

Rugeley and Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

Saturday 10th October 2015

Web: www.rugeleyandarmitagecameraclub.co.uk



Retrospective

Our first club photographic competition saw many entries across the three sections - and the standard was as usual very high. Judge Tony Winfield had a difficult time critiquing - but he did so, while reminding us that ultimately it's his personal as well as professional opinion - and a different judge may come up with different results. Tony was quick to praise - and there were many prints in all sections that were given a second look. Some points to note though:

Watch for highlights, especially around the edges of an image - the eye is always drawn to them - so if they are not part of the main focal point of the image, crop them, clone them, burn them out.

If there is a specific object / person / animal that is the focal point - ensure that this is not cropped - and if it is moving or looking in a particular direction - give it space within the image to look / move into.

Think about colour theory - Red is a strong colour that stands out - so if it's not the focal point and could lead to distraction - desaturate it.

When shooting mono, especially architecture or character studies - boost the contrast - ensure the blacks are black and the whites are white - other wise it can seem grey and flat.

At the end of the night - Carole thanked Tony for his excellent judging (*Nothing to do with winning the advanced section!) and also commented on the number of entries from new members - well done!

We look forward to seeing your images in the next competition!

Winning Images on page 2; Details of next competition on page 3 (Submission this Monday 12th Oct.)

Roadshow at Yoxall

On Wednesday a group of members provided Yoxall Camera Club with a Roadshow which, from feedback received, they really enjoyed and provided them with 'food for thought'. They are trying to re establish the Club and there was a lot of discussion during the break in which ideas for club activities etc. were exchanged. New contacts were established and we will have a return Roadshow from Yoxall at Hawkesyard next season.

We provided a varied portfolio of work, Audio Visual presentations, Prints and Projected Images supported by talks. We had ten sessions in which we showed images which included prints of rugby action, projected images of motor racing, portraits and modelling, rock concerts, high speed photography and travel / landscapes from New York, the Severn Valley, the Isle of Islay, Svalbard and the Lune Valley.

17 of our members attended the evening and thanks are due to all who contributed to the Roadshow and helped set up /clear away. These are very enjoyable evenings which help to promote our club and in addition to work from previous contributors we would welcome contributions from new members or those who have not contributed before when compiling future events - we have almost one hundred members so we should be able to bring together new material/new presenters.

Westonbirt - Final payment now due

Anyone who is going on the Westonbirt Arboretum visit is requested to make final payment to Carole or Kay on Monday night the 12th October.

Rob and Margaret Cross Photo Exhibition - 10th October in the corridor of Guild Hall Lichfield

They will provide a FREE cuppa to members (if they have access to the kitchen!) This is an opportunity to see a diverse selection of their prints up to A2 framed and hung. They are mostly landscapes and wildlife. You will be most welcome if you pop along!

External Event

Members may be interested in the Permajet Open Day at their HQ in Stratford-upon-Avon. 28th November.

There are some free seminars such as "Capturing the Right Colours" and "Creating the Avante Garde" - but you do need to book.

Further information can be found here: [PermaJet](#)

Club Christmas Card

Like it or not - Christmas is now officially around the corner (based on the wrapping paper appearing in all local stores!)

As a club we would like to send a card to other clubs in the area, and other associated organisations.

If you would like to submit an image to be considered for the card - please let Carole or David have your image.

Birthday Celebrations

Best wishes to the following member for their upcoming birthday!

John Scott - 11th October
Glenn Riley - 12th October
John Ford - 17th October

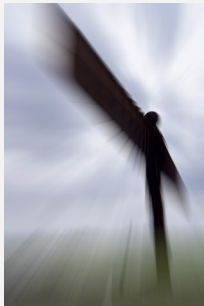


Have a great Day!

Found on the Web

With winter seemingly round the corner - this article from a couple of years ago offers some interesting insight into winter photography: [Wex Photographic](#)

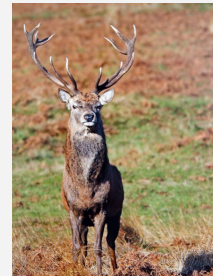
October 5th Winning Images



Advanced - 1st
Carole Perry
"Angel of the North"



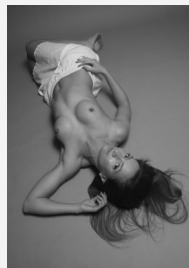
Advanced - 2nd
Margaret Beardsmore
"Gannet at Bempton Cliffs"



Advanced - 3rd
Roy Westwood
"Red Stag"



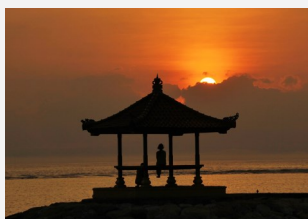
Intermediate - 1st
Kay Williams
"Palm Trees in the Desert"



Intermediate - 2nd
John Lewis
"Anticipation"



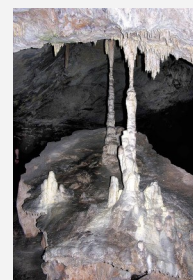
Intermediate - 3rd
Peter Thomas
"Cammarna"



Elementary - 1st
Sue Hartley
"Sunrise on Bali"



Elementary - 2nd
Geoff Setterfield
"Tuggin"



Elementary - 3rd
John Sylvester
"Stalagmites and Stalactites"

Spam / Spoof emails

Over the past couple of weeks some members have unfortunately received spam emails that appear to come from other members of the club.

These may look like this:

Subject: FW: New message

Message: Hello!

New message, please read <http://break-your-fear.com/while.php>

Kim Hensby

It is important not to click on the link contained within these messages - doing so puts your email / computer at risk.

If you are worried - there is a program available that is a complement to any Anti Virus program that you may already have. It is called "Malware Bytes" and scans for rogue programs etc. that may be on your computer.

It's free to download and use from here:

<https://www.malwarebytes.org/mwb-download/>

Upcoming Club Events

12th October Practical Evening

Join us for our 2nd practical evening of the year - featuring the following topics (and others tbc - look out for your email from George):

Know your camera / Photography Basics
Introduction to Photoshop
More Fun with Filters
High Speed Photography
Intro to HDR

Please contact George ASAP so he can place you in your requested group, or if you are willing to lead a group.

****DPI Entries are also required on this night****

19th October - Irene Froy - The Seeing Eye

In what will be Irene's final year on the speaking circuit - she visits us to present her talk: "The Seeing Eye".

Irene describes herself as a pictorial photographer, with a leaning towards landscape, but has an interest in all types of photography. Having lectured throughout the country, she cannot imagine a life without photography - it is a passion which is as strong today as when she first started.

[Irene Froy Website](#)

Next Competition:

Projected Digital Images (PDI)

To be held on the 26th October - Judge: Barbara Lawton

Digital files required on the 12th October

This is to allow us time to setup the competition.

Max dimensions 1400 x 1050 @ 72 dpi.

Images should be flattened high quality JPEG files in sRGB colour space.

Files to be submitted on a USB stick, in a folder with the author's full name - and image files named as this:

x Image Name.jpg where x is the image number and is followed by a space then the image title - e.g.:

Folder: Glenn Riley

1 Brighton Rock.jpg

2 Spread Your Wings.jpg

Midphot now open for entries

Please note that Midphot is now open for entries - new rules now apply for natural history and wildlife images.

Click here:

[RULES](#)

[ENTRY FORM](#)