

LITTLE WALTHAM GARDENING CLUB

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Plant Photograph Using a Smart Phone or Tablet

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A really interesting talk by Marion about all those obscure apps that are on your mobile phone camera app which you didn't realise were there. How to create a piece of artwork from your photo images, thinking about creating depth and focus and colour variations. How to brighten the middle area of the image and change the background focus and many other excellent 'tech' information to make you think about composition.

For instance to take a photo with long exposure - if you switch on Live photo the camera will now capture 15 seconds before and after you take the photo. If you hold on tight to your phone and find a brightly coloured plant. Take an image whilst walking towards it. Take another image of the same plant and rotate your phone. Place your phone on a stable surface and take a picture of running water. Find the images on your camera roll

and click on the Live down arrow and select Long Exposure.

She showed images of photographs of the same subject, such as a huge ancient oak tree from ground level and other aspects. Of garden plants up close and clearly focused.

All this information was very useful if you want to enter photographic competitions. Speaking of which there is a Photographic Class in the Gardening Club Spring Show on Saturday 11th April.



Marion also showed examples of artwork she creates from Pressed Plants & Oshibana, Cyanotype Sun Printing and Print Making with Gelli plate which she demonstrates at various venues such as Hyde Hall and Flatford Mill.

Another sociable, information evening at our local Gardening Club.



