# **Newsletter 20th May**

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### **Monday15th May Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Competition**



David Perry the "Competition Secretary", handed out the certificates from the "Architecture Competition" from a few weeks ago to members that were there on the night. Mary Eaton kindly collected Andrea Wheatley's certificates. Ann Sutcliffe was the judge for the night and held 12 images back. Winning print "Family of Otters" by Steve Higgins.





Roy Hodgkiss presenting Trophy to Steve Higgins.

# Roy Hodgkiss National History Competition 15th May 2023

# ROUND 1

1	- Blackfalled Skimmer  pg Graham Orgil	16
2	- Hummingbird moth Mary Eaton	15
3	- Blue tit in Goyt Valley Les Arnott	18
4	- Pretty in Pink Roy Hardson	16
5	- Tufted Duck Margaret Beardsmore	18
6	- Three Red Kites in Flight Glyn Heywood	17
7	- Lioness with Files Steve //icore	15
8	- Heron Graham Caddick	16
9	- Puffin Marie Lakin	16
10	- wren on frosted nettles Steve Higgins	19
11	- Red Shank (Tringa Totanus) Richard (Joorse	16
12	- Great Spotted Woodpecker David Perry	17
13	- black headed gulls Stephen Frost	16

#### ROUND 2

14	- Curlew Graham Caddilck	18
15	- Little Grebe Coming out of the Shadows Margaret Beardsmore	19 – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
16	- Rock Agama Lizard Steve //bove	15
17	- Red Squirrel Feeding Richard Moorse	19
18	- Bick-tailed Godwits Mary Eaton	16
19	- Female Ruddy Shelduck David Perry	17
20	- Freeze - Don't Movel Roy Hardson	15
21	- Calopteryx splendens Les Amott	17
22	- Waxwing Graham Orgili	20 – 200
23	- Stag on Jura Marie Lakin	16
24	- family of otters Steve Higgins	20 - 1"
25	- Blue Tit Stephen Frost	16
26	- Red Kite on Patrol Glyn Heywood	15





**Family of Otters Steve Higgins** 





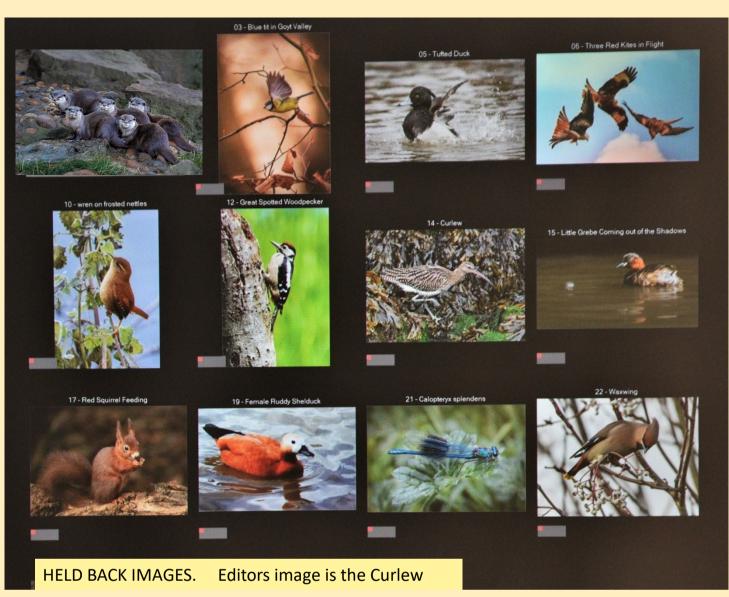
Waxwing **Graham Orgill** 





**Little Grebe** coming out of the Shadows.

> **Margaret Beardsmore**





# Programme

Members saw David Keep at Lichfield. Excellent speaker. Do not miss this presentation. Hope to see as many members as possible on Monday evening. The Editor

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### **Guest Speaker - David Keep**

22 MAY

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

Tonight our Guest Speaker is David Keep with his presentation 'Underwater Photography Pt2'

**About David Keep** - extract from an interview with artsbeatamanda November 23, 2019

David Keep has a competitive streak. You only have to look at the number of awards he has won for his amateur photography to realise that. The only way to win is to enter, and to be as successful as David you need to have a passion not just for taking pictures but also for showing them off.

"I consider myself an image maker not a photographer as I enjoy the processing as much as I do taking the photo. I am totally passionate about all forms of photography and I often spend 40 to 50 hours a week working on my hobby," he said

My jaw drops as I compute just how long that actually is, as David, explains that when he stepped back from running a family business full time five years ago he needed something to fill his time.

