



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

15th October 2016

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Last Week

Last week we were entertained by Yoxall Camera Club. Considering they only have twenty-one members and half of them turned up on the night they provided us with an excellent evening. Their Roadshow was comprised mainly of A/V presentations with subjects ranging from Liverpool, the Lake District through to Gannets on Bempton Cliffs to a week in the Masai Mara. All very well done. A credit to a small club.

This Week - Guest Speaker - Colin Trow-Poole People & Places



Colin is a fellow of the Royal Photographic Society and the Irish Photographic Federation. He holds a Masters at the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain and has won numerous gold and silver medals. He is privileged to be asked to judge national photographic competitions and has had many of his own exhibitions. He enjoys the simplicity that the black and white image affords. He believes that by removing colour, the focus is shifted, distractions are minimized viewers impressions are altered. His goal, wherever possible, is to create drama, mood and narrative power. See Colin's website here: Colin Trow-Poole

24th October - Members Evening - Judge For The Night

Monday 24th October sees our ever popular "Judge for a Night" evening. We ask all members to take part in this fun evening by submitting a maximum of 2 prints. They don't have to be mounted, but it's fine if they are. A4 or above is a suitable size. They must have your name and a title on the reverse. These will then be displayed for all members to view and decide on their favourite five images. The scores will be totalled during the break and the results given for the most popular five images chosen. The members whose prints were chosen can talk about them if they want to, or any member can talk about any image. No pressure will be put on any member to stand in front of everyone to talk. This is purely a fun night (with no charge for prints), when all members can see what a judge experiences when faced with many super images to give critique about.

The prints can have been entered before in any competition or exhibitions as the scores will not be counted towards the league tables for the year. The prints will not be segregated into any group. Members cannot vote for their own image.

You can bring the prints in the week before on Monday 17th October or on the night Monday 24th October up to 7.00pm to allow for us to display them.

31st October - Instructional A/V Evening with Howard Bagshaw

Howard Bagshaw will again visit us and give us some guidance on producing Audio Visual Presentations. Howard is an expert in A/V's so if you would like to 'learn how' then this is definitely one evening not to be missed. Howard belongs to the Staffordshire Audio Visual Group

7th November - Monthly Competition - PDI - Subject 'Open'

Nearly time to get your entries in for the next monthly competition. As it's a PDI entries need to be in TWO weeks before by the 24th October. If you need help resizing images this page on the club website should help: Resizing Images for PDI

It's That Time Again.....



Oh how I hate using and hearing the 'C' word. It should be banned
Sorry but I'm afraid I've got to say it.
Christmas Ouch that hurt.

Tickets will soon be available for our Christmas Dinner.

The venue will be 'The Restaurant' Lea Hall Club
A Splendid Time is Guaranteed For All

Staffordshire PDI Competition

We've already had a good response to our request for images, but PLEASE feel free to bring in more and make the Selection Committee's difficult job even more difficult.

Disabled Photographers Society

Don't forget if you have any unwanted items of photographic equipment, no matter how small, Roy Hodgkiss will willingly take them off your hands

Roadshow at Wolverhampton Photographic Society

After this weeks visit from Yoxall Camera Club and their wonderful presentation it is time for us to think about our Roadshow with Wolverhampton PS on Tuesday 7th Feb 2017. Any member interested in giving a presentation be it AV, slideshow or print display please speak to Hilary Thomas as soon as you can. You can get in touch via email at misc@mypandas.me.uk or speak to her at any Club meeting. This is open to ALL members of Rugeley and Armitage Camera Club. Thank you. Hilary Thomas

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](#)

Proposed Walks

Margaret has proposed other days out which will hopefully be of interest to members. One is to Martin Mere Wetland Centre near Southport. This will be sometime in November. Another is an evenings night photography possibly in Lichfield sometime in December.

If anyone is interested in joining these walks or has ideas for other days out please add your name to the sheet on club night or drop Margaret an email to margaretbeardsmore@gmail.com

MidPhot 2017

Time to sort out your entries for MidPhot 2017
Closing date for entries 11th February 2017
Rules & Entry Forms downloaded here:
[MidPhot Rules & Entry Forms](#)

'Free Software'

A few members have recommended this website
[GIVEAWAY of the Day](#)
Every 24 hours they offer a fresh commercial program for free to Download, install & register.



Wolverhampton Camera Fair Sunday 16th October

Wolverhampton Racecourse
Dunstall Park, Wolverhampton
[Wolverhampton Camera Fair](#)

Great Birmingham Run

If anyone should happen to be in Birmingham on Sunday it's the Birmingham Half Marathon. I'm afraid you are too late to enter, but there should be quite a few photo opportunities. Website with course details here: [Birmingham Half Marathon](#)

Photography Walks in Shropshire

A couple of short guided walks around beautiful National Trust properties in Shropshire.
Click on the links for more information:
Sunday 23rd October - Attingham Hall
[Attingham in Focus](#)
Sunday 30th October - Dudmaston Estate
[Autumn Colours Photography Walk](#)

Steve Backshall - 'Wild World' Tour 29th Oct - Birmingham - Town Hall 31st Oct - Stoke-on-Trent - Regent Theatre

Wildlife TV Presenter and adventurer Steve Backshall presents a talk illustrated with photos and films from his expeditions from the Arctic to the Antarctic, from the tundra to the top of the world's highest peaks, and from the depths of the rainforest to the bottom of the sea.
[More Information here: Steve Backshall Tour](#)



Birthday Wishes this week go to:

17th Oct - John Ford
18th Oct - Paul Mills
Have a great day

Rob & Margaret Cross

If you are in Lichfield on Saturday (15th Oct) from 10am till 4pm then why not pop into the Guildhall where Rob & Margaret are displaying a selection of their prints. Even have a cup of tea. You will be most welcome.