



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

10th March 2018

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This Week - Presidents Evening



At this point I normally write what's in store for us this coming club evening, but I'm afraid this time I haven't been party to any information. All I can tell you is that Roy has used his smooth talk, charm and persuasion on the lady members of the club to help him out. I'm sure the ladies will come up trumps and won't let Roy or the rest of us down and give us an excellent evening.

On behalf of Roy I would like to thank all those members who've donated items for the Disabled Photographers Society stall at the upcoming Photography Show at the NEC. I've been to the show many times and can honestly say that the Disabled PS stall is by far the most interesting stall there. Let's face facts, if you've seen one Canon or Nikon you've seen them all.

I'm sure this has already been arranged with Roy, but just in case its slipped through the net, Roy will need a lift to the club from anyone passing through Armitage. Please give him a call on 01543 491569. Better more than none.

Monthly Competition No5—Entries Required

Entries are required to be in **THIS MONDAY 12th MARCH** for the 5th of our Monthly Competitions. This is a Projected Digital Image (PDI) competition and the subject is 'OPEN'
Judge for the competition is Ken Hudson

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

Last Week - Interclub Competition v Acton Trussell & Penkridge Photographic Society

Last week we held our annual competition against AT&P PS (I wish they'd shorten their club name). Once again some excellent images were on display from both clubs for David Keith Jones to judge in his unique style. As always David gave useful advice. On PDI's he said a 2 pixel border around the image is quite adequate. Any more than that and it distracts from the picture. He also said don't be afraid to add a slight vignette which helps to draw the attention into the important areas of the picture. One strange bit of advice David gave was why turn a PDI into monochrome as the image was taken in colour. Leave it in colour. Surely by that reckoning the same advice must go for a print as well. They are taken in colour.... At the end of the evening the final scores were:

PDI: R&ACC=170 AT&P=166 PRINT: R&ACC=167 AT&P=149 TOTAL: R&ACC=337 AT&P=315

MidPhot 2018 Exhibition

The MidPhot Exhibition is open from 21st - 25th March at the Old Schoolhouse, Churchbridge, Oldbury, B69 2AS See the best in Midlands Photography and pick up on the flavour of the month things that judges like to go for.

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust

Now that Spring is almost here it's time to think about taking images for next years Staffordshire Wildlife Trust 2019 calendar. Closing date 27th April. Full details here

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust 2019 Calendar

Staffordshire Photographic Clubs Annual Print Competition - Wednesday 11th April

It's that time again when the crème of Staffordshire Photography clubs gather at Lea Hall (we'll be there as well). With Rugeley having promoted and organised it for the last two years it will be good for us to just go along and enjoy the evening and hope the judge knows what he's doing and gives us top marks. Always a good evening.

St Giles Hospice

As you know St Giles Hospice is our clubs chosen charity. Since our founding we have donated well over £6000. St Giles have invited us for a visit to see what they do and to what our money goes towards. We have been given a choice of two dates, 7th June and 15th July with both dates 10.00am to 12.30pm. If anyone is interested in looking around St Giles Hospice, please let Carole know, along with your preferred date.

Birthday Wishes this week go to:

12th March: Judith Israel
13th March: Kay Williams
14th March: Adam Belcher
15th March: Dave Hanmer

Hope you all have a great day (I know I will)



Tripods & Mountain Bikes

Photography and cycling again. What's the connection? Tripods and mountain bikes have a common theme
STRONG - LIGHT - CHEAP
Pick any two from three. You can't have them all.
If it's light and cheap it ain't strong. If it's strong and cheap it ain't light. If it's strong and light it ain't cheap.

Club Exhibition - Museum of Cannock Chase

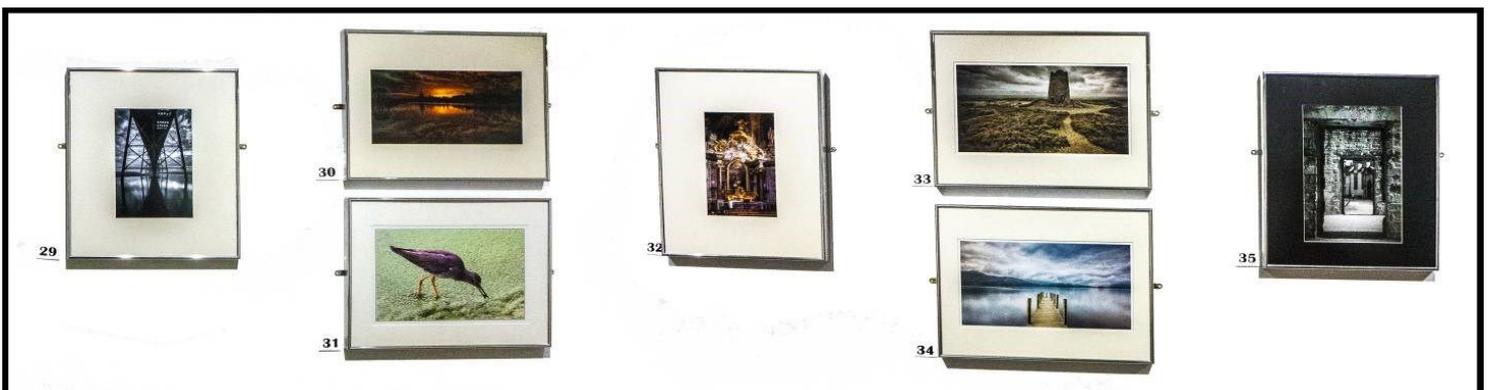
Our annual exhibition is under way at the Museum of Cannock Chase until the 22nd April.
On Monday evening Carole said how good it was. So I went to look for myself. She was not wrong.
It's excellent. The museum staff obviously know what they are doing. They have really done us proud.
Please try and visit. I guarantee you won't be disappointed. I wasn't.

Opening Times

5th to 30th March - 11am - 4pm Monday to Friday [closed Sat & Sun]
31st March to 22nd April - 11am - 5pm open every day

Note: Last entry 30mins before closing time

Click here for museum website: [Museum of Cannock Chase](#)



Face of Stoke-on-Trent [aka God's Country]

The 'face' of Stoke-on-Trent is a project to create one large face composed of 3550 smaller faces.

What has this got to do with Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club?

Well one of the images was taken by one of our members.

During the club's recent visit to Middleport Pottery, Margaret Beardsmore decided to point her camera at one of the volunteers who look after visitors. Margaret submitted her picture to the project organisers who have included it with all the other 3549. The face can be seen in Hanley City Centre.

By clicking onto the website you can zoom in on the 'Face' and see individual images.

I had a quick look to see if I could find Margaret's image but gave up after about 2000.....

[Face of Stoke-on-Trent](#)

