meetings and at Out and About events. The committee and their representatives reserve the right to restrict participation in some events to those members with a valid badge. Lost badges will be replaced on request and may be subject to a charge. A Membership Card is valid when signed and dated by the Membership Secretary or Secretary.

Out and About Meetings at Marwell Wildlife

The out and about meetings are a perk of being a full member of the Marwell Photographic Group and only fully paid up members with an accompanying valid Wildlife annual pass are allowed to attend these meetings. It is a privilege to be able to access the Marwell Wildlife for 90 minutes before the public opening hours.

We need to have some rules for these occasions to ensure the safety of members attending, Marwell Wildlife staff on duty and especially the animals.

- At any out and about there will be at least two committee members in the car park 10 minutes prior to entry into Marwell Wildlife. Please make yourself known so that committee members can register you and that the assembled group can enter together.
- All membership cards must be worn and visible for Marwell Wildlife staff to see.
- Members must never cross any fencing or barrier.
- Members must follow any instruction by Marwell Wildlife signs, Marwell Wildlife staff or committee member.

Thank you in advance for following these few simple rules and we hope that by doing so Marwell Photographic Group can maintain its good name with Marwell Wildlife. We hope you enjoy these opportunities and look forward to seeing your photographs.

Marwell Photographic Group Competition and League Rules 2011

General Competition Rules

1. Marwell Photographic Group will run a number of photographic competitions each year. Entries to these competitions must have originated as photographs and where permitted by these rules can be altered or manipulated. Drawings, paintings and other forms of art work which might resemble photographs are not permitted.

2. Only current (paid up) members and honorary members of the club are permitted to enter club competitions.

3. A member should be present at an internal competition meeting to enter their work. If a member is not able to attend the meeting then by prior arrangement with either the chairman or the competition's secretary they may request that their work be accepted submitted by another member or in advance to a member of the committee.

4. All submitted work is to be clearly marked with the member's membership number and every photograph submitted must have been taken by the person whose number appears on the entry.

5. If a photograph wins a competition or trophy (first place) then it may not be entered into another MPG internal competition at any time but it may be entered into inter-club competitions.

6. Prints must be mounted on card of any colour. The outside dimensions of the card must not exceed 16" x 20" (40.7 x 50.8cm) and smaller sizes are perfectly acceptable. All prints should be marked on the reverse to show which is the top edge of the photograph. Titles are optional in all internal competitions but may be required for external competitions. Any packaging material or envelopes submitted with entries should be clearly marked with membership number if they are required to be returned.

Note. If you bring a portfolio box or bag to a meeting, we recommend that this should be marked with your name, to avoid loss or mix-ups!

Conditions of Competition and League Entry

7. Prints are accepted for competitions on the condition that the print will be made available for consideration for external competition upon request and that a suitable digital copy of any placed photograph will be made available without delay for use on the club's website.

8. The committee reserves the right to exclude any submitted photographs which in the committee's opinion are outside of the rules of a competition or which are otherwise offensive or in bad taste.

Competition details

March - Annual Open Competition

9. This is for the Zebra Trophy and is open subject. Members may enter up to 2 photographs in this competition. Winners will be decided by the judge.

April - The Animal-Free Competition

10. Pictures must not be of an animal subject, or include animals. Portraits, landscapes, seascapes or plants are acceptable. Winners will be decided by judge.

May - Animal only Competition

11. This is for the Lemur Trophy. Members may enter 2 pictures. Winners decided by judge.

July – Flora competition

12. This competition must be of flora (Flowers, Gardens etc). Members may enter up to 2 photographs in this competition. Winners will be decided by the judge.

September - Hilda Robinson Memorial Plate and Tony Robinson Memorial Cup

13. This is open subject. Members may enter 2 photographs. The plate is awarded by members' vote to the single best overall picture from those short listed by a Judge. The cup is awarded by the judge to the single best landscape or seascape picture chosen from those entered in the Hilda Robinson Memorial Plate Competition.

October - Endeavours Trophy

14. This competition is only for members who HAVE NOT WON A PREVIOUS COMPETITION at Marwell Photo Group. Members may enter 2 pictures open subject, Entries must be submitted at least 1 month prior to the competition, (unless otherwise announced) for consideration of a judging panel. The judging panel will comprise past competition winners as selected by the committee. The judging will be done behind closed doors, and the result will be announced at a subsequent members' evening where comments on the entries will be offered.

November - League Finals Night

15. This is open subject. Members may enter 2 photographs. This is the last competition of the year.

Leagues

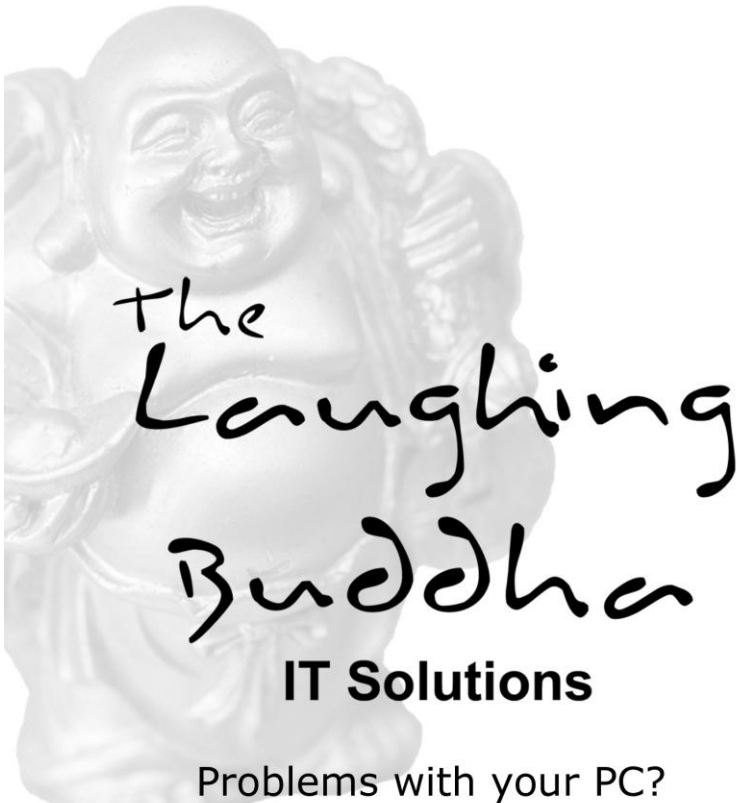
16. Unless otherwise governed by the rules of a specific competition, entries for internal leagues competitions MUST be prints, and may be of any subject. All of the above competitions (excluding the Endeavours Trophy) are deemed as League competitions and will score towards each members league total

17. The league trophies are presented at the Christmas talk as follows:

Rhino Trophy: presented to the winner of the advanced league
Kudu Trophy: presented to the winner of the intermediate league
Penguin Trophy: presented to the winner of the introductory league.

In addition to the trophies, medals will be presented to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd placed members in each league

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