



# Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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## Last Week

With the hot summer weather probably behind us, the nights drawing in, we once again joined together to welcome in the new season. As usual Carole greeted all members both old and new plus guests before gathering all committee members 'up front'. A real rogues gallery if ever there was one. Kay Williams then gave a thorough run through of the programme for the year including the excellent guest speakers we have visiting us. Dave Perry outlined the seasons competitions, and Rob Ings ran through all of the Practical Evening sessions he hopes to put on.

## This Week - Guest Speaker

### Paul Hassell - 'An *Incite* into my Photography'



Our first speaker of the season is Paul Hassell from Walsall. Paul is a member of Cannock Photographic Society. Paul will display and talk us through a selection of his images, along with his thoughts, practices and processes which cumulated in the final print.

Note: Couldn't find a picture of Paul so thought I'd use one of his subjects instead.

## Next Week - 25th September - Practical Evening

The first of our Practical Evenings where we get to learn things. Rob Ings has once again managed to cajole volunteer the more learned members of the club to impart their knowledge to the lesser knowledgeable members. Although to be fair there's often a very fine line between the two....

Subjects to be covered this session include: Basic Camera Skills: Basic Photoshop: Mount Cutting: 'Beat the Judge' (more advanced skills): Resizing Images for PDI competitions

Each subject's session will be one hour, one before the tea break and one after. So you can either put your name down for two subjects or if you prefer one subject and do it twice. Please put your chosen choices down on the sheets on Monday night. If you can't make it on Monday but will be at the Practical Evening please send an email Rob Ings with your choices. Email Rob here: [robings1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:robings1@hotmail.co.uk)

## Club Programme 2017/2018

The complete club programme for this season can be found on the club website.

Included are all competitions, stating whether prints or PDI, subject, closing dates & judges name.

[Programme for 2017/2018](#)

## Wanted - Programme Secretary/Secretaries

As I'm sure you'll agree, our Programme Secretaries Kay & Graham Williams have done us proud with the programme they've put together for us this coming year. Kay & Graham took on the programme position last year after our dear friend George Lamb sadly passed away. Replacing George was certainly a hard act to follow, but Kay & Graham more than stepped up to the task. However Kay & Graham would like to have a change, so they have indicated that as from next season they wish the Programme Secretary's role to be passed on to someone else.

The role doesn't need to be carried out by one person. As is often the case a shared task is much easier. If anyone in the club would like to consider taking on the role, either singularly or as a double act with a partner or other club member, please have a word with Carole or Kay & Graham for more information as to what is involved. As well as a full programme for this year, Kay & Graham have even begun putting the programme together for next year. It goes without saying that for whoever takes on the Programme Secretary's role, Kay & Graham will be available for as much help and guidance as you require.

## Lichfield Arts - 'Rites of Passage'



This year heralds the first LF2 Art Competition run by Lichfield Arts. This is an exciting opportunity for Artists using any 2D media such as painting, drawing, photography etc to showcase their work and better still win a cash prize. Selected work will be hung in the Guildhall Lichfield.

For full details see the Lichfield Arts website here: [Lichfield Arts 'Rite of Passage'](#)



## Disabled Photographers Society Our President - Roy Hodgkiss



Club President has been up to his winning ways again. Roy has won the Gold Medal at the Society's open competition, and followed this up with a bronze medal in the Natural History. Many congratulations Roy from all at the club

### Club Logo



It was discussed at the last committee meeting to consider updating the club logo. The 'old' logo has served us well over the last few years but maybe it's time for a more eye catching design. To this end the committee would like the members of the club to have a go at designing a new logo. The logo would be used on the club website and club headed letter paper so it would need to look good at various sizes. Ideally it would also need to have the club name written in full.

If you have any ideas as to what would make a good club logo, please have a go at putting it down on paper, or simply speaking to any committee member on a club night. As long as we have ideas I'm sure we can find a club member who can draw it on the computer.

### Club Trip - Middleport Pottery

Margaret has once again studied her 'What's On' tourist guide and come up with a factory tour around Middleport Pottery in Gods Country, sorry, Stoke-on-Trent. Margaret has arranged the tour for Thursday 23rd November at 11am. The cost will be £8.50 for those lucky enough to be under 60 and £7.00 for the rest of us. If you would like to go on the tour please put your name down on the sheet on Monday night.

### ColorMunki



You may or may not be aware, that the club possesses a ColorMunki (how I wish the Americans would learn to spell) monitor and printer calibration tool. On our practical

Evening in January Bob Bell will be demonstrating its use, but in the meantime if you wish to borrow it please speak with a member of the committee.

### When entering club competitions.....

When entering all club competitions, whether they be our monthly competitions or special additional competitions, as well as submitting your print, we would also like a digital jpeg image as well. This is so all competition entries can be put onto the club computer to enable the selection committee to choose what images to enter for our external competitions. Just ask if you require help with this

### Ladies vs Gentlemen - 2nd October

On our 2nd October meeting we will be holding the annual Ladies vs Gentlemen Print Competition. Probably the most important competition of the season. The Gentlemen have been very chivalrous in allowing the Ladies to be victorious for the last two years, but generosity doesn't last for ever.

We would like up to three entries per member. Prints must be mounted with your name and image title on the reverse in BLOCK CAPITALS for easy reading. Please number your prints 1,2,3 (best print first). As this competition doesn't count towards the yearly points table print previously entered into club competitions are allowed.

So come on. It's all good fun. Entries in be Monday 25th September please. Judge is Keith Long.

### Yoxall Roadshow - Wednesday 18th October

Our ever popular Travelling Roadshow is making its merry way to entertain the members of Yoxall Camera Club. Last year they came to us and produced a very enjoyable evening. Obviously we want to put on an equally good show. If you would like to submit to the evening or would like a bit more info as what we do, please have a word with Rob Ings on Monday night or drop him an email.

### Christmas Do....

I think this is the first time I've mentioned the word 'Christmas' since January, and I hope I won't have to mention it again until December. Having said that, the committee are actively looking for a venue for our Christmas Dinner. Unfortunately Lea Hall is not available for us this year as the catering lady will be away on holiday. Hopefully more information available soon.



Birthday Wishes this week go to:

19th Sept - Roy Hodgkiss

20th Sept - Graham Williams

Hope you both have a Great Day

### 'Club Flyers'

To help advertise the club we have produced some 'flyers' in various sizes. If you know of anywhere these could be placed, libraries, cafes, shops or anywhere with a notice board, please have a word with me or Carole.

## Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Trophy Presentation



Roy & Adam presenting Margaret Beardsmore with the winning trophy



Roy & Adam presenting Chris Shaw with The award for second place



Roy & Adam presenting Esther Wright with the award for Highly Commended