

Winchcombe Festival of Music and Arts

Railway Photography Workshop with Malcolm Ranieri, FRPS

Joining Instructions

Timing

The workshop will take place on Wednesday 23 May 2018, starting at 10.15 am and finishing by 4.45pm.

Location

The workshop will be based in the new Tim Mitchell building at Winchcombe Station on the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway (GWSR). Winchcombe Station is located in Greet, approx. 1 mile from the centre of Winchcombe. Its postcode is GL54 5LD. There is only limited parking at the station and in the roads nearby. The workshop has been timed to allow participants to park in the station car park at Toddington and catch the 10.00 steam service to Winchcombe, returning on the 16.55 service from Winchcombe. The postcode for Toddington Station is GL54 5DT. If taking this option, return tickets from Toddington to Winchcombe must be purchased on the day.

Contact

Contact Details on the day: David Thomas, 07710 009735.

Refreshments

Teas, coffees, cold drinks, sandwiches and snacks (sufficient for lunch) can be purchased in the Coffee Pot Café at Winchcombe Station. Refreshments are also available at the Flag and Whistle Café at Toddington Station. You are welcome to bring a packed lunch.

Health and Safety

The workshop takes place in the Tim Mitchell Building and at various locations which are open to all passengers around Winchcombe and Toddington Stations on the GWSR. Participants are members of the public on the railway's premises and trains so must obey instructions from GWSR officials and comply with GWSR's policies at all times. Participants are responsible for their own safety during the day and must give every consideration to other people using the railway.

Workshop Objectives

The workshop is aimed at those who have some basic experience of photography and wish to improve the quality of their images. Using the theme of railway photography we will explore what makes a good railway photograph; the role of composition and light; and the

use of camera settings (exposure, depth of field and focus). Above all it should be an enjoyable and sociable day out with like-minded photographers.

Provisional Agenda

The provisional agenda has been built around the train timetable for the day – it is the Blue Timetable, which can be accessed at:

https://www.gwsr.com/planning_your_visit/visiting_gwsr/2018_calendar_and_timetables.html#SB

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| 10.15 | Introduction and overview |
| 10.30 | Railway photography tutorial |
| 11.15 | Practical photography on location at Winchcombe Station (train crossover 11.18-11.22) |
| 12.00 | Talk on history and background to GWSR (provisional) |
| 12.30 | Practical photography on location at Winchcombe Station (train crossover 12.33 -12.47) |
| 13.00 | Lunch and initial review of pictures taken. |
| 14.00 | Practical photography on location at Winchcombe and Toddington Stations, catching the 14.27 steam service to Toddington (return ticket to be purchased on the day – not included in cost) |
| 15.35 | Return on steam service to Winchcombe, followed by review of pictures taken |
| 16.45pm | Workshop ends. |

What to bring

- Your camera. Ensure it has fully charged batteries and an empty memory card.
- Your camera instruction manual if you are not familiar with all the controls. They differ between camera makes and we are not familiar with all of them.
- A camera bag is useful for protecting your camera and carrying spare lenses.
- Clothing suitable for outdoors, including waterproofs if the weather is likely to be wet.
- A notebook and pen/pencil.
- If you have one, a laptop that can run on batteries for downloading and reviewing photos. Under GWSR regulations you will not be able to plug it into the mains unless it has been PAT tested. If you do not have one we can either review in camera or upload selected images to our laptop for review, though time will limit how many.

For more information

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