



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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Last Week

Last week we held the annual Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Competition. What an absolutely wonderful evening it was. The standard of prints was amazing, giving our Vice-President Adam an almost impossible task to sort out a winner, a task that Adam accomplished with his usual thoroughness and attention to detail. In my humble view Adam turned out to be one of the best, if not the best, judge we have had at the club. From everyone, thank you Adam.

Apart from the high standards of the images submitted, the real pleasing thing was the complete disregard to the sections from which the winning prints came from. The Elementary section provided two held back images, the Intermediate section four images, and Advanced section 'only' two images. Also the sexes were split equally with four male and four female members gaining awards.

Please see page two for the winning images, and added comments from Adam.

Nikon P900

During the judging for the Natural History Competition, Adam made a comment regarding the Nikon P900 superzoom bridge type camera. It sports a massive x83 zoom, ranging from 24mm to 2000mm (35mm format equivalent).

For more information see link to Nikon website plus links to review sites:

[Nikon Coolpix P900 - Official Nikon Website](#)

[Nikon P900 - Review - one](#)

[Nikon P900 - Review - two](#)

[Nikon P900 - Review - three](#)

Raffle prizes required for our Presentation Evening.

If you have anything which may make a good raffle prize on our Presentation Evening please contact Carole Perry or John Sylvester.

Staffordshire Audio-Visual Group

If you are interested in Audio-Visual presentations or would like to be, the Staffs A/V group meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Derrington Village Hall ST18 9LR. Howard Bagshaw a good friend of ours is the clubs Chairman.

[Staffordshire Audio Visual Group](#)

Upcoming Club Evenings

June 27th - Presentation Evening
Presentation of Prizes
Buffet & a jolly good time

Online Photography Competitions

If anyone fancies entering some online photography competitions, this website may be worth a look at: [Viewbug](#)

Birthday Wishes this week go to:

19th June - John Bennett

20th June - Tony Gretton

Hope you both have a great day



Upcoming Events

Midland Salon 6th - 14th August

Closing Date 27th June

Entry form here: [Midland Salon 2016](#)

Lichfield Camera Club

Summer Exhibition 2016

4th July - 29th July. Free Admission
Chasewater Innovation Centre

Lichfield Cathedral Photography Tours

Saturday 24th August 10am & 2pm

Tickets: £15 available from the Shop at No.9

[Photography Tours Lichfield Cathedral](#)

Landscape Photographer of the Year

Entries open until 10th July £10,000 1st Prize

For details please go to: [Take a View](#)

Shugborough

Future events at Shugborough that hopefully could provide some good photo opportunities:

[1-3 July - Staffordshire Cycling Festival](#)

[23-24 July - Shugborough Country Show](#)

[7 August - Classic Car & Transport Show](#)

Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Award 2016

The Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Award was set up four years ago in honour of Roy and his continuing hard work to promote our amazing hobby. Roy was a massive help to me when I first started photography as a hobby, and he has been both a fantastic friend and mentor over the years. The Roy Hodgkiss Award means an awful lot to me. Each year the quality of work in the competition gets better and better. This year was the first in which I selected the overall winners, spending the Saturday before the competition carefully going through each print. I was quite amazed, last Saturday, seeing those prints for the first time; my initial impression was *how am I going to select a winner from this gallery of fantastic images?* In the end I had to become quite nit-picky in order to refine them down to the final nine. So let me congratulate Mr Geoff Setterfield for the final winning image. This pure natural history shot met all of the criteria: I could not fault it in any way. I would be extremely proud to have such an image in my own collection. Thank you to all the members for submitting images; the quality was amazing, and I thoroughly enjoyed the privilege of judging. Finally, to all of you for supporting this event which means so much to me, thank you. Kindest regards Adam.



FIRST PLACE

'Shag with Young
On Farne Island'
By Geoff Setterfield



SECOND

'Common Gull'
By Hilary Thomas



THIRD

'3 Puffins'
By Kay Williams



HIGHLY COMMENDED

'Herring Gull'
By Robert Ings



HIGHLY COMMENDED

'Ruddy Darter'
By Robert Ings



HIGHLY COMMENDED

'Pale Tussock & Green Pug'
By Paddy Ruske



COMMENDED

'Wheatear'
By Nola Lovatt



COMMENDED

'Lions Mane Jellyfish'
By Carole Perry



COMMENDED

'Long Tailed Tit'
By Neil Bunting