



# Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

19th March 2016

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## Many thanks to you all

On behalf of Pauline and myself I thank you all most sincerely for the card and present given to us last Monday evening for our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. The Camera Club is very dear to me and I am very proud to be its president and it gives me a lot of pleasure and happiness, with the kindness shown to Pauline and me being very much appreciated.

I also take this opportunity to thank those members who have brought cameras and photographic equipment for me to take to the disabled association stand at the NEC this weekend, the number of items given has been tremendous and will be a big help to those people less fortunate than ourselves. I will let you all know the amount of money raised.

Many Thanks Roy Hodgkiss



## Last Week

Last week we were entertained by Roger & Judith Parry with their presentation 'Parry's Pictures' Roger is President and Judith Secretary of Smethwick Photographic Club and are very well known in the photographic world. Their presentation contained everything from landscapes to portraits to 'Art Nudes', shot both in the studio and on location. The first half saw pictures taken from their general collection, with the second half devoted to their competition and exhibition work. After the presentation Roger & Judith answered questions from the members present. Throughout the evening Roger often made mention of Topaz Software - Link here: [TOPAZ LABS SOFTWARE](http://TOPAZ LABS SOFTWARE)

## Club Exhibition Weekend - May 21st-22nd

Will all members who wish to have their prints exhibited at our exhibition weekend please start bringing them in. Maximum of four prints per member. Also please supply John Sylvester with a jpeg digital copy of your prints with title, your name, and section you are in so he can produce the exhibition catalogue. Prints which have been in any competition or previous exhibitions are allowed.

As usual we want to display images from all sections of the club. It is thought that Lea Hall will prove to be a better venue than Hawkesyard.... But we need your pictures....

## Upcoming Club Evenings

March 28th - No Meeting - Bank Holiday  
April 4th - Speakers - Jon & Sue Baker 'There and Back Again'  
April 11th - Aldridge Photographic Society Entertain us with their Roadshow  
April 18th - Monthly Competition - PDI Subject - Open - Judge David Graham

## Next Speakers - April 4th - Jon & Sue Baker 'There and Back Again'

Jon and Sue Baker are both highly esteemed photographers in their own right. They will be presenting a stunning print show of mainly colour and monochrome landscape images focussing on England, North Wales, Scotland and the French & Swiss Alps. Jon and Sue are meticulous in their quest for perfect lighting such that their images are full of drama, atmosphere and impact.

Link to Jon Baker's website: [Jon Baker Images](http://Jon Baker Images)

## Computer Problems..?!?!

Haven't we all. This gentleman has been highly recommended by members as being very good.

The PC Doctor - Richard Roberts  
Tel: 01889 226108  
Mob: 07977 124388

**THE RPS**  
ROYAL  
PHOTOGRAPHIC  
SOCIETY

For anyone who is looking towards obtaining either a LRPS or ARPS awards, the RPS are holding an Advisory Day on 27th March at Smethwick P.S. More details here: [RPS Advisory Day](http://RPS Advisory Day)



## UPCOMING EVENTS & COMPETITIONS

### Events

#### March 16th - 20th—MidPhot

MidPhot is the Annual Exhibition for members of any Club/Society in the MCPF

#### CAPTURE BIRMINGHAM 2016

Over the weekend of the Photography Show at the NEC there are other events in the city.

Capture Birmingham: [Capture Birmingham](#)

Steve Walton Workshop: [Dawn Over Pendigo Lake](#)

Full 'What's On' Guide: [Birmingham Photography](#)

#### March 19th —22nd - The Photography Show. 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.

For more information: [click here](#)

#### National Geographic Photography Exhibition Saturday March 19th. 11am - 4pm

National Geographic Traveller Magazine present an exhibition of the very best travel photographs from around the world. The images capture outstanding places, people and moments from Myanmar to Cuba and from Iceland to Wales.

[Click here: Hotel Du Vin, Birmingham FREE ENTRY](#)

#### Thursday 24th March Lichfield Garrick & Wednesday 30th March Stafford Gatehouse Gordon Buchannan - Wildlife Photographer

Join Gordon Buchanan, the highly acclaimed wildlife cameraman and presenter of 'The Polar Bear family and me' as he hosts an evening of exciting personal recollections, and lets you into his world of weird, wild and wonderful wildlife.

[Gordon Buchannan](#)

[Stafford Gatehouse Theatre](#)

[Lichfield Garrick Theatre](#)

#### Saturday 26th March - Rob Ings

If you fancy a trip out on Easter Saturday, club member Rob Ings has an exhibition of his prints on display at Lichfield Guildhall from 10am - 4pm I'm sure Rob will be very pleased to see you.

#### Saturday 9th April Droitwich Camera Club. David Noton 'Chasing the Light'

David is recognised as one of the world's leading landscape and travel photographers. The show is approximately two hours of photographic adventure and inspiration.

Tickets are £12 available here:

[David Noton 'Chasing the Light'](#)

### ...and finally

This week I became a Granddad again for the third time. Baby boy arrived one day after my 65th Birthday. A slightly delayed but not a bad birthday present...!!

### Competitions (Dates are Closing Dates)

#### 22nd April - Staffordshire Wildlife Trust 2017 Calendar

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](#)

#### 30th April - British Wildlife Photography Awards

Your chance to win a prestigious award, with cash prize of £5,000 plus Canon Cameras. Details here:

[British Wildlife Photography Awards](#)

#### 30th April - WildPix - British Wildlife & RSPB Young Persons Awards

For those young enough to have children or those old enough to have Grandchildren.

WildPix is the young person's category in the British Wildlife Photography Awards.

There are two age categories: Under 12's and 12-18 years of age. More details & rules here:

[WildPix Young Persons Awards](#)

#### 30th June - Campaign to Protect Rural England

The Staffordshire branch of Campaign to Protect Rural England are holding a 80th year anniversary landscape photography competition to show the best of Staffordshire.

There are two age categories, 18 & under and adult. The most popular photographs voted for by the public will be printed in a CPRE Staffordshire 2017 Calendar plus being displayed in exhibitions throughout the county.

[Campaign to Protect Rural England](#)

### Staffordshire Print Competition

As you all know, we are hosting this years Staffordshire Photographic Clubs Annual Print Competition on Wednesday April 13th at Lea Hall.

Most of the arrangements are already in place, but there will be much work to be done on the night.

If you are able to help, please have a word with Kay and Graham Williams or any committee member. This is a very prestigious event so we wish to do it right.



Birthday Wishes this week go to:

23rd March - Rob Morris

24th March - Simon Healey

Hope you both have a great day