



# Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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## 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's words: This is one of my long standing presentations guiding the viewer through a trip to Namibia in Africa, with anecdotes, insights and "moments" of adventure, I use photography to encapsulate the superlative country that is Africa's hidden jewel. This presentation also includes insights into the conservation work that I carries out with a charity called AfriCat.

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.

## Monday 22nd October - Instructional Evening - H. Lehmann Ltd

This is a different one for us tonight. We have representatives from Lehmann Ltd along to give us a talk on camera repair & servicing. For over 40 years Lehmann Ltd have supported photographic enthusiasts and some of the country's leading professional photographers by looking after their camera and lens equipment. They are an authorised Canon and Nikon Service Centre providing warranty and out of warranty service facilities. Lehmann have the only lens calibration facility of its size in the UK. Other brands of cameras and lenses can also be serviced including Sony, Panasonic, Samsung and Pentax.

Their presentation will include: What they do: pitfalls regarding camera and lens care: Sensor cleaning

They will bring examples of dirty/scratched lenses and sensors. See their website here: [Lehmann Ltd](http://Lehmann Ltd)

Following their talk they invite questions. If you have any but don't want to ask aloud, just write them down and give to someone on the committee and we will ask for you.

Please don't think 'I don't need to see this, my camera is working perfectly well' Well it may be now....

## Cannock Chase Arts Council

We are pleased to announce that we have received a £200 grant from the Arts Council. This will be put towards our exhibition at Chasewater in February. Many thanks to all those involved in our successful application.

## Staffordshire Photographic Clubs PDI Competition Wednesday 7th November

That time of year again when the great and not quite so great meet at Lea Hall to battle it out for the sought after Staffordshire PDI Trophy. Always a good evenings entertainment so please put it in your filofax and come along and support the event. We have some good images so hoping for an excellent result.

## Next Competition: 5th November - PDI Subject Open

Now I know we only had a competition last week, but the next one is very close. More important still is that being a PDI the closing date is even closer.

PDI's must be handed in by **Monday 22nd October**

The subject is 'Open' & the judge is Scott Latham.

Images to be resized to 1400pixels x 1050pixels.

For those new (and not so new) members who aren't sure on how to do this, please don't let this stop you entering the competition. We can sort it.

## 44th Smethwick Exhibition of Photography

The UK's largest International Print & Projected Digital Image Exhibition. All displayed at one venue with visitors from all over the UK. If you want to get your images seen, this is the place to do it.

On-line entry system now open: [Click Here](#)

## BBC Autumnwatch - my weekly rant...

I never miss watching Springwatch, Autumnwatch & Winterwatch on the BBC. But this time I think I might. Why... because they've decided to ditch the wonderful British Isles and cross the pond to the US of A.

Now I'm sure, in the tradition of the BBC it will be excellent, but it should be excellent here, not there..!!

Call me Mr Cynic if you like, but this is a joint venture between the BBC & the American PBS. Money talks....



Birthday wishes this week go to:

17th Oct: John Ford

18th Oct: Paul Mills

Have a great day Gents

## Monthly Competition No.1

Last week was our first monthly competition of the season. Once again there was an excellent display of images for the judge Steve Clifford to wade through. It was very pleasing to see entries from some of the new members.

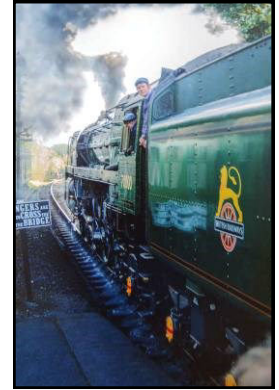
### Elementary



2nd  
Masai Mara  
James Trotman



1st  
Banded Snail on Poplar Leaf  
Derek Brumbill



3rd  
I wasn't meant to run  
on Imported Coal  
Glyn Heywood

### Intermediate



2nd  
Duel  
John Lewis

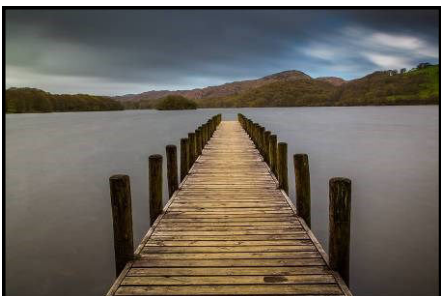


1st  
Last Light Over Tryfan  
Richard Keene



3rd  
Middleport Poppies Ghostly Visitors  
Kevin Sneddon

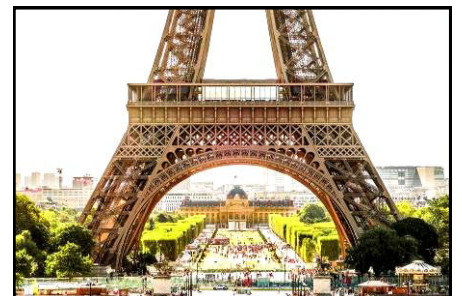
### Advanced



2nd  
The Jetty  
Tony Slater



1st  
Flower Jug  
Graham Orgill



3rd  
Eiffel Tower  
Dave Hanmer

**Monthly Competition No.1**  
**Prints - Subject 'open' - Judge Steve Clifford**

As is the norm in all our competitions, all images entered are successful  
Some are more successful than others

**Elementary**

1st: Derek Brumbill Banded Snail on Poplar Leaf  
2nd: James Trotman Masai Mara  
3rd: Glyn Heywood I Wasn't Meant to run on Imported Coal

Highly Commended:  
Lee Baxter Blackberry

Commended:  
James Trotman Free Flight

**Intermediate**

1st: Richard Keene Last Light Over Tryfan  
2nd: John Lewis Dual  
3rd: Kevin Sneddon Middleport Poppies Ghostly Visitors

Highly Commended:  
Steve Setterfield On Patrol

Commended:  
Steve Setterfield American Patrol

**Advanced**

1st: Graham Orgill Flower Jug  
2nd: Tony Slater The Jetty  
3rd: Dave Hanmer Eiffel Tower

Highly Commended:  
Brian Wheatley Roach End Barn  
Rob Ings Early Morning Cloud Over Skiddaw  
Dave Hanmer Straight In, Straight Out

Commended:  
Rob Ings Stradun Place, Dubrovnik Old Town  
Graham Orgill Eyes on You