



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

5th December 2015

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We Are Moving...!!

As from Monday 4th January we will meet at Lea Hall Miners Welfare Centre, Sandy Lane, Rugeley.

Information for Lea Hall can be found here:

[Lea Hall Miners Welfare Centre](#)

Practical Evenings

A very big thank you to all members who volunteered their knowledge and expertise last Monday to facilitate on the Practical Evening. As always we are extremely fortunate to have members who are prepared to share their interest and enthusiasm with others. The practical Evenings are an integral part of what makes our club what it is.

A special thanks to John Sylvester for the organising in George's absence.

Upcoming Club Events

7th December - Club Monthly Competition

Our 3rd competition of the season is based on the theme of "Movement".
Judge for the night is Ralph Duckett

14th December - Christmas Meal

Our Christmas meal this year will be held at the Italian restaurant "Le Terrazza".
Get your glad rags and sequins out of the wardrobe.
We hope to see the ladies dressed up as well.

4th January 2016 - Welcome Back Meeting - At Lea Hall Club

PDI's required for next competition. Theme 'Local Interest'

11th January 2016 - Practical Evening

The 4th of our Practical Evenings

Competition Winners

May I ask that in the club monthly competitions, those members who are fortunate to finish 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each section, please submit to me a low resolution copy (1400x1050) of their picture for inclusion both into the newsletter and onto the website. Thank you

Armitage with Handsacre Website

Each month the club submits an article to the Armitage with Handsacre website. It's good publicity for us. Being a website they not only like written text but like to feature a picture as well. If anyone has some pictures of Armitage and Handsacre that you wouldn't mind appearing on their website could you please send them to me.

Next Competition - Projected Digital Images - Theme 'Local Interest'

PDI's due 4th January 2016

Judge Ken Webb

Cannock Chase Council Photographic Competition

Fancy seeing your picture featured on the Cannock Chase Council Website?

Plus prizes of £50, £20 & £10

Pictures must have been taken within the Cannock Chase District but can be of any subject

Closing date 11th December

For more details go to:

[Cannock Chase Photo Competition](#)

The Photography Show

19-22 MARCH 2016
THE NEC, BIRMINGHAM

The Photography Show is the UK's largest event for people with a passion for photography. With over 200 leading brands, great show deals, live demos and inspirational speakers, it's a great day out dedicated to all things photography.

For more information: [click here](#)

2016 Solihull Photography Exhibition

38th Open Exhibition of British Photography to be presented by Solihull Photographic Society Solihull School, Warwick Road, Solihull - Saturday 27th February 2016

Entries now open until 20th December 2015.

Sections:

Prints - Colour, Mono, Nature

DPI - Colour, Mono, Nature, Creative

Full details available here:

[Solihull Photographic Society Open Exhibition](#)

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust

Two Competitions to Enter

Photo Competition

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust are offering you the opportunity to have your image feature on the cover of their May-August "What's On" leaflet. All you have to do is submit an image of wildlife in Staffordshire by the 13th of February

Full details available here:

[Staffordshire Wildlife Trust](#)

Calendar 2017

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust require 12 stunning images for their 2017 calendar

Calling all nature lovers! We need your photos of Staffordshire's wonderful wildlife and landscapes for our 2017 calendar which goes on sale next year.

Closing date: Friday 22nd April

Full details available here:

[Staffordshire Wildlife Trust Calendar 2017](#)

Inter-Club Competitions 2016

In the New Year we have inter-club competitions against Acton Trussell & Penkridge Camera Club and also Cannock Photographic Society. We have also entered the annual Staffordshire Print Competition in April.

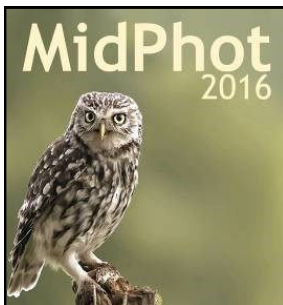
We would like to use images from all sections of the club, not just advanced, as there are amazing images in all sections. If you would like an image to be considered by the selection committee, please let Dave Perry have your print or PDI by Monday 5th December. As usual please ensure that you name, print title and Club name are printed on the back of the print in the top left corner.

MidPhot 2016

Entries are now open for MidPhot 2016

The Exhibition runs from March 16th to March 20th

Closing date for entries Feb 13th 2016



Please give your entries plus completed entry form and payment to Dave Perry on or after 4th January 2016

Details & Entry Forms can be found here:

[MidPhot 2016](#)

Websites Of Interest

How to resize & prepare images for uploading to DSCN Colour Labs

[DSCN Colour Labs](#)

Photoshop & Lightroom Instruction Video's

[Adobe TV](#)

[Julianne Kost Video's](#)



Birthday Celebrations

Best wishes to John Lewis For his upcoming birthday On the 8th December

Have a great day John

Gordon Buchannan - Wildlife Photographer & Cameraman



Stafford Gatehouse Theatre - Wednesday 30th March

An evening with Gordon Buchannan, the highly acclaimed wildlife cameraman. Gordon is a Scottish wildlife film maker noted for his contributions to Big Cat Diary, Springwatch, Natural World and the 'Lost Land' series.

Gordon shares his tales alongside his own film footage and brilliant images of all that he has come to face. Listen to his adventures as he leads you through his life of challenging expeditions and enthralling wildlife experiences.



[Gordon Buchannan](#)
[Stafford Gatehouse Theatre](#)

Christine Blackmore



Many congratulations to club member Christine Blackmore for her achievement in making the top 100 in 'Women in Mining 2015'. Christine has worked in such places as West Africa, Latin America, China, Russia and Mexico, often in very remote locations with a small minority of women. Christine has also been President of the Western Institute of Mining and Minerals.

In Christine's own words:

"It's never too late to reinvent yourself. I did it at 40! And went back to university to study geology, coping with three children, a part-time job etc. So there is what I call 'life after children', and now I have the most interesting career. I've been to some very challenging places, often thinking to myself, 'What's a grandma of four doing here?!'"

Armitage Parish Church - Christmas Tree Festival

The club has again agreed to donate and decorate a Christmas Tree to be displayed inside St John the Baptist Parish Church Armitage. The church is holding an Open Day on Saturday 12th December. Attractions include homemade cakes, refreshments and tombola provided by the Women's Institute. There will also be the usual festive music and Christmas Carols.

Lichfield Mystery Plays



The Lichfield Mystery Plays are a community based arts project involving over 600 participants performing 27 plays held over two days in May next year. The tradition of the plays go back to medieval times, being most common in the 15th & 16th centuries.

The organisers would like to promote the event by displaying photographs which depict the different themes of the plays. The photographs will be put on show in the Garrick Theatre.

For more information see the links below and/or contact Bob Bell

[Lichfield Mystery Plays](#)
[Lichfield Mystery Plays - Pictures](#)

...and finally

Monday will be our last meeting at Hawkesyard. It's been a wonderful venue for the last three years. The staff have looked after us very well and it's sad to leave.

However times change and so we must look to the future. The committee are sure Lea Hall will prove to be an excellent venue and the club will go from strength to strength.