



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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Last Week - 'Judge for a Night'

Once again a good selection of prints were brought in from all sections of the club, and we were very pleased to see new members also contributing to the fun. The standard of images was extremely high, and it's good to see pictures entered that would normally not be submitted into a 'normal' competition.

The markings were very tight, with only a few points separating the 'Top 5'. They were:

1. Graham Orgill: 2. Brian Wheatley: 3. Brian Wheatley: 4. Margaret Beardsmore: 5. Steve Setterfield

Many thanks go to the three musketeers, Clive Pritchard, Kevin Sneddon & Bill Cottis for organising it all. The downside gents is that you were all so good you'll have the pleasure of doing it all again next year.

This Week - Monthly Competition No.1

First monthly competition of the season. Of course the league won't be won this week, but it could quite easily be lost, especially in the Advanced Group where one bad score means a lot of catching up to do. Subject matter is 'Open' and the judge is our good friend from Cannock Steve Clifford.

Steve tells me he is very much looking forward to judging for us again, and says he hopes to see some excellent prints and sure the best will win, as I was round at his house last Saturday washing his car....



Monday 15th October - Guest Speaker Simon Palmer 'It Rained in Namibia'

Simon makes a welcome return to use with a new talk and presentation. A talk that focuses on the stunning country of Namibia, that brings not only superlative landscapes to the screen, but underlines the need for conservation even in a desert country. Simon's talk documents travels across some of the most iconic lands in the Southern African country along with a poignant reminder of how animals such as Cheetahs, Leopards, Lions, and wild dogs are in decline.

Simon has talked to us quite a few times in the past, and we wouldn't invite him back if he wasn't any good. Please tell friends or family. Guests are welcome at £3.00. Not bad value for a couple of hours entertainment.



Photograph or Picture / Camera or Photoshop

Further to my ranting last week, I only received one reply inviting other members thoughts on this. Come on. There's still time. No names given.



"I read your thoughts on "Camera or Photoshop" and agree that it is debatable issue. We have seen the introduction of Electric guitars capturing the mechanical vibrations of stringed instruments, then amplified through loudspeakers, moved on to synthesisers and more recently Computer "music". Old fogies like me remember when musicians were skilled in playing actual instruments. Photography is going the same way. The skill in recording an image in camera is disappearing to be replaced by computer whiz kids producing synthetic images. Extremely skilful, but is it Photography?. Change happens, it is part of evolution".



Ride to the Wall - This Saturday

Ride to the Wall sees thousands of motorcyclists, both young and old, from around the UK come together in a moving emotional service to remember the names engraved on the walls of the Armed Forces Memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum.

One of the start points is at the Wolseley Garden Centre where approx 200 riders will set off at 9.30am

Christmas Dinner



As you will have seen from the club programme, the Christmas Dinner is Monday 10th December.

As you may be aware, numbers of members attending the Christmas Dinner have declined over the last few years. In order for the club to decide on whether to go ahead and book a venue and catering, we need to ask for numbers regarding members and guests who wish to attend.

If you wish the Christmas Dinner to go ahead please inform Carole either by phone, email, or personally on club night. No reply will need to be taken as a 'No'



Cannock Photographic Society - 61st Annual Exhibition of Photography

Over 150 images on display from one of the top photographic clubs in the Midlands. Always a fantastic selection of images.

Exhibition is on Monday to Friday until 26th October.

Venue: Chasewater Innovation Centre, Brownhills WS8 7NL

Exhibition is free to enter but unfortunately Innovation Centre choose to charge car parking.

MCPF Panel Exhibition - 13th-20th October

In January our good friend Ralph Duckett is coming to us to give us plenty of good advice on how to produce 'Panels of Three'. In the meantime though, you can view a MCPF Panel Exhibition at Smethwick Photographic Society.

Full details of the exhibition here: [MCPF Panel Exhibition](#)



Monday 22nd October - Instructional Evening - Lehmann Ltd

Tonight Lehmann Ltd give us a talk on camera repair & servicing. See their website here: [Lehmann Ltd](#)

Albert Dros Photography.... who...

This website illustrates well my 'Photograph or Picture'.... 'Camera or Photoshop'.... Some excellent images here, but what would they be like without the computer wizardry.... and do you like them...?? Personally I did at first but soon got a bit fed up. However I urge you view them and make up your own mind.

Please look here: [Albert Dros Photography](#)

Photographers Ephemeris

At last Monday's meeting Rob mentioned the Photographer's Ephemeris, a website to tell you exactly where the sun and moon will be in the sky on any day of

the year at any time of the day so you can plan those wonderful views..... of Stowe Pool...

Link here: [Photographer's Ephemeris](#)



New Members

We extend a warm welcome to the new members who have joined our happy band this season:

Lee Baxter
Stephen Bowman
Michelle Clewlow
Ted Cutler
David Edmunds
Dawn Forbes
Angela Hanmer
Alison Harvey
Andrew Pointon
David Richards

We hope you enjoy what we have to offer, and we're sure your photography will improve in leaps and bounds. Except of course Angela Hanmer whose photography had better not get better than mine.!!

Birthday wishes this week go to:

Oct 9th: Chris Shaw

Oct 9th: Kim Jones

Oct 10th: Rob Ings

Have a great day gents

