



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

26th September 2020

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Messages From Carole—Club Chairperson

Dear All, regarding the AGM which was to be held on Monday 28th September at Lea Hall Social Club.

Due to the Corona Virus I don't feel that this can take place, 3 members of the committee, Glyn Heywood - Secretary, Geoff Setterfield - Programme secretary, Dave Hanmer - Website Co-Ordinator member, prefer not to attend for personal reasons which I completely respect & understand, therefore I'm not prepared to hold the AGM In the usual way, I'm thinking of doing it to all members via email, I just need to clarify one or two points first.

Monday night will continue with a more relaxed Presentation evening with the buffet as previously planned. Any of the members who would have received a trophy but are unable to attend will be Informed by email following the event, the evening with all trophy winners will all be Included in next weeks newsletter.

Cannock Chase Arts Council are holding their AGM & Executive meeting on Thursday 8th October 2020 at Victoria Working Mens club, Hednesford at 7,30pm. The venue is Covid secure & a risk assessment is in place for both the venue & the organisation to protect its members, they are asking for 1 delegate from each of the groups who attend to pay their membership fees & submit their application for a grant. If anyone would like to represent our Camera club at this meeting please let me know asap.

To all members who are attending the Presentation Evening at Lea Hall on Monday 28th Sept. The latest Covid directive from the management at Lea Hall is that face coverings **must** be worn on entering the building and kept on until seated. If you have to leave your seat for whatever reason your face covering must be used.

We must vacate the premises by 10.00pm at the latest, so we need to start promptly at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday for an enjoyable Presentation evening and buffet.

If you have booked to attend this meeting and find you cannot attend for whatever reason, can you contact Dave Perry 01889800547 or email dave.46@sky.com

For the Presentation Evening we have a reserve list, so if you can't make it some one else can. Thank you in anticipation of your support,
Carole Perry.

Message from your editor

Carole and Dave have had a very busy week making sure we could meet safely and legally at Lea Hall. Dave, Linda Shaw and I have been busy organizing the PDI comp on Zoom. Members may notice more lines on my forehead and less hair. Carole is never short of a word or two but she found writing the Chairpersons speech very hard this year. A little birdie has told me that she has now finished the speech, so the pressure is off till Monday.

I have attached to the newsletter an email from Cannock Chase Council sent to Lea Hall and then forwarded to Carole, saying that our meetings are within present government guidelines.

Déjà vu Mondays critique evening was hit by the car crash syndrome with Paddy Ruske being our second invited speaker to have a car crash on a Monday. All the club members wish Paddy well. The club went into overdrive and reverted to our famous plan B. The evening went off very well with members taking on board some of the critiques and hopefully discarding some. Only you need to like the photo you have taken.

Members Comments Column.

Loved tonight, great ideas, our clubs fab. A good evening. A well and thoughtful gesture from you on behalf of the committee and members. I am proud to be part of the caring family that is Rugeley and Armitage Camera Club. Pass my compliments onto the hard working committee.



MCPF Seminar Secretaries Report 19th September 2020

The MCPF Zoom Seminar will take place on the 18th October 2020

This inspiring **Zoom** Seminar brings together a first-class collection of speakers, giving you all the opportunity for discussion and to share in inspirational photography.

We are pleased to announce an excellent line-up of speakers

Jane Lazenby BA Hons, ASEA, SAAPA, QTFE2, UKCPS, LRPS, BPE3*, CPAGB, LMPA, EFIAP

Working with Textures This is a NOT to be missed Workshop Seeing is Believing

Phil Savoie

Phil was at the BBC Natural History Unit until 1994 and was a producer/director/cameraman. He has a photography obsession and has travelled the globe fulfilling his dream

David Keep ARPS, DPAGB, ABPE, AFIAP

David is an award-winning photographer with a distinct style of image which packs a punch and emphasises the subject.

Tickets

Tickets and full seminar details are available from the MCPF website

<https://www.mcpf.co.uk/seminars/> follow the links

Costs: £4 per session or £10 if you wish to attend all three

Event Location

In your own home

Contact details

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As requested Lea Hall have provided written proof from a government department that Lea Hall and Rugeley and Armitage are following all government guidelines to make sure we keep all members and visitors safe.

Date: 2020-09-25 10:02

From: Sue Buckman <SueBuckman@cannockchasedc.gov.uk>

To: "'office@leahallclub.co.uk'" <office@leahallclub.co.uk>

I refer to our conversation yesterday regarding the camera club and have now looked at the guidance which I have copied below.

3c: Recreation, leisure and social gatherings

COVID-secure community facilities are permitted to hold social groups, clubs and activities in groups of no more than 6.

Community facilities can host multiple groups of 6, subject to capacity, but groups must not mix socially or form larger groups.

However, we strongly advise that activities where there is a significant likelihood of groups mixing and socialising (and where it will be difficult to prevent mingling and therefore breaking the law) should not take place in a community facility.

My interpretation of this is that **group sizes are limited to 6 but that you can have several groups of 6 or less as long as the capacity allows you to do so and there must be 2m separation between each group.**

People from one group are not allowed to mix with anyone from another group or to join them, thus resulting in a group of more than 6.

If it's unlikely that members will stay in their seats and not mingle then the activity can't go ahead.

Obviously controls will need to be in place regarding the **use of toilets, members arriving and departing** so that members from one group of 6 can socially distance themselves from members of other groups.

Hope this helps

Sue

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