



1_Summer_07 NEWSLETTER

Digital Photography/Digital Art & Training News

About the Newsletter

Why a Newsletter?

When I gave up my work for Devon ACL, one of my student groups suggested that I should keep in touch through a Newsletter. That was 3 months ago - here is issue 1. It's designed so that you can easily skim through to find **news about digital cameras**; **news about Photoshop Elements 5** as well as **news of training courses** with an focus on what I have to offer if you book early for my Autumn term.

Looking For A Cheap Copy Of Elements 5?

A reliable and bargain priced copy of Adobe's PSE v5 from Amazon Marketplace.

Over recent months several of my clients, and myself, have purchased brand new copies of PSE 5 for under £25 compared with £69 from Adobe. If you too are interested, then you need to visit Amazon.co.uk to make your purchase but choose to buy from their **Marketplace** sellers. **Warren-m** is the seller that you should look for and although he sells second hand copies, I would suggest a new copy. Generally this will be £22.73 + £3.23 postage & handling. Once your order is placed you should hear almost immediately that your transaction has gone through with delivery in 1 - 2 working days via the Post Office. As you will be paying Amazon itself (who pay Warren-m) your transaction includes Amazon's safeguards.

Although a copy purchased this way will not come with Adobe's packaging or manual, you should find that once you have put the CD-ROM into your PC, loading PSE 5 is straightforward. The copy comes with serial number to register it with Adobe. I can always recommend a good book in place of the manual or better still why not go for some [get you started training](#) with me.

Remember that you must have a PC capable of running PSE Version 5. If you don't know this information, then log onto my website and in the **FREEBIES** section you can read or download "[This Is Me - What I Need.pdf](#)" listing the specifications.

If you are running **Windows Vista** then you will also need to have a free download software patch (PSE_502_patcher.zip) available from the Adobe website to run PSE 5. If you are currently running PSE 5 using Windows XP but might upgrade to Windows Vista at a future date, it would be a good idea to keep this Newsletter for future reference. You can find a link for this upgrade patch on the **LINKS** page of my website.

What's New In Training?

You don't have to own a Laptop or the software to take advantage of group training rates.

As you will hopefully recall a range of highly competitive training rates are available for tailored training in your own home. This involves a number of discounted rates including sessions aimed at 2 to 3 persons. Previously, to take advantage of group training, it needed some of the participants to have a PC notebook running Photoshop Elements. Also, it needed one of the clients to be willing to offer their home and an appropriate table to enable 2 or 3 persons to sit around. Whilst this has worked successfully, I am delighted to announce that I can now extend the group discounted rates without the need for owning a Laptop. I now have up to 2 laptops that I can bring with me for group training sessions. If you have been holding back on taking up some training with me because you do not have a PC of your own or a Laptop, now there is a easy

solution! The good news is that I won't charge you anything extra for using my Laptop (and software) - the rates remain the same!

Do You Want To Be Paired for Training?

You want to train with someone else but don't know someone to pair with or don't have the space.

If you want to take advantage of training in your own home and like the idea of doing this with another person, (or maybe fancy the discounted rates) then email me [your name, your training interests - including any days in a week that would NOT be possible](#) - and I will add you to my **Client Waiting List**. As soon as I have a matching, I will contact all parties to see if I can arrange training for you. To make this work, [I will also need to know if you can offer the necessary space to accommodate another person to learn alongside](#). If you don't have the space, but are willing to travel to the other person's address, then still email me to get your name added to my Client Waiting List.

Digital Photography Interest Group

News about the way some of my ACL Students have got together to continue their interests

Eight of my students decided that they wished to continue to meet together with me to further their interests in digital photography. To make this happen we formed a monthly **Interest Group** that very kindly meets in the home of one of the members to share their latest photos and share ideas etc. This includes, where practical, learning about aspects of digital software but mainly focuses on how to get the best out of cameras or the software at home. By bringing along recent work we can enjoy sharing ideas on capturing and composing better images through good photographic practice. This has been further fostered through identifying a number of Photo Themes to provide a common basis for bringing in photographic images.

In addition to the monthly meetings, we have agreed a number of Photoshoot nights when we meet to go out together to use and develop their use of their digital cameras. To date this has involved Lypstone and Topsham but we have several others in the pipeline including a night shoot near Christmas around Exeter city centre. I am enjoying this a great deal although it can be a bit nerve wracking when the weather looks dodgy!

If you are interested in forming a daytime or evening Digital Photography or Digital Art Interest Group or getting your name on a list for me to form according to numbers, then once again, [email me your interest](#). It will involve someone offering a suitable meeting venue although this could be shared between members. Also, depending upon numbers there is a small fee but split across the group this is very reasonable.

Remember, if you are interested in a photoshoot on your own, or with another person, then you will find details of this on www.digital_photography.talktalk.net. (Don't forget the underscore!)

What's new in digital cameras?

News about digital cameras and a good place to find tests and reviews of all digital cameras

As usual, developments in cameras have continued at a pace! Canon recently brought out a great Compact 8MP Camera, the Powershot S5IS with 12X Optical Zoom, anti-shake image-stabiliser and 2.5in swivelling LCD. This is a great camera but the 6 MP model that it replaces (Powershot S3IS which I use) is now being sold off very competitively - it's worth considering. Olympus has introduced a range of new Digital SLRs that have a live-view LCD (to frame your image on the LCD before capturing). Several DSLR cameras presently, over the summer, come with cash-back. For a detailed and excellent review of these & other digital cameras, go to my website, **LINKS** section and click on [dpreview](#). This is a trusted information source.

Can't Remember how much Bryan's Training Costs?

Training rates are always available from my website. There are easy-to-read-grids in the **TRAINING** section. Alternatively, go to the **FREEBIES** section and download [Training Rates.pdf](#) to print out.

NEWSLETTER 2 will be out October with latest news to include news of training as a special gift.