



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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John Gifford

It is with great sorrow that we have to announce the passing of John Gifford, a dear friend and long standing club member. John passed away on Thursday. Our deepest condolences and best wishes go to his wife Ruth and family at this sad time.

John was an excellent photographer as can be seen from his image of a Falcon at the top of the page.

Our President Roy Hodgkiss

We are calling on club members for help. Our president Roy has been told that it is no longer advisable for him to drive. Therefore Roy is not able to get to the club on Monday evenings under his own steam. We are asking for any member who passes through or near Armitage on their way to the club could they make a slight deviation and call for Roy. If you can could you please give Roy a call on 01543 491569

Club Exhibition - Museum of Cannock Chase

Our exhibition begins on Monday 5th March. Please tell all those you know and also those you don't...

Members have been able to indicate if they wish to offer their print for sale. Prints have been priced at £30 each. From the sale of the print the Museum will take 15%. From the remaining amount [£25.50p] some members have said that they wish to make a donation to St Giles Hospice. For those members who are willing to donate 50% or more of the price of the print, in appreciation of this generosity the club will pay for a reprint and remount if the member wishes to keep their original print. Of course for us to do this we will need the jpeg file for the print.

Many thanks to those who have made this kind offer.

Last Week - Monthly Competition No.4 - Prints 'Monochrome'

Another excellent competition last week with some wonderful prints on show. Our judge for the evening was Tony Broome. Tony was a fan of monochrome but was very traditional in as much he still did it in the darkroom.

Reminded me of my old darkroom which was inside a built-in wardrobe. Believe me you didn't need 'recreational substances' when you were in a confined space sniffing darkroom chemicals with no air vent. . . . Happy days. . . .

Tony gave quite a few tips on what makes a good monochrome image. Apart from composition it needs contrast and tone between the light and dark areas coupled with good shapes and texture. He said that whenever you used lead-in lines try to get them to run left to right as that is the way your eyes look.

There were 17 entries from the Elementary Section with some first time entries. A seasons best. Excellent.

This Week - Interclub Competition v Acton Trussell & Penkrige P.S.

This week we host a rematch against Acton Trussell & Penkrige Photographic Society. There will be 10 Prints and 10 PDI's from each club for our old friend David Keith Jones to judge. For a very small club AT&P always give a very good account of themselves. We took victory last year so they are no doubt after revenge.

Presidents Evening - 12th March

This is the annual Roy Hodgkiss Presidents Evening when Roy usually entertains us but this year rumour has it that we should expect something totally different. Roy has apparently been getting quite a bit of assistance from the lady members of the club. I can't tell you what is happening because I don't know.

Next Speaker - 19th March - Dr Michael Leach - 'It's a Funny Way to Make a Living'.

"After three weeks in the rainforest my clothes could probably stand up by themselves, I smelt like a yak's armpit" This is what we want. Tonight our speaker is a doctor so he must be good. Michael explains the basics of his art in this revealing, humorous introduction to the realities of professional wildlife filming. This is most definitely NOT a technical talk. He explains how to coax animals into the right spot and convince them that no-one is watching. He uncovers cunning underhand tricks-of-the-trade that produce amazing photographs. Be prepared to have some illusions shattered. Have a look at Michaels website to see what we have in store. Michael Leach Photography

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust

Interested in Dragonflies? The Stafford Group of the Wildlife Trust has a talk by Andy Holt on March 21st. Full information can be found here: [Andy Holt Talk](#)

Birthday Wishes

Birthday Wishes this week go to:

March 3rd: Steve Higgins

Have a great day Steve



Rename a USB Stick on Windows PC

You know when you insert a USB stick into the PC and it comes up with something like 'REMOVEABLE DRIVE' Wouldn't it be good if you could give it a different name Well you can:

Insert USB stick and open My Computer
Right-click on the USB stick and select Rename
Type in the name you want. Your name perhaps [maximum 11 characters] then press ENTER
[Method slightly different on a Mac computer]

Monthly Competition No.4
Prints - Subject 'Monochrome' - Judge Tony Broome

Elementary



2nd
'Old & New, Budapest'
by Glyn Heywood



1st
'Rutland Water'
by Andrea Wheatley



3rd
'Sunset Dingle Bay'
by Glyn Heywood

Intermediate



2nd
'Vimy Ridge'
By Karen Kreft



1st
'Fleetwood Wrecks'
By Richard Keene



3rd
'Snow at the Storr'
by John Lewis

Advanced



2nd
'Redundant'
by Roy Westwood



1st
'Coupling Up The Engine'
by Steve Higgins



3rd
'Up The Chase'
by Rob Ings

Monthly Competition League Tables Four Down Two to Go

ELEMENTARY

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>No. of Entries</u>
1	ANDREA WHEATLEY	76	4
2	GLYN HEYWOOD	75	4
3	LES TROTMAN	67	4
4	KIM JONES	64	4
5	DENISE PHILLIPS	50	3
6	GRAHAM PHILLIPS	48	3
6	CLIVE PRITCHARD	48	3
8	DAVE FIELD	42	3
9	LORRAINE BARKER	37	2
10	GWEN DUCKHOUSE	32	2
11	BOB BARRATT	28	2
12	JULIE FIELD	27	2
13	IAN CHATHAM	19	1
13	ROBERT GRIFFITHS	19	1
15	ALISON MANLEY	15	1
16	DAVID DALY	14	1

INTERMEDIATE

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>No. of Entries</u>
1	KAREN KREFT	74	4
1	JOHN LEWIS	74	4
1	LINDA SHAW	74	4
4	CHRIS SHAW	72	4
5	RICHARD KEENE	70	4
6	STEVE SETTERFIELD	67	4
7	GEOFF SETTERFIELD	66	4
8	BRENDA PAGE	48	3
9	KARL RILEY	46	3
10	NEIL BUNTING	32	2
11	CHRISTINE BLACKMORE	30	2
12	KEVIN SNEDDON	19	1
13	SUE HARTLEY	16	1

ADVANCED

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>No. of Entries</u>
1	ALAN GRIFFITHS	74	4
2	GRAHAM ORGILL	73	4
3	BRIAN WHEATLEY	72.5	4
4	ROB INGS	71	4
5	MARGARET BEARDSMORE	69	4
5	ROY HODGKISS	69	4
7	JOHN FORD	67	4
8	CAROLE PERRY	66	4
9	PHIL WILSON	65	4
10	DAVID PERRY	63	4
11	MARIE LAKIN	62	4
12	JAN WILSON	61	4
13	NOLA LOVATT	60	4
14	PADDY RUSKE	57	3
15	ROY WESTWOOD	55	3
16	STEVE HIGGINS	54	3
17	CLIVE DUNKEY	49	3
17	TONY SLATER	49	3
19	GRAHAM WALKER	47	3
20	ROBERT BELL	39	2
21	DAVID CAUSER	36	2
22	GRAHAM WILLIAMS	33	2
23	DAVID HANMER	20	1
24	ALAN DOWNES	17	1
25	GRAHAM CADDICK	16	1
25	BILL COTTESS	16	1