



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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Last Week - Guest Speaker Chris Upton 'Essential Composition'

There's no need to give a review of last weeks speaker Chris Upton as no matter what I write wouldn't do him justice. Chris titled this talk 'Essential Composition' but for me he could have titled it 'Essential Inspiration'. That's what it was. This was Chris's third visit to us, and the good news is he has quite a few more talks in his portfolio, so hopefully we can have him back again in the future (a little hint there to the Programme Secretary). Another excellent evening.



This Week 'Presidents Trophy'

Our 2nd named competition of the season is the Presidents Trophy. This trophy is donated by our President Mr Roy Hodgkiss ARPS DPAGB. Judge for the competition is Dave Tucker. There are no competitions groups for this competition. Everyone is lumped together.

10th February 'Practical Evening'

Still time to put your choices down on the start sheets on Monday night. Groups include:

Landscapes - Margaret Beardsmore

Ask the Panel Q&A - Brian Wheatley & Paddy Ruske

Very Basic Photoshop - Carole Perry

Basic Photoshop - Rob Cross

Producing an A/V - John Ford

Producing Competition Images - Graham Orgill

Know Your Camera - Dave Hanmer & Roy Westwood

Our last Practical Evening was a huge success and we're sure this one will be as well. Many thanks to the willing teachers for donating their knowledge and to the pupils for being so patient. We couldn't do the Practical Evenings without you.

MidPhot 2020 'The Best in Midlands Photography'

It's too late now for the club to deliver prints for MidPhot but you still have until SATURDAY 8th FEBRUARY if you wish to enter and deliver your prints yourself. This is also the last date for PDI entries.

Online entry form available here: [MidPhot Online Entry Form](#) Full rules available here: [MidPhot 2020 Rules for Entry](#)



The Photography Show NEC 14th - 17th March

It's getting closer. All that lovely kit you'd love to have but don't

really need. Old stuff works nearly as good as new stuff. That's what I tell the wife anyway (well I would if I dared).

While we're on about the Photography Show, please don't forget that our President Roy Hodgkiss is ready and waiting to take any old kit you don't want or new kit you don't use off your hands to donate to the Disabled Photographers Society stand. They will accept anything no matter how big or small. Filters, lens caps and hoods are always popular. So please search your cupboards and empty your drawers.

Every little helps

Lee Chapman - Night Photography Workshop

Our last minute stand-in speaker of a few weeks ago Lee Chapman is running a Night Photography Workshop on Sunday 23rd February from 4.30pm to 9.00pm at Cobwebs Coffee Shop, Abbots Bromley. If you are interested or would like more information then please email Lee here: chappersphotography@yahoo.com or phone 07875 973781

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust Photography Courses

Photography courses to help people to learn more about their digital camera are to take place at the Wolseley Centre on six dates throughout the Spring and Summer months. For full details please see the Wildlife Trust website here:

[Staffordshire Wildlife Trust Photography Courses](#)

17th February - Tony Gervis 'One Man & His Van'

Our next Guest Speaker is Tony Gervis with his acclaimed presentation titled 'One Man & His Van'. A breathtaking 20,000 mile, 4 month trip in his campervan across Europe, into Turkey, through Iran, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, on through Russia, then back home. Phew . . .

Carole Perry 'Creative' Trophy

Don't forget the season long Carole Perry Creative Trophy is still ongoing. Let your creative juices flow. The only real constraint is your imagination. Send your PDI entries to Dave Perry or give them to him on a memory stick. Full rules available here: [Carole Perry Creative Trophy](#)

Birthday Wishes this week go to:

2nd Feb: Colin Wiles

6th Feb: Bob Southall

Have a great day Gents



Landscape Photographer of the Year 2020

Entries are now open for the Landscape Photographer of the Year. I have quite a few of these book on the bookshelf. Our club has photographers whose work is easily good enough to get into it.. Come on, do it.

See here: [Landscape Photographer of the Year](#)

Club Outing - Lichfield Cathedral

We met in Chapters Café for an itinerary discussion and pre-photoshoot energy boost consisting of coffee and tea-cakes. One member who wishes to remain anonymous but lets call him Graham, refrained from the tea-cakes as he is apparently watching his weight. However allegedly he was later seen with carrot cake, of which he strenuously denies, unless someone has photographic evidence to the contrary.

Unfortunately this didn't prepare us for the news that the Cathedral was closed to visitors for the morning because of a Holocaust Memorial Service (even though the actual anniversary was the previous day). Luckily our members are very kind and understanding, and didn't blame me (too much).

So after a couple of minutes panic we worked out a Plan B and decided to go to St. Mary's Church in the centre of Lichfield. This has recently been restored and is now the home of Lichfield Library. The staff were happy for us to take photographs and it is certainly well worth a visit if you haven't been before.

We then (on Tony's suggestion) walked across town and past Stowe Pool to St Chad's Church which thankfully was open. St Chad's is a beautiful church with stunning stained glass windows and since we were the only ones there we could potter around and take images without anyone getting in the way.

Members were able to put into practice much of what last weeks speaker Chris Upton talked about. Hopefully many good images were taken, but only time (and competitions) will tell.

An excellent morning was had by all.