"My wife was still working and I was wandering around the house looking for something to do to keep myself intellectually challenged," he said.

His daughter had lent him a camera and bored he decided to read the manual cover to cover and teach himself to use it.

Within months he had won his first competition and now he is considered to be one of the best amateur photographers in the UK and is a member of the Rolls Royce Photographic Society which is officially one of the best in the world having won a bronze medal in the International Federation of Photographic Art's World Cup in 2018



Photographing Clownfish at Bunaken, Indonesia. I rarely pass an anemone without photographing it. Why? Well because 99% of the time there'll be a resident clownfish family and I find them irresistable. The underwater world abounds with symbiotic relationship where species work together to mutual advantage and this has to be one of the most pleasing. The anemone is beautiful... the clownfish are beautiful... seems they were made for each other :-) See less

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**Bank Holiday-No Meeting Tonight** 

19:30

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**Practical Evening** 

05 JUN

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

Practical Evening where some teach & others learn

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**Photographic Exhibition** 

11 JUN 2023

11:00 - 16:00 Lea Hall Miners Welfare Club

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**Ladies vs Gents Competition** 

12 JUN

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

2023 Tonight is the annual Ladies vs Gents Competition.

Prints: Subject 'Open'

Judge: TBA

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Club Photographic Exhibition - Museum of Cannock Chase

Museum of Cannock Chase

Club Photographic Exhibition held at the Museum of Cannock Chase

A display of Members Prints





28th August - 14th October 2023

### Rugeley and Armitage Camera Club Exhibition 2023

Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club was formed in 2009 and has a very friendly and active club membership. This exhibition showcases their photography skills to the local community and visitors to the Cannock Chase area.

The club caters for all photographers ranging from total beginners to serious enthusiasts and new members are always very welcome. They meet on Monday evenings at 7.30pm September to June at 'The Davy Suite' Lea Hall Social Club, Rugeley WS15 2LB. Find out more at www.rugeleyandarmitagecameraclub.com

At The Museum of Cannock Chase Valley Road, Hednesford WS12 1TD



To: All members Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club

Please see the information below from Margaret Beardsmore.

Thursday 8th June - Visit to Norton Bog near Chasewater

Les Arnott has very kindly offered to lead this visit to one of his favourite places for butterflies, insects and macro photography. We are all familiar with Les' beautiful insect and macro images, many taken from this area, so we are privileged that he has offered to share his knowledge!

If any of us wants help or advice on the day Les is happy to help where he can. Alternatively you can just do your own thing!

We will be spending the morning in this area after a 10 am start, followed by lunch at the Station Cafe. We can continue the visit after lunch when visiting Chasewater is another option for bird photography. We may also spot Red deer which frequent the area.

If you can only spare half a day that's not a problem.

Whilst macro lenses can be helpful with this type of photography, good results can also be had with zoom lenses. Les will also provide a list of useful equipment for the day. Beginners are very welcome on this trip as are more experienced members.

The ground is reasonably flat but might well be muddy so sensible footwear is essential.

Under 18's and vulnerable members need appropriate supervision- please contact me to confirm.

Please email me if you would like to come on the trip (or want more details). Numbers will be capped at 12 members in total so we don't get in each others way.

I will then send out details of parking, plus a risk assessment which you should read before the day.

Dear Members, we have quite a few prints which will be brought in to the club meeting on Monday 15th May, we would like you to collect them please, **do** come prepared to do this.

We are asking all members for 2 mounted prints of your choice titled etc. on the reverse for us to showcase at our exhibition at Lea Hall on <u>Sunday 11th June</u>.

We also need 1 print per member for the exhibition which will to be held at The Mining

Museum of Cannock Chase at Valley Road, Hednesford from 28th August to 14th October

These prints are needed by Monday 22nd May

Please clearly mark which exhibition the prints are for.

# **SO IMPORTANT**Printed Twice

Hi Graham, can you add to the newsletter 2 Prints from each member for our Exhibition at Lea Hall on <u>Sunday 11th June</u> along with 1 print per member for the exhibition at the Mining Museum of Cannock Chase both need to be in on Monday 22nd May please, all prints to be in a 400  $\times$  500mm mounts with a label on the reverse showing Name, Title & which exhibition they are for.

### 'Carole's Creative' competition

It's almost time for me to judge my 'Creative' competition, you have until 31st May at the very latest, I will be judging them on 1st June, David tells me that only 11 members have entered giving me a total of 24 Images to judge, which for a club of our size is nothing.

Anything goes for this competition, the only criteria is to 'Make me Smile' it can have been enhanced in Photoshop or straight from the camera, I won't be judging on technical abilities, It can be colour or Monochrome, any subject, I want to open up the files and go 'WOW' I love it! a catchy title might help who knows, as I said I'm easy to please. As long as you've set up the shot and pressed the button it's a valid entry.

