



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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Last Week - Monthly Competition No.4 - '3 of a Kind'

I hold my hands up and admit I was wrong. I'm so glad I was wrong. At the beginning of the season when I saw the subjects for the monthly competitions and noticed one of them was panels '3 of a Kind', I'll be honest and say I really thought it was a mistake.

Very few members will enter thinks I. Well they did enter and it was brilliant. The standard and imagination was as good as any I've seen in more prestigious competitions (what's that you say, there's non more prestigious than our monthly competitions).

The judge David Graham certainly had his work cut out selecting winners. But he did, and also did it with plenty of help and advice, along with a good dose of humour. All in all it was an excellent evening. I have a feeling '3 of a Kind' may well be included in next years monthly competition subjects. If so I'll look forward to it . . . and I may even enter.

Many apologies for not including the winning images in the newsletter this week, but as you can hopefully imagine, asking for and receiving three images from each member, then trying to add them to the newsletter in the same layout as they were displayed on the lightbox would certainly have had a severe impact on my social life. Therefore I have simply given the results.

Elementary:

- C: Birds of a Feather - James Trotman
- C: Three Seasons of the Last Tree - Kim Jones
- HC: Goosing About - Denise Phillips
- 3: Three Little Pigs Went to Market - Katelyn Willis
- 2: Building Strength - Mary Eaton
- 1: Bramante Staircase, Vatican City Museum - Mary Eaton

Intermediate:

- C: Polar Bears - Stephen Frost
- C: Antics of a Grey Squirrel - Stephen Frost
- HC: Soap Bubble Planets - Kevin Sneddon
- HC: Fortune Cookie - Andrea Wheatley
- 3: I've Had Enough - Roy Harrison
- 2: Splish, Splash, Splosh - Chris Shaw
- 1: A Selfie - Chris Shaw

Advanced

- C: The Falkirk Wheel - David Perry
- C: Please Don't - Roy Hodgkiss
- HC: My Other Hobby - Linda Shaw
- HC: Flash, Bang, Wallop - Graham Caddick
- HC: The Photographer - Brian Wheatley
- HC: High Riders - Paddy Ruske
- 3: The One That Got Away - Tony Slater
- 2: Wave Rider - Graham Orgill
- 1: Bee Eaters, 3 Stages of Courtship - Margaret Beardsmore

MidPhot Acceptances

Many congratulations to the following members who have had images accepted into MidPhot 2020. Well done.

- Steve Higgins: Lee Stone World Champion Backflip
- Grey Heron: Pair of Long Tailed Tits: Puffin with Sand Eels
- Carole Perry: Falkirk Wheel
- Paddy Ruske: Walking the Dunes
- Roy Hodgkiss: Herons at Play

This Week Guest Speaker Warren Alani

'Seeing is Believing'

Warren has visited us before and he was very entertaining back then so he's sure to be still as entertaining now. From portraiture, to landscapes, to street style snapshots, if there is a story to be told from a picture, then Warren relishes the challenge of capturing and retelling it. Warren says he takes pictures he likes and not for competitions.

9th March - Interclub Competition vs Acton Trussell & Penkridge Photographic Society

Our annual interclub battle against our friends from the other side. Tonight members of AT&PPS will make the short but perilous journey across the Chase to be with us. They are an extremely small club membership wise, but even so have some excellent photographers, a few whose faces will be very familiar. Once again it's sure to be an excellent evening.

Free Beginners Online Photography Course

If you want to learn the basics of how the camera works and how to get the best from it then take a look at these videos. Everything from exposure to focus to lenses to composition. Ten videos will tell you all you need to know. As an added bonus they are in 'English English' not 'American English . . .' To view click here: [An Introduction to Photography](#)

Skylum Luminar 3 Software

From the makers of Skylum Aurora HDR which some of you may already have, here is another free download. Luminar is a non-destructive image editing and photo management software. It is designed to deliver professional results in less time than anything else currently available. How to get it: Type: www.skylum.com/nphoto-luminar directly into your browser address bar. Do not type it into Google or other search engines as it won't work. Open it up and follow the on screen instructions. Available for Windows & Mac OS. Offer open until 30th April 2020.

Birthday Wishes this week go to:

3rd March: Steve Higgins
Hope you have a great day Steve



Monthly Competition League Tables after 4 Competitions

Elementary Group

	Name	Points	Entries
1	MARY EATON	85	8
2	GRAHAM PHILLIPS	82	8
3	KIM JONES	74	6
3	DENISE PHILLIPS	74	8
5	LES TROTMAN	72	8
6	KATLYN WILLIS	68	7
7	DARRELL BAKER	66	5
8	DEREK BRUMBILL	55	6
9	ANGELA HANMER	34	2
10	CLIVE PRITCHARD	19	2
11	IAN CLEE	17	1

Intermediate Group

	Name	Points	Entries
1	CHRIS SHAW	85	8
2	STEPHEN FROST	81	8
3	ROY HARRISON	76	8
3	GLYN HEYWOOD	76	8
5	GEOFF SETTERFIELD	75	8
6	ANDREA WHEATLEY	74	4
7	STEVE SETTERFIELD	71	8
8	COLIN WILES	66	6
9	RICHARD KEENE	61	6
10	PHIL BEALE	59	5
11	KARL RILEY	52	6
12	STEVE MOORE	39	4
13	PAUL BAKER	37	4
14	KEVIN SNEDDON	19	1
15	KEVIN BOYCOTT	18	1
16	BRENDA PAGE	16	2

Advanced Group

	Name	Points	Entries
1	MARGARET BEARDSMORE	84	8
2	BRIAN WHEATLEY	83	8
3	GRAHAM ORGILL	82	8
4	PADDY RUSKE	80	8
4	TONY SLATER	80	8
6	LINDA SHAW	78	8
7	ROY HODGKISS	76	8
8	MARIE LAKIN	75	8
8	DAVID PERRY	75	8
10	GRAHAM CADDICK	74	8
11	CAROLE PERRY	71	8
11	ROY WESTWOOD	71	7
13	JOHN FORD	56	6
14	JAN WILSON	55	6
15	STEVE HIGGINS	54	6
16	BILL COTTESS	38	4
17	DAVID HANMER	37	4
18	KAREN KREFT	36	4
19	GRAHAM WALKER	34	4
20	RICHARD MOORSE	20	2
21	NOLA LOVATT	17	2