



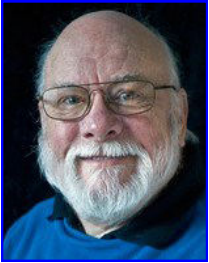
Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

1st October 2016

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Our new season began on Monday 12th September

Last Week



Last week was our first Practical Evening of the season. Instead of our usual system of utilising the knowledge of our experienced members to act as teachers, we asked Bob Moore a very experienced photographer to be our mentor for the evening.

Bob began by saying that in his opinion we should make photography easy. He sets his camera to RAW capture, auto 'P' mode, ISO on auto, centre spot focus and selects a minimum shutter speed. He then lets the camera do the rest. He suggested that we should visit as many exhibitions as we can to see the work of others. Bob also recommended using as good a monitor as you can.

After the break Bob gave a demonstration of Topaz ReMask, a piece of software which enables accurate selections of difficult subjects. It certainly looked impressive. Bob then suggested that when sharpening an image, use the 'High Pass' method and not the more common 'Unsharp Mask'.

Click here for more information re: [Topaz ReMask](#)

'Maria's Tree'



It is with great sadness that I have to announce the demise of a well-known Rugeley landmark. 'Maria's Tree' situated in a field off Bower Lane, arguably one of the most photographed trees in the Midlands if not the country, is no more. It's gone. It even featured in the Landscape Photographer of the Year annual competition.

The internet is awash with pictures of Maria's Tree. There is even a group on Flickr dedicated to it. It's also been used a few times in club competitions. For plenty of pictures see here: [Maria's Tree](#)

Staffordshire Wildlife Trusts

15th & 22nd October:

Advance Photography with David Rees
Local professional photographer, David Rees, will be holding a 2 session Advanced photography course for people who have already completed a basic photography course. They must have a digital camera capable of full manual control and will be encouraged to undertake assignments between sessions. [Advanced Photography with David Rees](#)

16th October:

Ryan Wood Charity Print Auction
Get bidding! Young photographer Ryan Wood aged 12 from Hixon is holding a charity auction selling his prints. [Ryan Wood Print Auction](#)

23rd October:

Raptor Identification Day
Spend a day with Jimmi Hill from Raptor Aid to host an informative and interesting day learning about raptors. [Raptor Identification Day](#)

If anyone is thinking of visiting any of the Staffordshire Wildlife Trusts, have a word with Paddy Ruske first as he will have a list of all up to date sightings.

Camera Repair

Following the request for recommended camera repairers in the nearby locality, should anyone be unfortunate enough to need one, these two names cropped up quite a bit.

[Peter Rogers - Stafford](#)

[H. Lehmann - Stoke-on-Trent](#)

If you require any help or advice.....

If any member requires help or advice on any aspect of photography please don't hesitate to ask. There will (nearly) always be someone who knows the answer. No question is too basic.

We would like more members to enter our monthly competitions.

Wrekin Salon 2016

Entries are now being taken for the Wrekin International Salon 2016.

Details here: [Wrekin International Salon 2016](#)

Closing date: Wednesday 9th November



Disabled Photographers Society

As most of you will already know, our President Roy Hodgkiss is heavily involved with raising funds for the Disabled Photographers Society. Each year at the Photography Show at the NEC the DPS have a stand where they sell photographic equipment donated by the general public. Although the show is usually held around March time if you have ANY items of photographic gear you don't want then please begin bringing it to the club. Roy will happily take it off your hands. Nothing is too small. Thank you.

Staffordshire Photographic Clubs Annual PDI Competition

It's that time again. The Annual Staffordshire Photographic Clubs PDI Competition is to be held on Wednesday 9th November at Longford Social Club Cannock. As you may remember we did extremely well last year, finishing in third place. Wouldn't it be great if we could equal or even better that position this year.

So to that end we will again be asking for images for the selection committee to consider.



Club Day Out - Doxey Marshes Stafford Friday Afternoon 28th October

From Margaret:

The 'Golden Hour' is from about 16.30 to 17.45, so I suggest we meet at 14.45 for a 15.00 start.

I suggest that members either wear wellies or waterproof boots as there is a small and hopefully shallow ford. Otherwise the paths are flat and good, and there are no stiles.

There is a big hide with views over a small lake, and at this time of year we would expect to see a good mix of birds including Swans, moorhens, different types of geese, cormorants, lapwings and different types of ducks.

A long lens would be useful but some of the birds may be relatively close so a medium zoom should be ok.

Afterwards we are going for food if anyone wants to the Radford Bank Inn, ST17 4PG which serves a decent carvery at very reasonable prices, plus other options.

More information for Doxey Marshes here: [Website Doxey Marshes](#)



DSCL - DS Colour Labs Ltd

Autumn Sale now on

Click here: [DS Colour Labs](#)

For information on preparing images for sending to DSCL see this video: [Images for DSCL](#)



Wolverhampton Camera Fair Sunday 16th October

Wolverhampton Racecourse
Dunstall Park
Wolverhampton

The Wolverhampton Camera Fair is the UK's largest independent camera fair, regularly featuring over 100 tables and a wide range of vendors selling everything from vintage and collectible cameras right up to modern digital equipment.

'Xmas for Kids'

Xmas 4 Kids is a pop-up stall at the Indoor Market, open every market day from 26th November to 24th December. It will stock new and not-so-new toys, games, books and clothes for children up to teenage years. People will choose what they pay for items, whatever they feel is fair and what they can afford. All profit will go to Rugeley Food Bank.

We are busy collecting donations for the stall, so if any of your family are clearing the decks to make space for this year's presents, or if they have outgrown their bike or other toys etc, please ring Pat on 07711 778470 to arrange collection. There has been tremendous support for this community project. Pat knows from volunteering at the Food Bank how generous Rugeley folk are. So please help us to help local families at this expensive time of year.

Ocean Film Festival - Gatehouse Theatre Stafford - 7th October

For those who like nature films this is surely one evening not to be missed. Brought to you by the producers of the Banff Film Festival this extraordinary collection of short films document the beauty and power of the ocean.

For more information see here: [Ocean Film Festival](#) and for tickets see here: [Stafford Gatehouse Theatre](#)