



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

2nd April 2016

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NEXT COMPETITION - 18th April - PDI - Subject OPEN

Please note that our next monthly competition on the 18th April is a PDI competition. Entries therefore need to be in on MONDAY 4th APRIL. Please let Dave Perry have your entries on either memory stick, CD or sent to him via email.

For information regarding resizing for PDI's please see Page 2 of the newsletter.

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... We would like 200 but we only have 74.....

THIS WEEK - April 4th - Jon & Sue Baker - 'There and Back Again'

Jon and Sue, both highly esteemed photographers in their own right, will be joining us from the Wrekin Photographic Society for a double treat. They will be presenting a stunning print show of mainly colour and monochrome landscapes focusing on England, North Wales, Scotland, Chamonix and Zermatt. They have also promised to include some creative images and a few portraits. Jon and Sue are extremely meticulous in their quest for perfect lighting such that their images are full of drama, atmosphere and impact. [Jon Baker Images](#)

Sunday 3rd April - Tackeroo - Cannock Chase Dirty Dozen 12k Adventure Trail Run



Now in it's 3rd year the 2016 Scott Sports Dirty Dozen will be bigger, tougher and more muddy than ever before. Trail running is becoming more and more popular over recent times and Cannock Chase is the perfect location for some muddy fun on natural trails.

Now we're not suggesting you wish to enter, but it should be perfect for some action photography especially if it includes plenty of suffering...!!

[Dirty Dozen 12k Adventure Run](#)

Staffordshire Print Competition - April 13th Lea Hall

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.

Upcoming Club Evenings

April 11th - Aldridge Photographic Society
Entertain us with their Roadshow

April 18th - Monthly Competition - PDI
Subject - Open - Judge David Graham

April 25th - Speaker - John Hartshorne
'Digi-re-do'



Nik Collection Software

Google have now made the Nik Collection software a FREE download.

For more information and to download click here:

[Nik Collection Software](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS & COMPETITIONS

Events

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'](#)

The Lichfield Mystery Plays - May

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

Or contact Bob Bell

[Lichfield Mystery Plays](#)

[Lichfield Mystery Plays - Pictures](#)

Chasewater Railway

Chasewater Railway operates heritage steam and diesel trains on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays throughout the year, most Saturdays Easter to October and certain weekdays throughout the summer. More information here:

[Chasewater Railway](#)

Resizing Images for PDI Competitions

Like all things in life, if you know how to do something, it's easy. If you don't, it's hard.

The club has quite a bit of information on its website regarding resizing images for PDI competitions. Links can be found here:

[Resizing for PDI Competitions](#)

This YouTube video kindly produced by Bob Bell is particularly good.

[Resizing with Photoshop Elements - Bob Bell](#)

Canon

As much as it pains me to say it, this Canon website is extremely good. There's enough stuff on here to keep you going for a while.

Although of course aimed at Canon users, the majority of information is applicable to all.

[Canon Tutorials](#)

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:

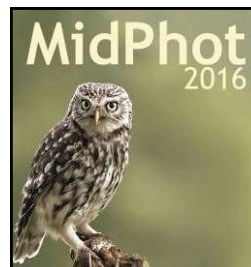
[WildPix Young Persons Awards](#)

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](#)



MidPhot 2016

For those who would like to see the Accepted Images for MidPhot 2016, the exhibition catalogue can be downloaded here.

[MidPhot 2016](#)



Birthday Wishes this week go to:

6th April - John Simons

6th April - Tony Winfield

7th April - Jamie Checkland

Hope you all have a good day