



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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What a great weekend to look forward to.....

Plenty going on this weekend for us all to enjoy. Firstly it's the FA Cup Final at Wembley between Chelsea and Manchester United. If that doesn't float your boat then Wetherspoons Rugeley is celebrating it's 20th Anniversary. Doesn't seem that long ago we were all enjoying the comforts and delights of the Plaza cinema.



Back on the sporting front, but this time with opportunity for some picture taking, on Sunday there's the summer Mountain Bike races on Cannock Chase. Plenty of opportunities for action shots. I cycled over the Chase yesterday and unfortunately there's no mud which is always good for a few spills. However the bone dry gravel is like cycling on marbles so hopefully someone might come a cropper. Not hurt too badly of course..... Use Burst Mode.

Last Week - Vice Presidents Evening

Last week we held our Annual General Meeting. As usual it went very smoothly, lasting only 25 minutes.

Following the AGM was the Vice-Presidents Evening where we were entertained by [the title gives it away] our Vice-President Adam Belcher. Adam began with some images taken at his school. He'd been 'volunteered' to update photographs for the school website. It's not always a good thing to tell someone photography is your hobby!

He then went on to show pictures titled 'My Escape'. Once again Adam made mention of the camera equipment he has used over the years. We're sure he only gave us a shortened list, as a full one would have taken well more than one meeting. As I said before, if only Adam had bought into Pentax in the first place....

He finished with an excellent piece of advice which we ALL should follow. **BACK UP YOUR IMAGES.**

You never know when the computer will suddenly decide not to compute. Sometimes images can be rescued (usually at a cost) but many times they can't. Bad enough when your competition masterpieces vanish, but far, far worse when pictures of the children and grandchildren go as well. Fortunately external hard drives which simply plug into a USB socket are pretty cheap nowadays. You can get a 1TB drive for well under fifty quid. These often include software which automatically backs up your files. As you import images onto your main computer drive they also import onto the external drive as well. What could be simpler? There's also cloud storage, but to begin with get an external drive..... or two...

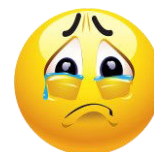


This Week - 'The Final Countdown' Last Monthly Competition

This week is the final monthly competition of the season. The league tables will be decided tonight. It's very close at the top. Pray for a kindly judge.

Subject is 'Transport' and the judge for the evening is Peter Siviter.

Tissues will be available on request.



Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Trophy: 11th June

Prints for Roy's Natural History Competition to be in by Monday 4th June. Judge: Adam Belcher

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4th June - Guest Speaker John Hartshorne

Our final speaker of the season is John Hartshorne with his presentation called 'New Horizons'. John's subjects cover Landscapes, motorsport, seascapes and many others.

Flying with Camera Batteries

With the holiday season upon us, worth reading up on the rules for carrying spare camera batteries. They must be in your cabin baggage and terminals must be protected from short circuiting. See here: [CAA Rules](#)

The Science of Exposure & Metering

A couple of weeks ago I gave a link to a video about how camera sensors work. I'm sure you all watched it. Now how about 'exposure'. Not just for geeks ...

[Exposure & Metering - All you need to know.. and more](#)

Presentation Evening Monday 18th June

Tickets are now available for our annual Presentation Evening.

Ticket price is £5.00 Members & £8.00 Non-Members

For each members ticket sold the club will donate £3.00 to St Giles Hospice



Birthday Wishes this week go to:

19th May: Margaret Beardsmore

21st May: Graham Phillips

Hope you all both have a great day



.... and incase we forgot....

Apparently there's a couple of well known people getting married today. This is a good thing all round. If you are into the Royals, or you just like a lavish wedding and a good cry, there'll be wall to wall television coverage for you to look at. On the other hand, if like me you hate shopping, then now will be the time to go, as everywhere will be empty....

Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Competition

Definition of Images for Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Competition

Qualification of Entry

Images for the Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Competition may have been previously submitted in any Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club internal or interclub competition but MUST NOT have been submitted in any previous Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Competition.

What Can I submit images of?

Images for the Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Competition must be of one or more zoological or botanical organisms free and unrestrained in a natural or adopted habitat.

What Can't I submit images of?

Landscapes, photographs of zoo animals, game animals, farm animals, domestic pets, marine subjects in aquariums, cultivated plants or any zoological or botanical organisms taken under **controlled** conditions are not eligible.

What Can't I do to my Images?

Images should not be composite, HDR, focus stacked or stitched images

Techniques that add, relocate or replace elements in the image are not permitted.

Removal / cloning out or any processing that alters the nature story of the image is not permitted, for example cloning out a leaf that is partially covering the subject.

"Putting in" for example a new sky or background or increasing the degree of background blur in post processing is not permitted.

What Can I do to my images?

- Removal of minor blemishes by use of clone or healing tools may be carried out provided such processing does not alter the nature of the image - for example cloning out a bright, distracting pebble or an out of focus discarded beer can is permitted.
 - Cropping images to remove unwanted elements of the image is permitted as is changing the orientation of the image (e.g. landscape to portrait format) and resizing.
- The following adjustments which enhance an image but do not alter the nature story are allowed - for example sharpening, contrast adjustments, exposure adjustment, colour balance, noise reduction and straightening

Titling Images

Titles for images should be the correct recognised English name (and optionally the Latin name). This may be supplemented by a **brief** description of activity. For example - Grey Heron (Ardea Cinerea) with Stickleback. Humorous or 'twee' titles should **not** be used.

The club will be attending this event and putting on a small display of our images to promote our club. If you can attend then please do so.

Wednesday 23rd May 2018
from 6.00pm



Tell the community about ideas you have for future projects in Rugeley.

Rugeley Annual Parish Assembly is a yearly meeting held by and for the community of Rugeley. This year local community groups have been invited to display information about their groups and answer any questions that you may have.

Come along and find out more about your town and what goes on in it. Stay and chat to the local groups, the Town Clerk and to Town Councillors.

Wednesday 23rd May

6pm – display of local groups information and chat to local groups and the local council

7pm – raise any concerns or ideas that you have for the development of Rugeley.

ROSE THEATRE, TAYLORS LANE, RUGELEY