

## Workshops for 2013

### *Introduction to Photography*

20th April

15th June

13th July

7th September

12th October

### *Macro Photography*

18th May

22nd June

20th July

14th September

Alvecote  Wood

Ancient Woodland for Wildlife

# Photography workshops

*Do you like taking photographs but you are frequently disappointed by the result? Would you like to be able to capture the images that you really want? Would you like to gain confidence in your photography?*

## Introduction to Photography Workshops

If you have a digital camera, but are sometimes frustrated that the images you take don't reflect what you have seen, then this is for you. You don't need to have a lot of photographic knowledge, just a wish to improve your photography and get the most out of your camera.

Alvecote Wood is 20 acres of ancient semi-natural oak woodland just outside Tamworth in North Warwickshire. We are managing it as a site for wildlife and for use by community groups. It provides many and varied photo opportunities, as well as a lovely learning environment.

The day will be split into six sections,

concentrating equally on artistic and technical elements of photography, so that at the end of the day you should be able to take images that are well composed, properly exposed and that tell the story that you want to tell. It will be interactive, with plenty of practical exercises, and we hope everybody will participate to make the event enjoyable.

The event will cost £20, excluding meals/drinks, payable on the day. Please be advised that there are no toilet facilities other than a simple latrine on site and that you will need to bring with you a packed lunch and drinks for the day. Hot drinks will be provided. If the weather is good, a campfire may be available and overnight camping is available upon request.



## Workshop Timetable

09:00 Arrive and introduction  
09:30 Session One: Artistic aspects—composition, lighting, patterns and texture  
10:30 Session Two: Practical  
12:00 Session Three: Feedback  
13:00 LUNCH—time to take more photos if you like  
13:45 Session Four: Technical aspects—exposure, depth of field, shutter speed  
14:45 Session Five: Practical  
16:00 Session Six: Feedback



## About the Tutor

Sarah is a retired doctor and University lecturer who has been a lifelong photography enthusiast. Since retirement, she has been studying a professional photography course, and has had images published in *The Guardian* and on BBC *Autumnwatch*. She owns Alvecote Wood with her husband, Stephen, and specializes in wildlife and landscape photography, with a particular interest in insect and macro photography.



# Macro and insect photography

*Get in close and capture the beautiful detail in nature—this workshop will show you how.*

What is Macro Photography? Would you like to capture the beauty of nature up close? Would you like to capture the amazing detail in the natural world? Would you like to know how to get close to butterflies and other insects? Would you like to learn how to use the macro function on your camera, or the macro lens on your SLR? Then this is the workshop for you for only £20 per person.

Macro photography is all about capturing detail, and getting in close to take images with a new perspective.

This day is for photographers who are familiar with the basics of composition and the basic controls on their camera, but who would now like to learn how to take amazing close-up images. The day will be split into two sections—first of all we will look at how we can use



our camera to take close-up images and consider things such as depth of field, focusing, exposure,

lighting and composition. The second part of the day will deal with fieldwork—learning tips and techniques for getting in close to get that winning image. If you have attended one of our Introduction to Photography workshops, this could be the ideal way to progress and to discover the new world of nature photography.

## What you need to bring to workshops



### You will need

- A digital camera—it can be any camera, it doesn't have to be expensive.
- For the Macro workshop you will need a camera with a macro facility or, if you are using an SLR, a macro or close focus lens
- Stout shoes and warm/waterproof clothing
- A packed lunch
- Your imagination!

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Sarah's photographs from Alvecote Wood are now available to purchase at [Redbubble.com](http://www.redbubble.com)—prints, canvases, posters and greetings cards

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