



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

27th March 2022

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Last Monday members were treated to a return visit from Bob Brind-Surch. Bob and his wife Anne had only just arrived back from their safari trip to Africa so our members were really lucky to have a meeting in the room rather than on Zoom. His talk was about whether it was ethical to take pictures of wild animals in captivity and from hides or staged conditions and pass them off as nature photographs in the wild. The conclusion was that as long as you were honest with the viewer about how the photograph was achieved the photograph would stand on its own merit. As usual Bob's wildlife images were amazing and his talk was instructive and captivating.

Bob's website has loads of information and is well worth a visit.

[Click here for website](#)



My solution to the great camera bag dilemma!

If you're like me you will own many different camera bags, one for each situation and a few more just in case. I'm not sure how many I have but if you asked my family they would say too many! Like most people I started out with the traditional backpack to carry my increasing collection of kit. Whilst they are flexible and convenient their main downfall is their weight when fully laden and the strain it puts on your shoulders and back. In addition there is the difficulty getting things in and out. It's often tempting to get a bag big enough to carry everything but that only exacerbates the problem. I know I have such a camera bag!

A few of years ago when visiting the photo show in Birmingham I became particularly interested in the modular component system or belt system sold by ThinkTank™. I very quickly became a convert and now seldom take my heavy backpack unless I really need to.

Please read my review and recommendations on this approach by clicking the link below.

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Download full printable review of ThinkTank™ belt systems 



Always "Being Prepared" as a Wildlife Photographer

This article - set of tips - first appeared in my Autumn 2013 newsletter where it received such positive comment that I felt it worth including in this section of my website.

It was written following a very interesting and **thought** provoking question I was asked at a camera club where I gave a talk. "What do you do" the questioner asked "to ensure that your camera is always ready for action".

I gave him a few carefully considered answers time but it's something that I thought a great deal more about after the talk. There are plenty of comments from photographers on their blogs on various websites which I am sure will add to the debate but these are my top 10 tips.

I would welcome your own thoughts and comments which I will add to this page. Please email them to bob@naturesphotos.co.uk

[Click here](#)

Access my thoughts here 



Well done Margaret. Images can be seen in Lea Hall's main entrance area.

I have been the volunteer photographer for Brereton Millions since the first covid lockdown.

About two weeks ago I responded to an email from them saying that there was a plan to organise a collection of aid which would hopefully fill a lorry and then be transported to Poland to help Ukraine refugees.

The initial plan of sending one lorry full of aid soon grew beyond anything first imagined. In the end three lorries were sent to Poland. Collecting, sorting and loading took place over three days and I tried to photograph the story of how it happened.

My purpose in doing this type of photography is to provide a lasting archive of the good work our local community does.

Lea Hall Miners Welfare Club provided the space for collection and sorting, and also their car park.

Brereton Millions, the Rotary and other local organisations and charities provided volunteers. Schools, businesses, shops and private individuals all helped.

Maintech Recruitment had the original idea and organised the event. Hawkins Logistics donated the first lorry free of charge and the other two at cost.

Driving School Success, Waymax and Quantum communications paid for the second lorry and Angi at C Residential paid for the third one.

It was a brilliant effort by all concerned and I was very pleased to be a small part of it. The lorries all arrived in Poland safely and are now on their way home with cargoes of steel.

Margaret Beardsmore

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Monthly Competition No.6

19:30 'Davy Suite' Lea Hall Miners Welfare Centre

Monthly Competition No.6

Prints

Subject: 3 of a Kind

Judge: Steve Clifford

Closing Date: 21st March



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Practical Evening

19:30 'Davy Suite' Lea Hall Miners Welfare Centre

Practical Evening



Monday 4th April we have one of our ever popular 'Practical Evenings' organised by Stephen Frost & Roy Harrison, they have once again organised a great night for members and a special thankyou goes to the volunteers who are sharing their knowledge with us all.

