

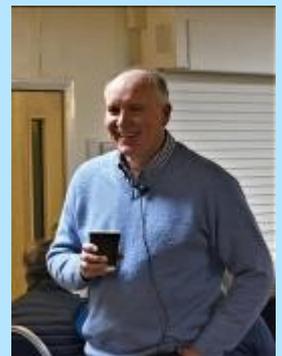


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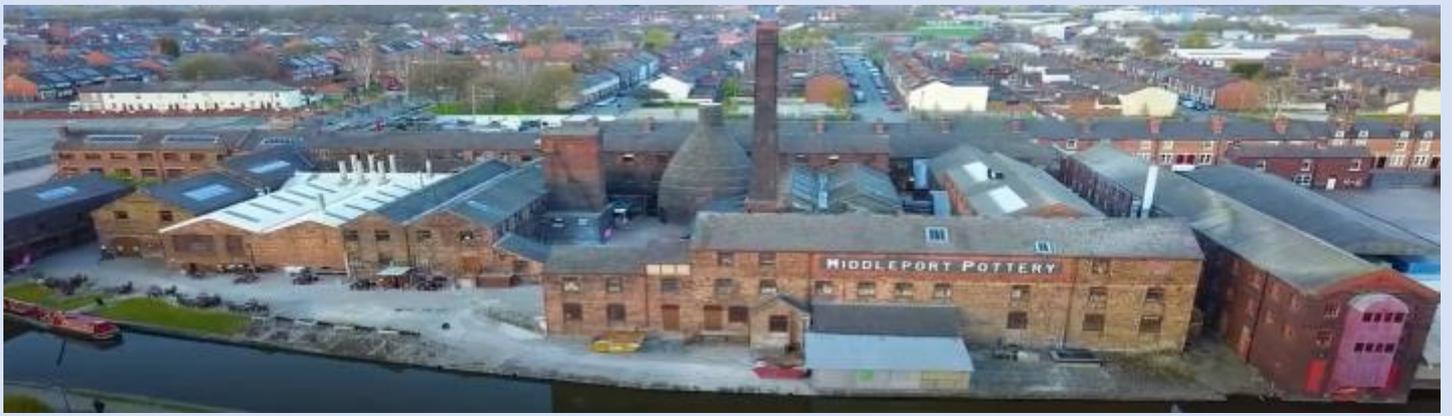
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November 7th. A presentation by Roger Butler ,”An Evening of Canal Photography”. There were images for everyone. Canal architecture, boats, bridges, landscapes, portraiture, still life, changing seasons, dereliction, history, geography, fishing, reflections, shadows, sunrises, sunsets and finally a honeymoon spent on the canals in the 1960’s. It bought back many memories for Carole and Dave of their journeys on the canals. Roger mentioned the Hatton flight of locks which reminded me of my trip on the canals. I was responsible for navigating the boat down this flight. On the third set of lock gates my partners in crime , the rest of the crew had managed to leave the wrong sluice gate open. The barge was being buffeted against the side of the lock with nobody realizing until I shouted above the din that something was amiss, or words to that effect. The gate was quickly closed. Too late. The pound behind us was virtually empty. Fish were floundering in the smelly canal basin and the surplus water had filled the next pound to it’s capacity which overflowed into the adjoining farmer’s field. It took at least ten lock fills to refill the pound from the first lock to the third. The Hatton flight has 21 locks and is known as the “Stairway to Heaven” and the only saving grace was we made our mistake on the third lock and not a much later one. The lock keeper came down from his cottage to see what all the fuss was about. He was not amused and berated us city types. I pleaded not guilty as I was on the barge and not responsible for the windlass operation.. ”No” , as captain I was responsible for giving out the orders.



Thanks Roger, members really enjoyed your presentation. As you said there was something for everyone. Thanks to Roy Harrison and Richard Moore for volunteering for “tea duties”. It’s amazing what members will do to get their picture in the newsletter.....The editor.



Wednesday 16th November. Club visit to Middleport Pottery.

