



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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This Week - Guest Speaker Darron Matthews



Our guest Speaker this week is Darron Matthews with his presentation titled 'My Camera Club Journey'. Darron is an expert in Nature Photography and specialises in macro work. See some of Darron's excellent work here:

[Darron Matthews ARPS DPAGB EFIAP BPE4*](#)

Practical Evening - 11th March

Topics to be covered will be on the table on Monday night. Please put your name down for which you wish to attend.

5th Monthly Competition - April 1st - Prints - Subject 'Architecture'

Not long until the next competition so time to get your shutter finger working. This is a print competition with the subject 'Architecture'. The judge for the evening is Ian Bailey a former President of the MCPF. Closing date for entries March 25th.

6th Monthly Competition - 20th May - PDI - Subject 'Creative'

While we're on the competition theme don't forget that the last competition of the season will probably decide who wins the sections so think about it now. Be as creative or imaginative as you like both in the taking and editing. This is one of those times when you can't do too much Photoshopping. The only stipulation is that all elements of the image must have been taken by the author and not cribbed off the internet.

Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition

On at the Herbert Art Gallery & Museum Coventry from now until June. Over 45,000 entries from this very prestigious competition have been narrowed down to the best 100. "Breathtaking animal portraits in dramatic landscapes" Coventry isn't far away so if you fancy seeing wonderful nature photography why not give it a visit. You never know next year one of our club photographers may be in it. Full information here: [Wildlife Photography Exhibition](#)

'Ladies v Gents'



The meeting on the 18th March is our annual Ladies v Gents competition. As we know this is always a very keenly contested with bragging rights for the next twelve months up for grabs. Surely the Gents can't be chivalrous yet again and allow the Ladies to make it four wins on the trot... can they? No of course we won't.



This is a print competition. As it does not count towards any other club competition, images which have been used before in other club competitions may be used, except of course in previous Ladies v Gents Competitions.

However may we please make a plea. This is a fun competition. If possible can you please sort through your images and try and choose ones which have not been seen multiple times before. A good image will always be a good image of course, but it's nice to see something different. We want to keep it interesting. Maybe show images which you haven't previously entered in competitions for whatever reason. It's only for fun after all..... isn't it.....

Normal rules apply. Up to two prints per person. Please begin bringing them in this Monday. Cost 0.50p per print. Judge for the evening is our good friend Steve Clifford. Steve tells me he always looks forward to visiting our club, seeing excellent images and is sure the best team will win, as was round at his house last week washing his car.....

MidPhot

Could I please ask that those members who have done well in the MidPhot competition please let me know your results so I may share your good news with the other members.

Photography Show NEC 16th-19th March

Still time to get your tickets cheaper if you book now. Cost is £14.95 standard & £11.95 concession. Sometimes it's worth being old. See here: [Photography Show 2019](#)

Good Advice

From last weeks competition one good bit of advice which quite a few judges over the years have made, is when you are viewing your image on the monitor, before you print it off or submit for a PDI, close your eyes and squint at the screen. If you see any overly bright areas away from the important part of the image, then consider darkening or removing them. These attract the eyes and can detract your brain from the main subject area.



Birthday Wishes this week go to:

3rd March: Steve Higgins
Have a great day Steve

Final Thought.....

Residents of Dubai don't watch the Flintstones
..... but those in Abu Dhabi do

Monthly Competition No.4
PDI - 'Monochrome'
Judge John Haines

Elementary



2nd
Estuary Ethereal
Greg Rees



1st
Waves of Pleasure
Greg Rees



3rd
Cloisters Southwell Minster
Glyn Heywood

Intermediate



2nd
Looking into the Past
Karen Kreft



1st
Clevedon Pier
Karen Kreft



3rd
Disused Water Wheel
Stephen Frost

Advanced



2nd
St Pauls
Brian Wheatley



1st
Still in Motion
Linda Shaw



3rd
Driving Gear
Paddy Ruske

League Tables after 4 of 6 Monthly Competitions

[only members who have entered images included]

ELEMENTARY GROUP

		<u>POINTS</u>	<u>ENTERED</u>
1	GLYN HEYWOOD	74	4
2	LES TROTMAN	69	4
3	GRAHAM PHILLIPS	67	4
4	DENISE PHILLIPS	64	4
4	CLIVE PRITCHARD	64	4
6	IAN CHATHAM	50	3
7	KIM JONES	48	3
8	DAVID EDMUNDS	44	3
9	DEREK BRUMBILL	37	2
10	MARY EATON	36	2
11	LEE BAXTER	33	2
12	IAN CLEE	29	2
13	ANGELA HANMER	20	1
13	GREG REES	20	1
15	ANDREW POINTON	16	1
16	STEPHEN BOWMAN	15	1
17	MICHELLE CLEWLOW	14	1
18	TED CUTLER	13	1

INTERMEDIATE GROUP

		<u>POINTS</u>	<u>ENTERED</u>
1	RICHARD KEENE	76	4
2	KAREN KREFT	72	4
3	KEVIN SNEDDON	69	4
4	JOHN LEWIS	68	4
5	STEVE SETTERFIELD	67	4
6	KARL RILEY	64	4
7	GEOFF SETTERFIELD	62	4
8	COLIN WILES	47	3
9	CHRIS SHAW	33	2
10	ROY HARRISON	30	2
10	ROY MORGAN	30	2
12	STEPHEN FROST	18	1
13	BRENDA PAGE	15	1

ADVANCED GROUP

		<u>POINTS</u>	<u>ENTERED</u>
1	BRIAN WHEATLEY	74	4
2	MARGARET BEARDSMORE	70	4
2	TONY SLATER	70	4
4	GRAHAM ORGILL	69	4
5	ROB INGS	66	4
5	GRAHAM WALKER	66	4
7	ROY HODGKISS	64	4
7	DAVID PERRY	64	4
9	MARIE LAKIN	63	4
10	ROY WESTWOOD	62	4
11	GRAHAM CADDICK	61	4
11	BILL COTTESS	61	4
13	CAROLE PERRY	60	4
14	PADDY RUSKE	54	3
15	DAVID HANMER	50	3
15	STEVE HIGGINS	50	3
15	PHIL WILSON	50	3
18	NOLA LOVATT	45	3
19	LINDA SHAW	35	2
20	GRAHAM WILLIAMS	33	2
20	JAN WILSON	33	2
22	JOHN FORD	31	2