



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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Last Week

Last weeks 'Practical Evening' gave us a chance to both give critique and help to other members images. Rob Ings was the first to brave the audience. Needless to say there were quite a few ideas banded about on how Rob could have improved his pictures. All in good fun of course. Many thanks to all who contributed to the evening. It went very well.

Members Evening 15th April

Tonight will be a mixed bag in more ways than one. We hope begin with a few A/V presentations. This will be followed by practical demonstrations including resizing images for printing plus how to order prints from DS Colour Labs *[other labs are available...]*

Members are also asked to bring in their camera bags to show what you take with you when going out snapping. We can all learn something from this.....'I never thought of that...' It's often the small things you don't think of that make the biggest difference.

And now for something completely different. Something we haven't done before. Margaret will be looking at the details of the PAGB Award system followed by a long term plan on how to move forward for those who are interested. These awards are designed to give recognition *[letters after your name]* to various levels of photography achievement.

Aiming towards PAGB Awards is not compulsory for any club member. Whilst Advanced members may feel they are closer to the standard for the awards, Intermediary and Beginners are welcome. This is a journey, not a competition. You may feel that you want to take part just to try and improve your images, but not enter for the Awards. It's up to you!

Roy Hodgkiss is bringing his successful panel of photos for us to look at and discuss.

Staffordshire Interclub Annual Print Competition

Last Wednesday evening we again took part in the annual Staffordshire Photographic Clubs Print Competition at Lea Hall. We came home in 8th out of 10 clubs. Personally I think this was a little disappointing as I thought that many of our images were equally as good as others which scored higher marks. Still the judge likes what he likes, and if he has a favourite type of picture you just have to accept it. Our best scoring image was 'St Pauls' by Brian Wheatley which scored a well deserved nineteen points out of twenty. The competition was won by Stafford Photographic Society.

Rugeley Annual Parish Assembly - Wednesday 17th April

The Rugeley Annual Parish Assembly is once again taking place at the Rose Theatre, Taylors Lane, Rugeley from 6.00pm. This is a yearly meeting held by, and for, the people of Rugeley. Local community groups have been invited to display information about themselves and answer any questions that come their way. Please go along and find out more about our town and what goes on in it. Chat to local groups, the Town Clerk and Town Councillors. As last year we will have a display.

Out & About in Rugeley with my Camera.....

Remember a few weeks ago I wrote that we, along with Cannock Photographic Society, have been asked if we would help to photograph the area to enable the council build a picture database of Cannock Chase District. To this end, four of us, Carole, Dave, Margaret & Myself met on Thursday morning to begin the task. We split into two pairs, thinking safety in numbers, and wandered around the town snapping away. It's very strange walking around taking pictures in your own town. I had the feeling everyone was watching. Paranoia was setting in. A few times we were asked what we were photographing, not with any nastiness just interest. But it still makes you feel a little uneasy. Rugeley isn't used to seeing people walking around with 'real cameras'. Maybe if we were using phone cameras or taking selfie's no one would bat an eyelid. People are so suspicious of anything out of the ordinary. Think a tripod is definitely out of the question.....

Birthday Wishes this week go to:

13th April - Phil Wilson
 13th April - Roy Harrison
 15th April - Mary Eaton
 15th April - Dave Perry
 15th April - Julie Field
 16th April - Dave Field
 17th April - Marie Lakin
 17th April - Stephen Bowman
 18th April - Ian Clee

Looks like it's going to be a great party....



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

Last monthly competition of the season. This will decide the league tables. Don't forget that with it being a PDI competition your entries need to be in by Monday 6th May. Not much time to get your creative head on.

Judge for this competition is Terry Livesey.

No newsletter next week

There will be no newsletter next week because:

- It's Easter so no meeting on Easter Monday
- I'll be in Ireland drinking Guinness
- I'll be in Ireland drinking more Guinness *[wife permitting]*