There's a very nice little trophy for the winner of this competition, so please why not have a go, you don't know until you've tried.





# Photofolio 2023

This is a club entry to MCPF of 45 prints and pdi's. We had 34 acceptances out of 45. The tables below show we did really well in the pdi and print club results coming 3rd equal and forth. The club had 2 highly commended, best nature, best mono landscape and best landscape print. Well done to the selection committee and all members that received an acceptance. Looking forward to the travelling "Photofolio" on the 13th November.

PDI Club Results	
Club	Score
Smethwick PS	196
Arden PG	189
Jaguar PS	177
Rugely & Armitage CC	177
Earl Shilton CC	176
Solihull PS	174
Tettenhall Wood PC	172
Bromsgrove PS	171
Kettering & District PS	171
Burton on Trent PS	170
Stourport Cc	169
Cheltenham CC	165
Litchfield CC	164
Stafford PS	164
Vale of Evesham Cc	164
Lutterworth PS	163
Trinity PG	163
Wellingbourgh & Dist PC	161
South Birmingham PS	160
Dudley CC	158
Leicester Forrest PS	158
Coventry PS	157
Abington CC	156
Corley & Fillonley PC	155
Wolverhampton PS	155
Fosse Co-op CC	146
Knowle CC	46
Desborough & Rothwell PS	41
Rocester & Dist CC	29

Colour Prints	
Club	Score
Arden PG	205
Smethwick PS	199
Shirley PS	183
Rugeley & Armitage Cc	180
Bromsgrove PS	179
Burton on Trent	176
Lichfield CC	175
Stafford PS	172
Wolverhampton PS	172
Solihull PS	171
Corley & Fillongley PC	169
Stourport CC	164
South Birmingham PS	162
Chapter Six	110
Dudley CC	42

Mono Prints	
Club	Score
Smethwick PS	206
Arden PG	201
Stafford PS	189
Bromsgrove PS	185
Lichfield CC	184
Burton on Trent	179
Rugeley & Armitage Cc	178
Wolverhampton PS	174
Shirley PS	171
South Birmingham PS	171
Solihull PS	168
Stourport CC	165
Corley & Fillongley PC	164
Chapter Six	140
Dudley CC	33

"Milking Fungus" scored 14 and was accepted		Highly Commended  Linda Shaw
"Joel No Pain No Gain" scored 14 and was accepted		Highly Commended  Graham Orgill
"St. Pauls" scored 14 and was accepted	The same of the sa	Best Mono Landscape  Brian Wheatley
"Old Harry Rocks" scored 14 and was accepted		Best Landscape Print Brian Wheatley



"Gull Combat" scored 15 and

was accepted



Brian Wheatley

Les Arnott Image later in newsletter

Best Nature







# Wednesday 10th May 3 way Club Competition Burton Camera Club Lichfield Camera Club Rugeley and Armitage Camera Club



Well done the selection committee and members

The competition was held at Lichfield Camera Club in Lichfield. There was a good turnout of our members. Alan Lawrence the judge held back 9 of the ten PDI's and after marking we were 16 points in front. At the interval we enjoyed the free home made cakes.



Les Arnot's PDI came first with "Gull Combat." The second half was a bit more intense but again 6 prints were held back. The club came top again with the top two prints gaining 20 points. Congratulations to Linda Shaw with "Autumn Harvest" and Les Arnott with Calopteryx Splendens.

< Calopteryx Splendens V Gull Combat



InterClub (30)

