



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

14th October 2017

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Pound Coins

Don't forget you only have until Sunday to spend all those 'old' pound coins hiding down the back of the sofa or lurking deep in the depths of that handbag you last used at Aunt Mable's 80th birthday bash. Apparently there's still around £500million coins still in circulation. How many have you got...??

This Week - Guest Speaker - Stuart Crump



Our guest speaker on 16th October is Stuart Crump with a talk called 'Long Exposures and a Tale of Ten Images'. Stuart will show and explain to us how he photographs and edits his PDI images. Click on the link to see Stuarts website and images [Stuart Crump ARPS DPAGB EFIAP](#) There really is some excellent pictures. Hopefully we'll learn a lot.

Yoxall Roadshow - Wednesday 18th October

Hopefully you all read the email I sent out a couple of days ago with details of our Roadshow at Yoxall. Just to reiterate, all support would be most welcome. Yoxall are a small and very friendly club who visited us last year and put on an excellent evenings entertainment. Lets do the same for them.

Club Trip - Middleport Pottery - LAST CALL

There are only SEVEN places remaining for the club trip to Middleport Pottery on Thursday 23rd November. If you want to go please add your name to the list on Monday night. A non-refundable deposit of £5.00 is required by Monday 9th October. Total cost is £7.00 for those ages 60+ and £8.50 for those under 60

[Middleport Pottery Website](#)

Christmas Dinner - 11th December

Our Christmas Dinner for this year will be held at La Terrazza Italian Restaurant, Rugeley. Please put your name down on the list on Monday night. A non-refundable deposit of £5.00 required by 30th October.

Cannock Chase 'Dirty' Duathlon Sunday 22nd October

Should be plenty of photo opportunities here, especially if the weather has been nice and wet. Event comprises Run-Mountain Bike-Run. Starts and finishes at the Tackeroo Caravan Site at the top of Penkridge Bank Road. More info here:

[Cannock Chase Dirty Duathlon](#)

Mountboard

There's still a bit of time to put your order in for mountboard, but you'll need to be quick. There will be a list on the table for you to fill in with your choice of colour and quantity.

National Geographic Nature Photographer of the Year

The National Geographic Nature Photographer of the Year 2017 contest is now accepting entries. They are looking for spectacular pictures that tell the story of animals, lands, and environments around the world. Closing date is November 17th. If you wish to enter, full details can be found here

[National Geographic Nature Photographer 2017](#)

Villager Jim - The Photographic 'Banksy'

Quite a few club members plus 150,000 followers on Facebook are addicted to this website, and when you look at the photographs you can really understand why. Dubbed the "Banksy of the photographic world", the mysterious Villager Jim only picked up a camera a few years ago but now makes his living from taking wildlife 'snaps'.

[Villager Jim](#)

BBC Countryfile Calendar 2018

Featuring the 12 winning images from the show's annual photographic competition, the Countryfile Calendar for 2018 is full of stunning images of the British countryside and wildlife. Apart from looking good on your kitchen wall, it also raises much needed money for BBC Children in Need. More details and order form here: [2018 Calendar](#)

Camera Shoulder Strap

Maybe not the most glamorous item of camera gear, even worse if it says Nikon or Canon on it, but nevertheless one that can make a day out pretty uncomfortable if it doesn't support the camera. The shoulder strap is one of those bits of kit which the camera manufacturers skimp on. They'll happily sell you a SLR for a few grand, then slap a thirty bob strap on it. Luckily you don't need to spend much to get a vast improvement. Following a test in a magazine I splashed out £13.95 on a Matin Neoprene Strap. I'll bring it to the club on Monday if anyone else would like to 'upgrade'.

[Matin Shoulder Strap - Amazon](#)
[Matin Shoulder Strap - Review](#)



Birthday Wishes this week go to:

17th Oct - John Ford

18th Oct - Paul Mills

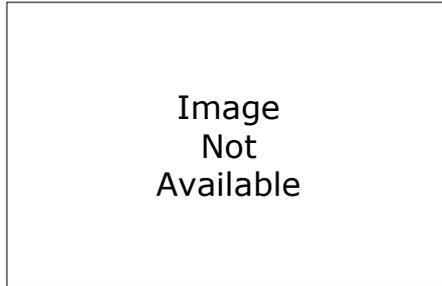
Have a great day gents

**Monthly Competition - One
Prints - Subject 'Open' - Judge David Graham**

Elementary



2nd
Burnet Moth
by Robert Griffiths



1st
Swanage Pier
by Andrea Wheatley



3rd
'Anna'
by Lorraine Barker



2nd
Lone Tree
by Chris Shaw

Intermediate

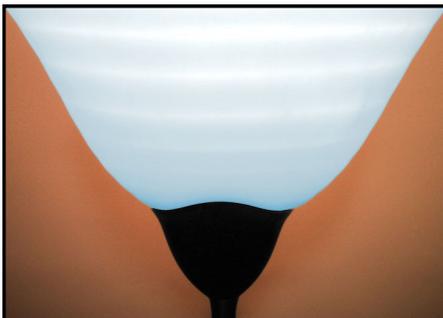


1st
Peeking through the Lily Pads
by Linda Shaw



3rd
To the Rescue
by Steve Setterfield

Advanced



2nd
My 1972 Uplighter Redone
by Bob Bell



1st
Road King
by Paddy Ruske



3rd
Little Owl Portrait
by Paddy Ruske