

# TV Times



OK above is an optimistic look to the thought of summer. Why not send me an image for next month, you will be credited! March was a busy month – 10 of us visited the Boatyard in Windsor (see image file on Facebook) but I managed to pick the only wet day of the week. Our thanks to Dilly and the gang and we intend to produce a photobook as thanks. 60 people booked into our first face to face meeting at Woosehill – well done to Alan, Janice, Carol David and of course Chris Palmer who put so much into this event. There is another one coming up in April (see below). Then there was the Photobook zoom event that attracted over 50 members including some from Canada and Europe. Thanks go to Stewart and Brian. This is no time to stop but **ideas from you as to events you would like us to undertake are welcome.**

## **The Committee**

Pleased to welcome 3 new members Mark Brion, John Emmett and Stuart Bebb and delighted that are they are from the north of the region - they even things up a bit.

## Coming Up in April

On the 24<sup>th</sup> Eddie Hyde FRPS is presenting all day at Woosehill. His presentation in the morning focusses on Landscapes, including his successful FRPS panel, and in the afternoon he will talk about UK and African Wildlife.

(See <https://rps.org/events/regions/thames-valley/2022/april/2022-04-24-eddie-hyde-frps/>)

Late in the month there will be a Bluebell walk in Cliveden Woods – date to be confirmed. If you are interested let me know plus dates you can make between the 20<sup>th</sup> and the 30<sup>th</sup>. This is NT property so membership helps. The grounds are extensive so could be a good day

## Looking further ahead

On the **5<sup>th</sup> of May we have Roger Reynolds** hosting a zoom presentation who will be discussing how Camera Club competitions can or cannot feed into distinctions. Roger has served on the RPS Distinctions Assessment panel for over 20 years so he is well worth listening to!

On the **18<sup>th</sup> of May, as part of our occasional series on Special Interest Groups, Teri Walker, Chair of the Women in Photography SIG**, will be giving a zoom talk followed by questions. This will start at 7pm

At **Woosehill on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May we have Martin Addison** presenting 'A Day with Martin Addison'. Tickets will be available from the 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Soon afterwards, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> we have the visit to The Royal Collection at Windsor Castle to see some Roger Fenton Images plus those of some contemporaries of Fenton. Simon Hill will join us on the 27<sup>th</sup>. We only had twenty spaces and these were taken up in under a day but we have a reserve list.

We still have **3 spaces available for the creativity weekend on the 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> July** with Paul Hill and Maria Falconer. I will post details below. This is a rare opportunity to be part of a small group and learn from 2 eminent photographers who both hold 'F's.

In the summer (July 23 or 24) I am organising a **picnic boat trip in Oxford**. Each boat holds 12 people. We can either bring our own picnic or have one

provided. Drinks have to be bought before we leave dry land! Hire of the boat will be around £31 per person for a 3 hour trip

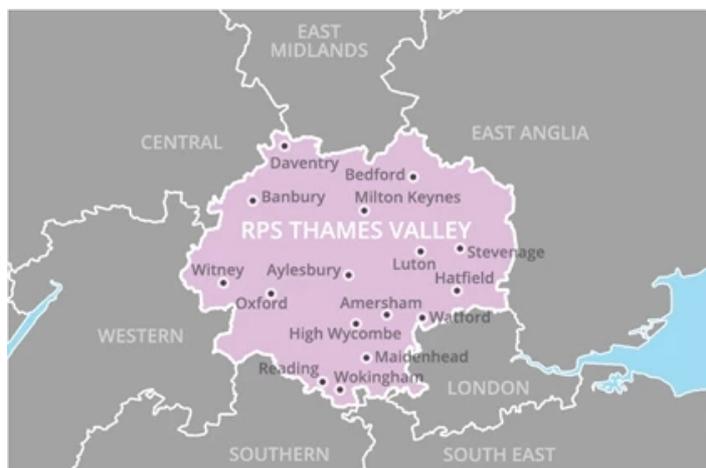


(Pictures courtesy of Oxford River Cruises)

## Help needed

Janice, who has acted as events/programme secretary for the Woosehill Days, is stepping down at the end of May so we need someone to pick up the reins and in particular sort out speakers for Sept, Oct and Nov. Janice has a list of potential speaker to make it easier so it involves booking them and making the arrangements. Great chance to get involved  
Give me a call,

Thames Valley is a large region and the Committee is determined to provide opportunities to TV members. Remember to stay in touch by following our Twitter, Facebook and Instagram feeds.



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## **Paul and Maria's weekend**

We have a really special event coming up in the summer. Paul Hill MBE and Maria Falconer FRPS will be leading a creativity workshop. This is still in the planning stage but it will probably involve a BBQ on the Friday evening as a get to know you followed by the workshop on Saturday and Sunday. The venue will be in my house in Maidenhead. It will be limited to a maximum of 12 participants and the cost will be £100 per head. More details about Paul and Maria can be found on the following links. **An early expression of interest is advisable.**

**Paul and Maria's workshop.** They say

**Photography's Easy, Creativity Isn't!**



**Everyone's a photographer these days!**

**Yeah like everyone's a chef!**

**Does the increase in smart phone image making democratise photography or devalue it? And how has the popularity of social media sites influenced the photographic aesthetic?**

The advent of digital photography and more recently the smart phone has resulted in more photographs being made today than ever before.

But what do all these scientific and technical processes have to do with creativity? Does the increase in smart phone image making democratise photography or devalue it? And how has the popularity of social media sites influenced the photographic aesthetic?

On this workshop you will be guided through a series of presentations and

practical exercises designed to help you ditch the photographic cliches and bring out your creativity.

Whether you are looking for new ideas and a different approach to your photography, or you just want to dive into a weekend of image making with like-minded people, either way this workshop offers a weekend of challenging photography and fun.

The workshop will be packed with short presentations, technical and creative exercises, and advice and feedback designed to help you make interesting unique images.

It doesn't matter if you are an experienced photographer or relatively new to the medium, we welcome a rich mix of enthusiastic participants. And we do our best to create a warm, supportive, non-competitive environment where you have space to experiment and also have fun!

**Maria Falconer** A university lecturer and Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society, Maria is also an experienced workshop teacher and professional photographer, whose work has been exhibited in the UK, Ireland, France, the US and East Asia. Her commercial photography has been widely published including The Guardian, The Times and The Scotsman.

"Great photography, great teaching and a bunch of very nice people. Paul and Maria really know how to impart information in a sympathetic and memorable way" Ian Jeffries

"A wonderful experience" Kathie Scarrah

"Simply Superb!" Roger Lee

"I really enjoyed last weekend's workshop. I have never done anything like that before and I was a little apprehensive, but yourself and Paul together with the other participants made for a relaxing atmosphere, even if you did test the grey matter!" Brian Richards

**Participants will need a camera (any kind of digital including phone) and a laptop / ipad /tablet for editing.**