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PRESENTS

WHAT IS A PORTRAIT?

- A Presentation by Thomas Peck

FRPS CPAGB (EAF 'B')

Thursday, 29 October 2026 at 7:30 for 8pm

Having taken photographs for many years, Dr Thomas Peck originally focused mainly on macro photography of flowers, subsequently expanding this interest to include:



landscape, architecture and portraits. He shoots with Sony and Leica cameras, and also uses his phone. He says there is a lot of enjoyment wrapped up with photography kit; a blokey geeky equipment thing; but the real pleasure of photography is that it forces you to slow down and really look. It's never easy in our rushed world, so a chance to stop, look and see, is truly valuable.

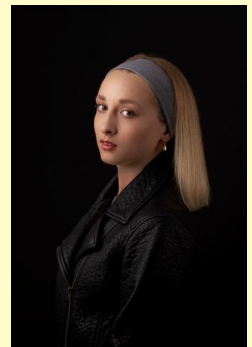


In this presentation Dr Peck will look at the history of photographic portraiture from the Victorian beginnings through to our selfie culture of the 21st Century. It traces how portraits have evolved from pictorialism through to post modernism, and will



delve into social documentary, fashion, celebrity and even portrait 'notoriety'.

It unravels the question of what is a portrait, and who creates it? The photographer? The sitter? The viewer? A two hour tour of portraits from the last 170 years - you'll never look at a portrait in the same way again.



in The Sullivan Room at The Weatherley Centre,
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