



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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Last Week - Presidents Trophy Competition

First things first. The evening raised £160 for St Giles Hospice. Well done everyone.

An excellent entry of 56 prints gave our old friend Ralph Duckett a difficult time. Ralph's comments were as always his normal constructive not destructive. We're sure Ralph will dread images of Cats appearing in all future competitions he judges. Ralph held many images back, before selecting his final three. Winner & Runners Up on next page:

This Week - Rugeley v Lichfield v Burton - 3/way Competition

This week it is our turn to host the annual 3/way battle between ourselves and friends from Lichfield and Burton Camera Clubs. Last year Burton were the victors and we came second. We were in third place in the print competition but bounced back to win the PDI. We hope for another good clean battle, as long as we win. But of course it's not the winning that counts, but the taking part..... Yeah right....!!

Last Monthly Competition - 21st May

With only one monthly competition left, this is the crunch one. Season will be won or lost here. Print competition. Subject 'Transport' Judge Peter Siviter. Last day for entries 14th May and while you're in the competition mood:

Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Trophy: 11th June - Prints - Judge Adam Belcher. Entries by 4th June

Don't Fudge your Natural History Entry...!!

Not that I'm insinuating anyone in the club would do such a thing, but a winning entry in the Natural History Museum's Wildlife Photographer of the Year was disqualified for using a stuffed anteater: [Stuffed Image Disqualified](#)

Annual General Meeting - 14th May

You should all have had official notification of the Annual General Meeting. The AGM is where everyone has chance to put forward any thoughts or questions they have concerning the running of the club. As I've said before, the AGM is maybe not the most exciting date in the club calendar, but certainly one of the most important.

Please try to attend.

The AGM will be followed by the Vice-Presidents Evening. More details to follow.



Topaz Studio Software

Some members of the club use Topaz software and rave about it. Unfortunately the full Topaz Collection will set you back \$499 or whatever that is in real money. However the good news is that Topaz offer a FREE download called Topaz Studio. Obviously it won't have the bells and whistles which its big brother has, but for FREE who's complaining. You can visit the Topaz Studio website here: [TOPAZ STUDIO](#)

Fancy some RPS letters after your name?

As you know, when Carole introduces guest speakers or judges, she often asks them if they have letters after their name. Of course having letters after your name makes you a better photographer, doesn't it? No of course it doesn't, but what it does do is show others you have at least achieved a certain level of competency in photography. It also gives you a target to aim for. Amateur Photographer magazine attended a RPS advisory day, where photographers presented images for informal feedback and advice. Click on the link to take you to Amateur photographer website to read their story: [RPS Advisory Day](#)

For the 'Tekkie Geeks'

I would think that most if not all of us in the Camera Club use digital cameras. But do we know how they work? Do we know how a digital camera sensor works? If like me, not a clue. Or at least I didn't. This video explains all. [The Science of Camera Sensors](#)

Bear in mind I did say for Tekkie Geeks....

VE-DAY Celebration. Saturday 5th May Museum of Cannock Chase

Go back in time to 1945. Re-inactions, music, displays and more. There will be stalls, vehicles, the Henderson Big Band, wartime choir etc etc FREE admission
More details here: [VE-DAY Celebrations](#)



Birthday Wishes this week go to:

3rd May: Mike Roberts

Hope you have a great day Mike

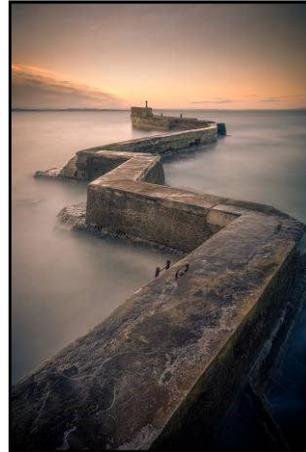
No Newsletter Next Week

I'll be away all next week so unfortunately there won't be a newsletter. However you won't miss anything as there is no meeting on May 7th as it's a Bank Holiday. Normal service will be resumed the week after.

'The Presidents Trophy'



Winner
'Autumn Colours'
Graham Orgill



Runner Up
'St Monans'
Brian Wheatley



Runner Up
'Cats'
David Perry



Judge Ralph Duckett and Club President Roy Hodgkiss
presenting winner Graham Orgill with the trophy