To enable this to run smoothly Stephen & Roy would like you to indicate which group you would like to join, the evening is set into two halves so you have the opportunity to gain knowledge in different areas, they are;

Table 1 - Graham Orgill 'Lighting Photography' capturing light, Composition & visualisation

Table 2 - Mary Eaton - 'Street Photography', composition

Table 3 - Brian Wheatley - 'Long Exposures & Filters

Table 4 - David Perry & Roy Harrison - 'Mounting your Pictures'

Table 5 - Chris & Linda Shaw - 'Moth Traps'

Table 6 - Stephen Frost - Mobile Phone photography



So on Monday if you could add your name to the lists provided please it will help, If you can't make it on Monday for the '3 of a Kind - Triptych' competition and would like to attend the practical evening you could drop Stephen an email to stephen.frost01@gmail.com

We look forward to another ever popular evening.

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Guest Speaker - Ashley Franklin

19:30 'Davy Suite' Lea Hall Miners Welfare Centre

Guest Speaker Ashley Franklin [Click here for website](#)

'The Wider World of Photography Part 2'



Photos in
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LATEST NEWS...

The image pictured left of Duffield's Eyes Meadow in autumn was a near-winner for Ashley in the Trees, Woods & Forests category of the International Garden Photographer of the Year (IGPOTY) 2020. In 2022, it will appear in another book: the first ever photo book of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site. Ashley is working alongside the Arkwright Society on this book and if YOU are a photographer - and let's face it, a photographer these days is anyone with a pulse - Ashley would like you to submit images for inclusion in the book. Cash prizes are available and if you only have one image selected, you will receive a free copy of the book. Not even the IGPOTY gives you that! To find out more about the Derwent Valley Book Project, click [here](#) [Click](#)

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Monthly Competition No.7

19:30 'Davy Suite' Lea Hall Miners Welfare Centre
Monthly Competition No.7
Projected Digital Images
Subject: Abstract'
Judge: Terry Livesey
Closing Date: 11th April



Quiz Answers

CAMERA CLUB QUIZ 12

DO YOU KNOW YOUR GARDEN?

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| 1 | Protect your plants from frost with | b) cloche |
| 2 | Slugs and snails are classed as | b) molluscs |
| 3 | Shepherds Purse is a member of which family | a) mustard |
| 4 | Alliums are what | b) Onions & Garlic |
| 5 | Pelargoniums come from | b) South Africa |
| 6 | A seedling without branches can be called | b) Whip |
| 7 | A small Japanese orange is called | c) Kumquat |
| 8 | Plant spring flowering bulbs in | b) Early Autumn |
| 9 | Another name for Japanese Knotweed is | c) Fleece Flower |
| 10 | A good natural weed killer is white vinegar and dish soap mix | True |

PHOTO SECTION

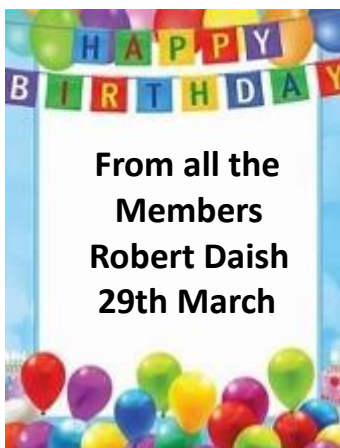
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| 11 | What function would be found on a DSLR and not be found on a SLR | a) Video |
| 12 | Which of the following is not a lens | c) Immersion |
| 13 | What is a snoot in photography | a) Lighting Modifier |
| 14 | A full frame camera normally has a shallower "DOF" | True |

TIE BREAKER (relating to the gardening section)

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| 15 | What is Xeriscaping? | Gardening with drought resistant plants |
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**Congratulations
To Quiz Winner
Angela Hanmer**



**From all the
Members
Robert Daish
29th March**

To all members who went on the Owl shoot can you send me your best photograph please by Thursday April 7th as I will send them to Andrew on Friday 8th April. A great day out for the winning entry. You have to be in it to win it. Send Photos to the editor
gjcaddick@hotmail.co.uk

