

# PhotoClub Focus – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026

July is almost midway through, we have summer holidays soon to look forward to and new photographic adventures starting in September. A quick recap of the past couple of months ...



## 125 art and photo exhibition

The joint 125 art and photography exhibition was well received and enjoyed by many Club Members. A Roehampton Club commemorative Rose Bowl was awarded to one artist and one photographer with several works highly commended.

Richard Ramsey and PhotoClub were very grateful to Anne Wilkinson and Helen Bolt who gave time and thought to reviewing the PhotoClub work. They selected Irene Samuel as the winner with her close up of an Art Deco Croquet trophy.

Highly commended were Karen Twinning Fooks for her photo of members playing Mahjong, Hilary Holmes 'Movement on a tennis court and Deborah Brown's infra-red picture of the garden with pond and fountain.



*Hilary Holmes*



*Karen Twinning Fooks*



*Deborah Brown*

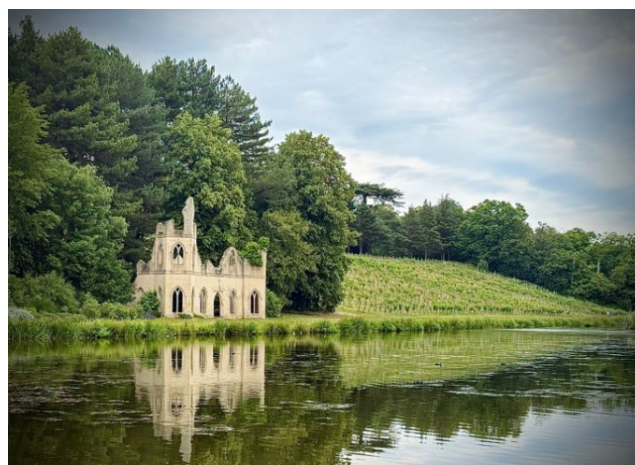
## Painshill Park photo walk

PhotoClub had a lovely visit to Painshill Park in June. Here is what one student thought:

'It was a very different photoshoot. Having never been to Painshill Park before, these incredibly dramatic follies and extraordinary works of art with calming waters and stunning views were certainly fascinating to photograph. Nigel, our tutor, accompanied us and challenged us to take photos with a different eye! A really good day out and I would recommend a visit to anyone, even the children to see Father Christmas in the Chrystal Grotto! We all agreed we will return for the autumnal colours.'



*Jane Pearson*

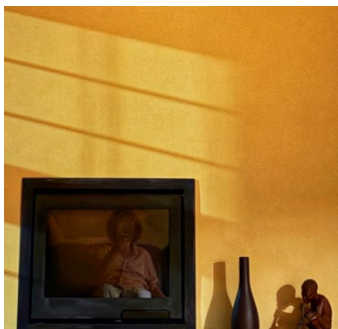


*Laurence Johnstone*

## Classes

Our Tutors Nigel Wilson and Lillian Spibey have enjoyed full classes and each set of classes has produced some interesting images for homework.

Nigel is currently teaching his final set of classes before the summer break with talks about photographers such as Vivien Myer, who often put herself into an image she took as a shadow or reflection, which inspired these images as homework.



*Sue Sandler*



*David Taylor*

Nigel Wilson's September classes begin on Thursday 17th September for five weeks. There will be the usual two classes: morning class is 10am – 12.30pm and the afternoon class is 1 – 3.30pm. Registration for the classes is open for the priority group but will shortly be open to all Art Group members.

The syllabus will cover:

### *Week one (17/9)*

Powerful composition, wherever you shoot.

Less is more!

Photographer of the week

Homework set

### *Week two (24/9)*

Homework review

Colour composition - 'beautiful abstraction'

Photographer of the week

Homework set

### *Week three (1/10)*

Away day (location tbc)



*Tim Fosdick*

### *Week four (8/10)*

Studio session - portraiture inspired by one of the surrealist masters

Homework set

### *Week five (15/10)*

Review of away day and portraits

'Layering' in photography

Photographer of the week

Homework for first November class set

Lillian Spibey ran two short courses during May and June. The first course of two evenings was on Creative Photography using a camera. During this course the camera was put on to manual to allow the photographer the opportunity to be creative. The second course was Creative Apps on the Phone. Lillian brought a selection of beautiful flowers with which to experiment. We welcomed a number of new students.

Lillian's autumn course will be held on Wednesday evenings 28th October, 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th November 7 – 9 pm. Lillian has lots of interesting ideas for the classes and these will be detailed in the August edition.

## **Forthcoming lecture: Tuesday 6th October at 7.30 pm**

### **The two sides of Marilyn Monroe Lecture by John Francis**

Enjoy exhibition [Marilyn Monroe: A Portrait](#) at the National Portrait Gallery until 6th September.

Details to follow for the lecture in January / February by Harry Borden and by Joe Cornish in March / April.



## **Reading Room Exhibition**

The PhotoClub Reading Room Exhibition during October will be titled 'Botanica'.

Further details to be announced shortly but take your cameras, phones and look at all the things that could fall into this category.

**Sarah Smith, PhotoClub Chair**