### Lichfield v Burton v Rugeley PDI

			Score			
No Nan	me	Author	Title	Burton	LCC	R&A
1 Bur	ton	Tim Stokes	01 Birmingham Cathedral	15		
2 Lich	nfield Camera Club	Richard Moore	02 The Shard at Twilight		16	
3 Rug	geley and Armitage	Richard Moorse	03 A Comfortable Seat			18
4 Bur	ton	Stephen Oakes	04 Prison	16		
5 Lich	nfield Camera Club	George Hughes	05 Romani Horse		15	
6 Rug	geley and Armitage	Graham Orgill	06 Bicycles			18
7 Bur	ton	Lorraine Hardy	07 Matera at Dusk	18		
8 Lich	nfield Camera Club	Anne Anderson	08 Proud to Serve		17	
9 Rug	geley and Armitage	Andrea Wheatley	09 Chesterton Windmill			17
10 Bur	ton	Karen Kreft	10 Houses of Parliament	17		
11 Lich	nfield Camera Club	Darron Matthews	11 Cinnabar Moth on Salad Burnet		19	
12 Rug	geley and Armitage	Steve Moore	12 Come With Me			19
13 Bur	rton	Lesley Jane Carruthers	13 The Rosary	16		
14 Lich	nfield Camera Club	Joe Anderson	14 Rough Sea at Spurn Point		17	
15 Rug	geley and Armitage	Jan Wilson	15 Girasol Seville			18
16 Bur	ton	Sheenagh Crumley	16 Going to the Office	18		
17 Lich	nfield Camera Club	Catherine Nicholls	17 What's up		17	
18 Rug	geley and Armitage	Les Arnott	18 Gull Combat			20
19 Bur	ton	Lesley Jane Carruthers	19 Man of the Woods	18		
20 Lich	nfield Camera Club	Sandra Morgan	20 Teasel Leaves		17	
21 Rug	geley and Armitage	Mary Eaton	21 One Shot More			19
22 Bur	ton	Ralph Duckett	22 Dawn Mist	17		
23 Lich	nfield Camera Club	Catherine Nicholls	23 Telling a Tale		19	
24 Rug	geley and Armitage	Brian Wheatley	24 The Shard			19
25 Bur	ton	Stephen Oakes	25 Anthony Gormley visits UEA Norwich	17		
26 Lich	nfield Camera Club	Darron Matthews	26 Female Green Drake Mayfly on Meadow Buttercup		17	
27 Rug	geley and Armitage	Brian Wheatley	27 Under New Street			19
28 Lich	nfield Camera Club	Anne Anderson	29 Classic Morgan Triptych		16	
29 Rug	geley and Armitage	Andrea Wheatley	30 Xenia			19
30 Bur	ton	Lorraine Hardy	Homestead	17		
Be	st PDI No 18 - Gull (	Combat	Total Score	169	170	186

**Total Score** 

	Lichfield v Burton v Rugeley Prints				Score		
No	Name	Author	Title	Burton	LCC	R&A	
1	Burton	Lorraine Hardy	01 Siren Call	16			
2	Lichfield Camera Club	Ivan Shaw	02 Mel		19		
3	Rugeley and Armitage	Jan Wilson	03 A Fragrant Brew			17	
4	Burton	Rob Sample	04 The Moon at Lichfield Cathedral	17		No. of the last	
5	Lichfield Camera Club	Richard Moore	05 Speeding Past The Town Hall		16		
6	Rugeley and Armitage	Linda Shaw	06 Autumn Harvest			20	
7	Burton	Rob Sample	07 Cornish Engine House	15			
8	Lichfield Camera Club	Joe Anderson	08 Paddling for Home.		18		
9	Rugeley and Armitage	Les Arnott	09 Calopteryx Splendens			20	
10	Burton	Vic Crumley	10 Off the Beaten Track	16			
11	Lichfield Camera Club	Darron Matthews	11 Male Puss Moth on Lichen Branch		18		
12	Rugeley and Armitage	Chris Shaw	12 Newly Hatched Peacock Butterfly			17	
13	Burton	Ralph Duckett	13 Journey into the Unknown	16			
14	Lichfield Camera Club	Sue Freeman	14 Three's a Crowd		18		
15	Rugeley and Armitage	Richard Moorse	15 Red Squirrel Feeding			17	
16	Burton	Lorraine Hardy	16 Flowers in the Attic	16			
17	Lichfield Camera Club	Anne Anderson	17 Hocus Pocus!		19	1000	
18	Rugeley and Armitage	Brian Wheatley	18 Stonehenge		Second Second	18	
19	Burton	Clive Ward	19 Look What I've Got	17			
20	Lichfield Camera Club	Joe Anderson	20 Red Kite Hunting		17		
21	Rugeley and Armitage	Mary Eaton	21 Tree Creeper			19	
	Burton	Steve Albutt	22 Glory Days Gone	15			
23	Lichfield Camera Club	Sue Freeman	23 Misty Morning		16		
24	Rugeley and Armitage	Mary Eaton	24 Water Rail			14	
	Burton	Mark Kerridge	25 The Old Life Boat House	15			
26	Lichfield Camera Club	David Bull	26 Exhaust Pipes		19		
27	Rugeley and Armitage	Graham Orgill	27 Waxwing			19	
_	Burton	Ralph Duckett	28 Clearing Snow Storm	16			
29	Lichfield Camera Club	Darron Matthews	29 Male Large Emerald Moth on Corncockle Head		17		
30	Rugeley and Armitage	Steve Higgins	30 Wren On Frosted Nettles	00004435.00		19	

Best Print No 9 - Calopteryx Splendens

Prints	159	177	180
PDI's	169	170	186
Totals	328	347	366



# e-news

from the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain







### **Chappers Photography**

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The Countdown to the Battle of the Alamo weekend has begun! Just over five weeks to go!! We have an exciting weekend of activities planned including an epic battle featuring over 200 reenactors, live musket and cannon firing and a flypast by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (Official) Hawker Hurricane!!! **CLICK HERE** 

Make sure you book your tickets in advance;

Public Day - Sunday 18th June -

https://www.chappersphotography.co.uk/.../battle-of-the...