Thanks Margaret for another well planned trip. Feedback from those on this visit was excellent with members saying how accommodating the workforce were to our members with plenty of banter and great photographic opportunities. Thanks for the photographs for this write up.....The editor



 **Les Amott**
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A little play with a shot from today.
Greetings from the factory manager at Burleigh today ... "Get off my land you trespassing Rugeley rabble!"



PHOTOGRAPHY EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & COURSES



→ Chappers Photography



The Chappers Photography Print Competition Awards!

The prizes were awarded as follows;

Best overall Photograph - Stephen Frost for his image of the Red Kite

Best Composite Photography - Stephen Dunn for his image of Georgia and Clemmie

Mark Mason Trophy for most Authentic Re-enactment photograph - Stephen Frost for his image of the Battle of Culloden

Congratulations to our winning photographers!



Well done Stephen
From all the members

For more information go to Chappers
Photography Facebook page.



MON **14** Monthly Competition No.3

NOV **19:30** 'Davy Suite' Lea Hall Miners Welfare Centre
2022 Monthly Competition No.3
Prints: Subject 'Still Life'
Judge: David Graham



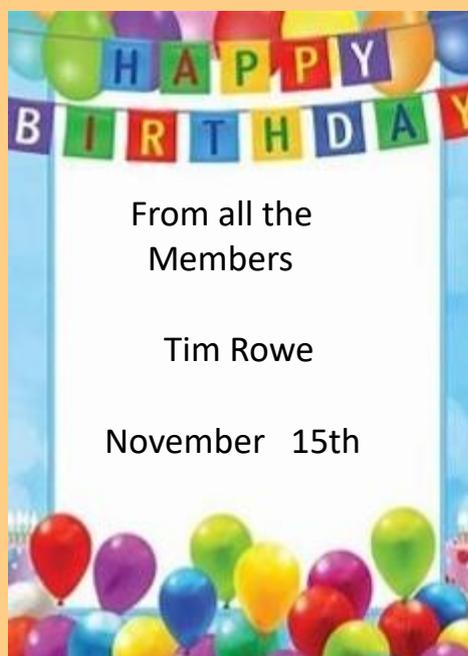
MON **21** 19:00 Start! Annual General Meeting & Presentation Evening

NOV **19:00** 'Davy Suite' Lea Hall Miners Welfare Centre
2022 Tonight is our Annual General Meeting followed by the Presentation Evening

MON **28** George Lamb Trophy

NOV **19:30** 'Davy Suite' Lea Hall Miners Welfare Centre
2022 Tonight is the annual George Lamb Trophy
Prints: Subject 'Landscapes'
Judge: Rob Ings

All entries in by 14th November
Please. Send jpegs to Dave Perry at
dave.p46@sky.com



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club
Christmas Meal Menu for
Monday 12th December 2022 starting at 7.30pm TICKET ONLY EVENT
Cost £19.00 per person Guests welcome.

Please let me know your preferred choice of food by
Thursday 24th November

MAIN COURSE
Roast Turkey or Roast Beef
Roast Potatoes
New Potatoes
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
Yorkshire Pudding
Pigs In Blankets

VEGETARIAN
Vegetable Tart or Goats Cheese Tart

DESERT
Apple Tart
or
Fudge Cake
Or
Cheesecake

Dear Members the last meeting of this year is on Monday 12th December 2022 and we will be celebrating with a Christmas meal supplied by S&K Catering, the food is always good & plentiful, the cost of a ticket is £19.00 per person, guests are welcome at the same cost, I have attached the menu, there are choices to be made on it so please let me know if you are coming if you want Beef or Turkey, If you are Vegetarian would you prefer Vegetable or Goats Cheese Tart & which Desert you would like Apple Tart, Fudge Cake or Cheesecake.

