



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

17th June 2017

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End of Season

Can't believe the last 12 months have gone so quickly. I suppose that's what happens when you get past thirty! This will be the last newsletter of the season. If anything of interest crops up during the summer break I'll send it out by email.

So from me, Carole and the Committee, have a good holiday and see you all next season.

NEW SEASON BEGINS MONDAY 11th SEPTEMBER

Annual Presentation Evening - 19th June 2017

Our final meeting of the season is our Presentation Evening where we hand out awards to all those members who've done well in our various competitions throughout the year. We also have good food, good drink and a good laugh. But above all this we also present a cheque to St. Giles Hospice, the result of our fund raising over the last twelve months. As last time we will play some party games plus hold a raffle. Money raised from these will also be added to the St. Giles total. Our old favourite games will be making a welcome return. These are 'Irish Bingo' and Heads 'n' Tails. Cost for these will be £1 per ticket for the Irish Bingo and £2 for heads 'n' Tails. The raffle will be £1 per strip of tickets.

Our members have always been very generous to our chosen charity, so once again we hope to be able to present a cheque to St Giles for a considerable amount. Thank you to those members (you know who you are) who when asked for £8 for their ticket said to make it up to £10. Every little helps.



National Memorial Arboretum - Armed Forces Day - Saturday 24th June

Celebrate the work of Her Majesty's Armed Forces at the National Memorial Arboretum. The Arboretums' FREE Armed Forces Day activities will include family adventure activities including climbing walls, segways, archery and a zip line, a food and craft fair, musical entertainment, service of thanksgiving, flypast and an Armed Forces Day parade.

Also of interest on the same day "A Spotlight on the Vulcan in the Falklands Conflict".

Learn more about the Vulcan in this fascinating talk. Martin Withers, pilot of the Vulcan, will highlight the important role of the Vulcan aircraft in the liberation of the Falkland Islands.

[See here for forthcoming events at the Arboretum](#)

Lea Hall Club 50th Anniversary Party

On the 22nd July Lea Hall Club will be 50 years old. To celebrate this milestone they are holding a party on Saturday 22nd July. As the camera club is affiliated to Lea Hall Club, members are invited to attend. Tickets are only £4.00 which also includes a basket meal. If you wish to attend then please purchase your tickets from behind the bar or email Lea Hall club secretary at thesecretary@leahallclub.co.uk



Landscape Photographer of the Year

There's still time for all you wonderful landscape photographers to send in your entries for 'Take a View 2017'.

Founded in 2006 by Charlie Waite, this competition shows off Britain at its best. Full information below:
[Landscape Photographer of the Year 'Take a View'](#)

Things to do in the Holidays

Just a couple of places suggested by members if you fancy a day out during the holidays, or if you need to entertain the grandchildren for an hour or two.

[The Wyre Forest and surrounding area](#)
[Wolverhampton Fiesta 15th & 16th July](#)



Birthdays This Week

17th June - John Gifford

19th June - John Bennett

20th June - Tony Gretton

Have a great day Gents

To all those members whose birthday is during the summer break, also have a great day



Staffordshire Ironman 70.3 Sunday 18th June

Don't forget the Staffordshire Ironman Triathlon is on Sunday.

The swim is at Chasewater, the cycling passes through Rugeley and surrounding villages, and the run is at Shugborough. Plenty of suffer shots.....

See the cycle route here:
[Ironman 70.3 Cycle Route](#)



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Last Week

Our meeting last week was for the annual Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Trophy. Rather than me sprout on about how good the evening was, I thought I'd hand it over to Adam, our Vice President and Judge for the evening.

Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Award 2017

Dear Members

The Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Award is now five years old. It is truly amazing how fast time moves on, it really doesn't seem long ago at all when the winner of the first ever award, our late and much missed friend Mr George Lamb received the trophy, the emotions of that evening still ring fresh in my mind and I know Roy's. The Roy Hodgkiss Award means an awful lot to me and really is an annual highlight.

This year once again, I selected the overall winners over the weekend before the competition, carefully going through each print. I was impressed, seeing those prints for the first time, it really was difficult choosing an overall winner, and in the end came down to trying to compare, and contrast the attributes of each image. So let me congratulate Mrs Margaret Beardsmore for the overall winning image. This shot successfully blended species and place with a wonderful composition and pose. Thank you to all of the members for submitting such a diverse range of images; the quality was once again excellent. I thank you all for submitting your work and giving me such a challenge for which I really enjoyed. I look forward to seeing what you can all come up with for the 2018 award.

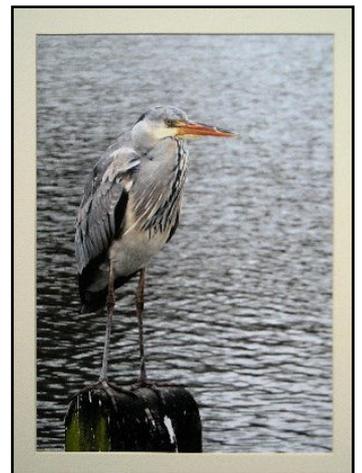
Kindest regards, Adam



Second
Atlantic Puffin
by
Chris Shaw



First
Two Adult Shags
in Courtship Plumage
by
Margaret Beardsmore



Third
Grey Heron
by
Marie Lakin

Highly Commended

Grey Wagtail Feeding by *Rob Ings*
Red Deer Stag by *Esther Wright*
Grey Squirrel by *Julie Byrne*

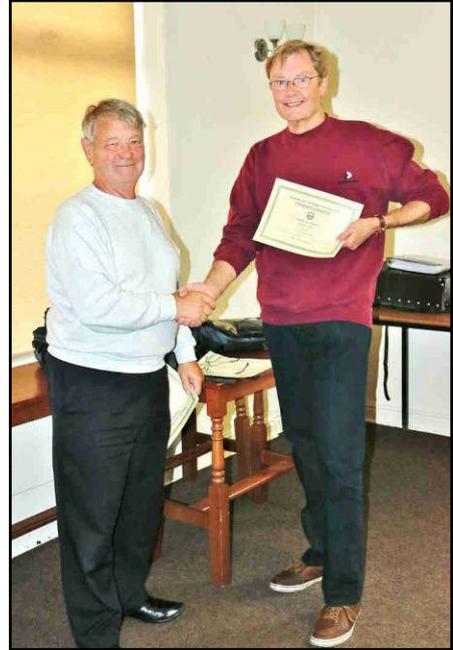
Commended

Great Skuas by *Graham Caddick*
Mayfly by *Paddy Ruske*

**Club Competition - 22nd May
Subject Monochrome
Judge David Graham**



**Advanced 1st
Roy Hodgkiss**



**Advanced 2nd
Graham Walker**



**Intermediate 1st
Neil Bunting**



**Intermediate 2nd
Linda Shaw**



**Elementary 1st
Lee Byrne**