



Ramsgate Harbour by Melanie Chalk ARPS

Welcome to the SE region November 2023 Newsletter

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1. Introduction

We had another successful click event, despite some inclement weather, walking around Ramsgate Harbour. The image on the front cover of this issue is by Melanie Chalk ARPS. In addition to some in camera movement, she has compressed the image in Photoshop giving the impression of a long lens. You can see the other 7 favourite images at the end of the issue.

2. What has happened since the last newsletter?

We had an excellent day at the **British Wildlife Centre** in September. This is an event which did not sell out to members so we advertised it to non-RPS members. It is a mystery why, as the BWC will charge you £130 for a photo day and we charged only £108.

The AGM was better attended than 2022, but was still disappointing. I talked about the future at the AGM in my own address. This is a summary of the relevant extract:

1. We will also target non RPS members on some F2F events in the hope that it might lead to membership
2. We will advertise using Facebook photo groups
3. We will continue to offer pre-processing events Face to Face. These will either be walks with cameras, (click events), or specifically led with a professional tutor.
4. We will continue to use Billetto until the RPS system is seen to work
5. We will pursue planning only an online LRPS advisory day each year

As mentioned in my introduction, our walk around Ramsgate harbour was very successful. This has led us to refine our future planning. We will essentially try to make our offerings as free to pay as possible. So, instead of (3) above, this is replaced by

- 3a. We will offer only 1 or 2 professionally tutor led events per year
- 3b. We will arrange more free to attend events, and where appropriate, will arrange a professional/semi-professional tutor to talk on the subject. This cost will be borne by the region.

3. News in the Region

There is another TWT, (talk, walk, talk), event planned. This time the theme is **Architecture and the Built Environment**. I have volunteered to do a **TWT in Canterbury**, and it will be on **Sunday, 24/3/24 at 1430**. The aim is to finish around sunset so we can photograph the Marlowe with its lights on. I have not been asked for details yet by DIG, but as soon as it appears on their website, I will send an email around to enable you to book.

I would like to welcome **Andrew Page, of Positive view** as a co-opted member of the committee. Andrew is well known to us as the CEO of Positive View, based in Dover. Their philosophy is to help under privileged teenagers through the medium of photography. He would like to build closer links with the RPS SE region.

4. Planned events for the next 6 months and a taste of future events

The date for an **Online LRPS advisory day** has been decided for 23rd February 2024. You will need time to get your panel together.

The idea of a day at The **Crossness Pumping Station** is proving difficult to finalise a date for, but hopefully we will have a date for next issue.

On a more positive note, we have arranged for a **Street Photography** event, led by Paul Burgess. Paul does this professionally and will provide an introductory Zoom talk plus a round up post the day in London. This is available to book now via the link shown below. Meet at Charing cross station, platform 6 on the day.

RPS SE event programme: January 2024 - May 2024
(Status of event correct as of 21/11/23)

Street Photography in London	20/01/2024	Places available
This is street photography workshop in London led by Paul Burgess		
Bowl Water click event	10/02/2024	Event still being planned, date uncertain
This is a click event, walking around Bowl Water with the opportunity to take photographs of the wildlife, water and beautiful surrounding countryside. Date still to be decided.		
Distinction LRPS advisory day	23/02/2024	Event still being planned, date confirmed
This will be a repeat of last year's popular LRPS advisory day held online. The event will be limited to 9 participants, led by David Jordan, with no limit to watchers. The cost will be minimal to participants.		
Crossness Pumping Station	15/03/2024	Event still being planned, date uncertain
This is a special location workshop in Crossness led by Paul Burgess. Date still be confirmed		
Canterbury TWT	24/03/2024	Event still being planned, date confirmed
This is a face to face event with a pre-planned route, walking around Canterbury. It will be fronted by DIG under their TWT programme. There will be an email when the tickets are available		
Bluebell Photo Workshop click event	05/05/2024	Event still being planned, date confirmed
This is a click event, walking around King's Wood, near Challock. There will be a professionally led Zoom talk prior to the event. The date is 75% certain at the moment.		

5. Hello to new members

Welcome new members since 19/10/23. With a bi-monthly newsletter this is not ideal as new members joining in late September/early October were missed; sorry, I am trying to get a report which allows me to specify the date.

Peter Jones, Louise Olivia Etagart, Max Houghton, Joanna Lush, Ann Wright, Roy Brown, Stephen Wells, Paul Filmer, Laura El-Tantawy HonFRPS, Rupert Harding, Tim Auty ARPS, Angela Taylor, Amelia Hawes, Jacy Wilkes, Glen Brackenbury.

If you have any ideas for the region or want to help contact me at southeast@rps.org.

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