I need final final numbers & choices by 24th November 2022

Many Thanks

Carole

Staffordshire PDI Competition Results

Image	Stafford PS	Score	Image	Lichfield CC	Score
1	Considering the Future	17	2	Hocus Pocus!	15
13	Dawn in a Wadi Rum	17	14	Oops, I Dropped It	16
25	Four-Spotted Chaser	15	26	Cinnabar Moth on Salad Burnet	19
37	Large Skipper (Ochlodes Sylvanus)	18	38	Calm Reflections	16
49	Looking for my Friend	16	50	Connections	16
61	Museum of Liverpool	17	62	Slapping on the Lippy	16
73	Riding the Escalator at St. Pancras Station	17	74	Three's a Crowd	16
85	Juvenile Greater Spotted Woodpecker	17	86	Grandma's Garden	16
97	Twig Parachute Fungi	17	98	Groyne at East Wittering	17
109	Vitken Rockpool	17	110	Male Large Emerald Moth on Comstock H	17
	Total	168		Total	164

Image	Burton upon Trent PS	Score	Image	Blythe Bridge CC	Score
5	Harrier	15	6	Hawkstone Motocross	16
17	Going to the Office	16	18	Tulip	16
29	Towards the Light	17	30	Moorland Landscape	18
41	A Family Walk	17	42	Dandelion	14
53	Fog of War	17	54	Waiting to Fly	16
65	Steady as she Goes	16	66	Wayne Bedford	20
77	Homestead	19	78	A Winters Day	16
89	Wilson	17	90	Bullfinch Feeding	16
101	Black Swan	16	102	Horse Power	16
113	Darn Mist	17	114	Heron With Fish	17
	Total	167		Total	165

Image	Stafford CC	Score	Image	Rugeley & Armitage CC	Score
9	Counter Attack	17	10	Bench with a View	17
21	The Fairy Princess	16	22	Four Minute Warning	17
33	Wet Race	17	34	From Out of the Shadows - Little Grebe	15
45	Sir Winston Churchill	18	46	Allium for Lunch	16
57	Two Lengths Ahead	16	58	Kestrel in Flight	18
69	Readers Wives	17	70	Leaf Insect	16
81	Mountain Pass by Moonlight	17	82	Ophelia	16
93	Watching the Detectives	16	94	PinMill	16
105	Kicked the Bucket	17	106	Wood Nymph	16
117	Blea Tarn	17	118	Xenia	17
	Total	168		Total	164

Image	Acton Trussell & Penkridge PS	Score	Image	Rocester & District CC	Score
3	Call of the Wild	15	4	Pencilin	15
15	Delicate	16	16	Layered Rose	17
27	Ennerdale Water	15	28	Portrait of Rebecca	16
39	Fighting Jays	17	40	3+1	17
51	Inside Colwich Church	16	52	Peeling Paint	16
63	Male Banded Demoiselle	16	64	Senegal Thick-knee	16
75	On the Steps at Shugborough	16	76	Three in Whitby	20
87	Red Squirrel	15	88	Earl Grey on Willow	18
99	Regal Jumping Spider	17	100	Edinburgh	16
111	Steetley Pier	17	112	Moorhens Fighting	17
	Total	160		Total	168

Image	Willfield CC	Score	Image	Leek PC	Score
7	A Mountain Framed	14	8	Male Kingfisher Preening	18
19	Aber Falls Mist	18	20	The Commuter	17
31	Hands	16	32	Mutual Gaze	17
43	Hawks Hunting	16	44	Uttoxeter Balloon Festival	16
55	Hero's Greeting	16	56	In My Beginning	20
67	Llanddwyn Island Sunset	17	68	Fire	16
79	Maggie Mine	17	80	View of Eilean Donan Castle	17
91	Penmon Lighthouse	16	92	Pairing Common Red Soldier Beet	17
103	Snake Eye	16	104	Serenity	17
115	Waterdrop in Seed with Yellow Flower	15	116	Lion Brother Dispute	19
	Total	161		Total	174

Image	Tamworth PC	Score	Image	Newcastle CC	Score
11	The Cavalry Arrives	16	12	Good Day to you Sir	15
23	Squabbling Gannets	17	24	Caribbean Carnival	15
35	Shingle Street Cottages	19	36	Horse Trials	16
47	Blanket Finish	17	48	Black Kite Hunting	17
59	Mayfly Resting	17	60	Lost Fish	16
71	Morning Mill	16	72	Reflections at the Lowry	17
83	A Successful Block	15	84	Red Squirrel	16
95	Yellow Dung Fly	17	96	Cuckoo in Flight	16
107	Highway to Heaven	17	108	Church in the Sea	17
119	Concentration	17	120	Wild Barn Owl Take Off	17
	Total	168		Total	162

