

THE RPS

ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

SOUTH WEST

Dear Member

We have more new events lined up for you our SW Region members. So do read on and get yourself booked in to some of the following.....

Our summer project

In 2022 we had the 'Secret Places' project that proved to be most popular. So we thought this year we would have another summer project, with a bit of a twist.

GREAT SCENIC RAILWAYS OF DEVON AND CORNWALL



We have some great railway lines to explore in the SW Region:
DEVON

- Dartmoor line Exeter to Okehampton
- Tarka line Exeter to Barnstaple
- Riviera line Exeter to Paignton
- Avocet line Exeter to Exmouth
- East Devon line Exeter to Axminster

CORNWALL

- Tamar Valley Line Plymouth to Gunnislake
- Looe Valley Line Looe to Liskeard
- St. Ives Bay Line St. Erth to St. Ives
- Maritime Line Truro to Falmouth
- Atlantic Coast Line Par to Newquay

In addition we have several Heritage railways to explore including the Dartmouth Steam Railway, South Devon Railway and the Bodmin and Wenford Railway.

THE SUMMER CHALLENGE is to document a short journey on one of these iconic railways during June to September.

We are asking you to provide a small portfolio of 5 digital images recording your journey.

- Any format can be used but we will require digital images for our Show and Tell Event
- One image should be taken at your station of departure (anything that inspires you!)
- At least 2 images should record the scenery on route
- And any other images at your destination (not necessarily your arrival station)

It is intended that the Show and Tell Event will be held as part of SW Region's Christmas Event, which will be held in December. Full details to follow.

We will also let you know the image sizes and where to send them a little later in the summer.

So let's enjoy our photography journeys!!

[Visit the Summer Projects Page on our website by clicking here](#)

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Talk-Walk-Talk



In the autumn we will be holding another Talk-Walk-Talk event, similar to the Street Photography we did earlier this year. This time it will be focused on Coastal Photography. Ideal for us here in the SW to join DIG and Landscape groups for. To help with this we need a few volunteers to offer to be walk leaders at a coastal area near them. You don't need to be a landscape specialist, just willing to lead the walks of 5-10 members. You will be supported with material and a little out of pocket travel expenses can be claimed.

The final 'Talk' will be the feedback session, which we will do as a Region sometime in November – more information about this nearer the time.

For now we just need to find a few walk leaders please. If you feel you can help please contact janet.haines@me.com Without walk leaders we won't have walks near to where you live.

Visit our Events Page on the South West Website – [click here](#)

VISUAL ART



We are delighted to announce that our first re-launch meeting will take place on 1st July 2023 (10 am – 4 pm) at Victory Hall, Broadclyst, Exeter, EX5 3EE. The aim is to provide another platform/opportunity for photographers in the South West Region, with an interest in Visual Art, to show and share their work with a wider audience.

For this meeting we have Susan Brown (FRPS) showing her work as well as Andrew Marker (FRPS) who will present his talk entitled “Journey to FRPS”. It is also planned for the participants to share their work (print/dpi).

Cost:- £7. Cash payments at the door. Refreshments (coffee/tea/biscuits) are included in the price. Bring your own lunch (a kitchen is available) or have a lunch in one of the nearby village pubs. There is also a village shop close by.

If you are interested, please contact Marija Lees visualartswest@rps.org. Please indicate if you want to bring your work to show and tell and whether prints or dpi.

Visit the South West Visual Arts Group on our website by [clicking here](#)

Upcoming meetings

Saturday May 20th - Cornwall

A visit to **Wheal Martyn China Clay Museum** and working mine, St Austell Cornwall.

Normal visitor fee applicable. Meet at the entrance at 1000hrs

<https://www.wheal-martyn.com>

Saturday 17th June – Devon

A visit to the **Royal Horticultural Society Garden Rosemoor**, Torrington. Normal visitor fee applicable. Meet at the entrance at 1100hrs

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/rosemoor>

Sunday June 11th – Cornwall

Visit to **Mevagissey village and harbour**. Meet on the harbour at 0900hrs

<https://www.cornwalls.co.uk/mevagissey>

Thursday June 15th – Devon

South West Coast Path Association winners exhibition. Plymouth; opening and coffee morning. Location Ocean Studios, The Factory Cooperage, Royal William Yard, Plymouth, PL1 3RP. Meet at 1100hrs.

<https://www.realideas.org>

Saturday June 24th – Devon

Visit to **Dawlish and Dawlish Warren Nature Reserve**. Meet at Dawlish Railway Station at 1100hrs

<https://www.dawlishwarren.com>

Visit our website Events Page for more information – [click here](#)

To book your place at any of the above email southwestchair@rps.org

Please note events will run with a minimum of 5 participants

FINALLY do keep watching our web pages for more information about events as they get arranged. www.rps.org/regions/south-west

Looking forward to seeing you at the meetings.

Regards

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