



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

18th November 2017

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Money Required

After an enforced break of a couple of weeks, sorry to return with asking you for money, but outstanding payment for the following is now due:

Trip to Middleport Pottery

Full payment plus food orders to be in by Monday 20th November please.

Christmas Dinner

Full payment plus menu requests to be in by Monday 27th November please.

Staffordshire Photographic Clubs PDI Competition

Last week we took part in the annual Staffordshire Photographic Clubs PDI Competition, once again staged by Cannock Photographic Society. A record thirteen clubs from throughout Staffordshire, ranging from Leek in the north to Tamworth in the south took part, making a grand total of 130 images for the judge David McGuire to wade through. We put up a very creditable performance finishing in 7th position but only two points behind three teams who shared 4th place. In fact the scores were so close we were only eight points behind the eventual winners Stafford Photographic Society.

Coming Up - 27th November - 'Judge for a Night'

Our ever popular 'Judge for a Night' evening where we ask you all to bring in one or two prints to be judged by fellow members. Prints to be A4 size or above, mounted or unmounted with your name and print title on the reverse side of the print. The prints will then be displayed for all members to view and decide their five favourite images. During the break the results will be totalled and the five most popular images announced. Members can and hopefully will speak a little about why they chose particular prints.

This is purely a fun evening. Entry into the competition is free. Prints may have been entered into any previous club competition. Scores will not be counted towards the monthly league tables nor will members be segregated into their competition groups. Members cannot vote for their own images.

Please bring prints in on Monday 20th November if possible, or on the night before 7.00pm to give us time to display them.

A big Thank you to Clive Pritchard who has offered to run this evening for us.

'George Lamb Trophy' - Monday 4th December

This Print competition is for the prestigious 'George Lamb Trophy' in memory of our dear friend George Lamb. The subject is Landscapes which were very dear to George's heart. It is with thanks to George's wife and family for donating this wonderful trophy. Entries required by Monday 27th November.

Wanted - Programme Secretary

We are still asking for one or two members to take on the role as 'Programme Secretary' for us. It goes without saying that any members taking on any roles within the club will get all the help and advice they need from the committee. If you feel you can help or need more information please speak with Carole.

Cannock Photographic Society Exhibition

Still time to visit their annual exhibition at the Chasewater Innovation Centre. On until 29th Nov.

The Photography Show
17-20 MARCH 2018
THE NEC, BIRMINGHAM

Photography Show - 17-20 March 2018

Upcoming date for the diary. Next years annual Photography Show at the NEC. The place where you can look in wonder at all the fantastic cameras and lenses on show, then kick yourself for why you wasted your money on Canon and Nikon.....

Photographic Competition 'Adventures in the Uplands'

For those who like the great outdoors, here's a wonderful competition to enter. The organisers are looking for dynamic, beautiful unusual photos which show off adventures in the British uplands, and will inspire people to visit our mountains, moors and bogs. Some excellent prizes to be had. Closing date midnight 31st December.

Full information here: [Adventures in the Uplands](#)

Burton Photographic Society - 18-19 Nov

Our friends at Burton are presenting their annual Photography Exhibition this weekend at the Priory Centre, Church Road, Stretton DE13 0HE. If you are at a loose end with a couple of hours to spare I'm sure they'll be pleased to see you.

Frankfurter Weihnachtsmarkt



The largest authentic German Christmas market outside of Germany or Austria, Birmingham's Frankfurt Christmas Market offers a large range of traditional goods and gifts and a selection of tempting food and drink. Pretzels, schnitzels, bratwursts, and roasted almonds will tempt your tastebuds, all of which can be washed down with gluhwein, weissbier (wheat beer, my favourite), or tasty hot chocolate.



After all that, if you're still able there's plenty of opportunity for picture taking as well (or better still more gluhwein & weissbier...)

Dates: 16th November to 24th December

See the website here: [Birmingham's Frankfurt Christmas Market](#)



Disabled Photographers Society

Following on from the earlier mention of next years Photography Show at the NEC, 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 the DPS have a stand where they sell photographic equipment donated by the general public. 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. Lens hoods and caps, filters, bags, cases, old flash guns, even old film cameras. Nothing is turned away. Thank you.

MCPF Newsletter - November Edition

The latest instalment of the MCPF newsletter is available to view on the MCPF website:

[MCPF November Newsletter](#)

...and for good measure if you still can't get to sleep here is the PAGB newsletter as well:

[PAGB Newsletter](#)



This Week - Jack Perks 'Diary of a Wildlife Photographer'

Jack's work has featured on Countryfile, Springwatch and The One Show. Jack will show some of the commissions, TV filming and personal shoots he's done over the past year, giving a insight into his mindset and how he goes about taking wildlife images. Website: [Jack Perks Photog-](#)

There is Life Beyond Adobe.....

Just because something is the most common or popular doesn't necessarily mean it's the best. If you read the monthly magazines you'd be forgiven for thinking that Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom were the only image editing and organising bits of software available. But that's not the case. Far from it. Now that Adobe in their infinite wisdom have decided to make Lightroom subscription only, and the latest edition of Photoshop Elements has added more auto features and photo sharing options rather than useful editing tools for the enthusiast photographers 'like wot we is', maybe this is a good time to see what else is out there.

There are some excellent offers around at the moment.

[Corel Paintshop Pro 2018 Ultimate - £64.99](#)

[ACDSee Photo Studio Ultimate - \\$99.95](#)

[Serif Affinity Photo - £48.99](#)

[On1 Photo Raw - \\$99.99](#)

Please Don't Forget.....

If anyone sees or hears of anything that they think may be of interest to other club members, such as competitions, exhibitions, days out, web sites etc etc, please let me know and I'll shove it in the newsletter. As I've said before, no news is not good news if you're trying to write a newsletter...!!



Birthdays this Week

Birthday wishes this week go to:

21st Nov: Roy Westwood

24th Nov: Christine Blackmore

Hope you both have a great day

.....and finally

The first digital camera was made by Kodak in 1975. It took 23 seconds to record the image onto cassette tape. The camera only recorded black and white photographs of 0.1 mega pixels and weighed 8 pounds. Ironically they decided not to 'develop' it further, fearing it would damage their film business. The rest is history as they say.

Monthly Competition No.2 6th November - PDI - Open Judge Steve Clifford

Following the competition this email was received off Steve Clifford:

Please pass on my thanks to your members. It was a pleasure to judge at your club as the atmosphere was very friendly and jovial, making my job easier and enabling me to relax and have a little 'banter' with the audience. For me club competitions are all about sharing our images with our peers and having fun.

I would welcome the opportunity to judge at Rugeley & Armitage anytime.

Best wishes, Steve Clifford

Elementary



2nd
'Racer 36'
by Ian Cheetham



1st
'Ring of Kerry'
by Glyn Heywood



3rd
'Amelia'
by Lorraine Barker

Intermediate



2nd
'Passion Flower'
by Linda Shaw



1st
'Douglas Lighthouse at Dawn'
by Richard Keene



3rd
'Andrew Jordan BMW M1 BTC'
by John Lewis

Advanced



2nd
'Lost'
by Paddy Ruske



1st
'Southport Pier'
by Dave Hanmer



3rd
'Fur Seal Pup'
by John Ford