Club/Society	Total
Leek PC	174
Rocester & District CC	168
Stafford CC	168
Stafford PS	168
Tamworth PC	168
Burton upon Trent PS	167
Blythe Bridge CC	165
Lichfield CC	164
Rugeley & Armitage CC	164
Newcastle CC	162
Willfield CC	161
Acton Trussell & Penkridge PS	160

Hi everyone,

Thank you to you all who attended the competition last night (Wednesday), I hope you all agree that it was a very successful evening. It was very good to see so many people attending. I have attached a copy of the scoresheet for your records.

We hope to see you all at the Print Competition in April.

Best regards
Alan Lovatt.

Thank you to all the members of RACC who helped on the evening and a big thank you to the selection committee for sorting out our entries.

Well done to Les Arnott for getting our clubs highest score with "Kestrel in Flight" which can be seen on the competitions page. Very close marking, another five points and we would have been second.

Dear Members, It is with deepest regret that I have to Inform you that John Sylvester the founder member of our camera club and very good friend passed away suddenly on Monday 7th November. John will be sadly missed by us all at the camera club for his dedication, passion and hard work over the last 13 years to make our club what it is today. Our deepest sympathy is with his family at this sad time.

Carole (Chairperson)

New club in the frame



John Sylvester and show visitor Carole Perry from Rugeley with, back, visitor Brenda Page from Rugeley, Dave Blower and Spode Cottage owner Mike Lookley

Exhibition spurs photography fans



Thank-you John!

Monday night saw Dave Hanmer and Glenn Riley take over Secretary and Newsletter responsibilities from John after many years.

Carole introduced Dave and Glenn to the audience, and reference was made to the fact that John has put so much time and energy into the club, that it is taking two people to step into his shoes!

This sentiment was shared by the whole audience.

Thank you John for all your hard work.



The club was formed in 2009. John was secretary and editor of the newsletter till 2014. He organized the charity auction with Charles Hanson on presentation day. John and Val were sponsors of a trophy which Marie and I were awarded twice. John was our clubs guiding light and will be sorely missed. R.I.P. Marie and Graham.

John Sylvester's funeral is on Friday 25th November 10.30am at Fradley Crematorium, Family flowers only donations to a charity of the family's choice.

*With deepest
sympathy*



Loved ones never go away,
they walk beside us every day
unheard and unseen but
always near. still loved,
still missed and held
so dear
♡



Thank you for letting me know about John. I am saddened, he was a lovely person with a charm, humour and amazing ability to organize the club in those early days. I am really sorry to read this. **Adam Belcher.**

From Carole & David Perry

We met John in 2009 and from the first day we became greatest of friends, he was one of those people you felt as if you had known for a lifetime, both John & Val made us and our children so welcome that we thought of them as our extended family. John was secretary of our camera club until Val became quite ill and he had to resign whilst he cared for her, following Val's death in May 2021 John re-joined our camera club committee as an advisor and that's what he did best, John was always there for us whenever we had a query, he either knew the answer or found it out, if we needed to search for anything on the Internet John was there leaving no stone unturned until he found what we were after, he applied for grants, In fact any of the time consuming things that needed doing, John was there for us.

From day one he was a true ambassador for our camera club. His passing will be a great loss to us personally and to anyone that was fortunate to have known John. Thankyou John for everything, we will truly miss you, goodbye dear friend.

I knew John and his wife Val from many years ago with Brownhills Cricket Club. Back in the 1970' and 80's the Cricket club was thriving with three Adult teams and a couple of youth teams. John took charge of the youngsters including my two sons over a few years. He gave his time to support the young cricketers rather than play himself. As time went by I lost touch with John and then much to my surprise found that once again we shared an interest, this time in photography. John was a stalwart both at the Cricket Club and our Camera Club. It was such a shock to learn of the sudden passing of a true Gentleman. R.I.P John, reunited with Val, gone but not forgotten.

Graham Orgill