Photographers Day - Saturday 17th June -

https://www.chappersphotography.co.uk/.../battle-of-the...

Tickets also available at Cobwebs coffee shop, Goose Lane, Abbots Bromley.

Not a dedicated photography event, but some great photo opportunities... please do enter my competition to win some tickets! Just click on the original post and make sure you comment on that directly. Thanks 🙏

# Battle of the Alamo Public Re-enactment day

Family fun day out

#### Experience living history

- · Full recreation of the Battle of the Alamo
- 200 re-enactor
- Full scale battle Live firing
- Authentic camps
   Cannon firing
   Experience civilian life
- Grand Parade of the re-enactors culmination in volley firing of muskets
- Meet reenactors and learn their stories
   Children's drill- join the texican Army,
- attack and try to capture a Mexican cannon
- Visit an outdoor museum quarter Play Mexican card games of the 1830's
- Dress up as a Mexican soldier 1830's rifle loading and firing
- demonstration
- Period printing press demonstrations by Past Times historical interpretations

Sunday 18th June 2023

RAF Hawker hurricane flypast (subject to weather and serviceability)





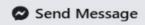


10am - 3pm



The event will be held in a field at High Ash Farm (next to Cobwebs Coffee Shop), Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DF Tickets available online: chappersphotography.co.uk or you can buy them in person at Cobwebs Coffee Shop, Abbots Bromley WS15 3DF,

### Chappers Photography





### Chappers Photography

3 May at 17:40 · 3

\*\*\*WIN 4 tickets to the Battle of the Alamo Public Day\*\*\* 😂 🥒 🧏

We are very excited to launch a brand new competition to win 4 tickets to our first evet public re-enactment day. All you have to do is like and share this post. Then, in the comments tag in two friends that you would like to bring along with you. The lucky winner will be chosen at random on Thursday 1st June.

The competition closes on Wednesday 31st May, so get tagging and sharing now!!!

Details & tickets for the event can be found on the link below or you can call into Cobwebs Coffee Shop in Abbots Bromley to purchase tickets (and cake!) in person.

### Last Minute Vacancies for British Wildlife Photography



bob@naturesphotos.co.uk <bob@naturesphotos.co.uk>

14:18

The first is my 2 day Secret British Mammals workshop in Devon.





There are only a few vacancies left on two workshops in July and October. We will be photographing British Mammals at an excellent site in Devon where we have access to a private wildlife collection some of which were used for the recent David Attenborough Wild Isles series. We will use a series of purpose built photographic and film sets where we can photograph an excellent collection of captive British mammals. The aim of this two-day workshop / safari is to provide an unparalleled opportunity to photograph a broad range of British mammals with relative ease and in highly realistic and landscaped surroundings. In addition to the normal species the centre has Lynx, wild boar, badgers in daylight and European Beaver. As it's a private centre we have unrestricted access to photograph all the animals in their large naturalistic enclosures and with the exception of Lynx - we will enter all the enclosures with the animals. I normally limit the session to 6 people so your access to the animals is truly excellent and in addition this gives me the opportunity to support you on a one to one basis.

## **CLICK HERE**

I can arrange B&B accommodation for those travelling a distance at a local farm and this helps make for a great opportunity for all of us to immerse ourselves in photography for a weekend.

More details and booking form at Secret British Mammals Devon - West Devon - Natures Photos .

The second is my 1 day British Wildlife Centre workshop in Surrey.



The centre has been especially created with large enclosures also designed specifically with photographers in mind. Some major TV channels including the BBC also use this venue regularly. I have a long-established relationship with the owner and all the keepers which results in us gaining unrivalled access and hosting whilst there.

We will have the centre to ourselves and privileged access into the pens with many animals meaning there will be no barriers or wire obscuring your view! You will come home with stunning photographs that would be extremely difficult in the wild, will have improved your photographic technique and learnt a great deal more about your camera and the wildlife.

CLICK HERE

More details and booking form at <u>British Wildlife Centre - with Natures</u>

<u>Photos</u>.

**CLICK HERE** For Workshops and much more

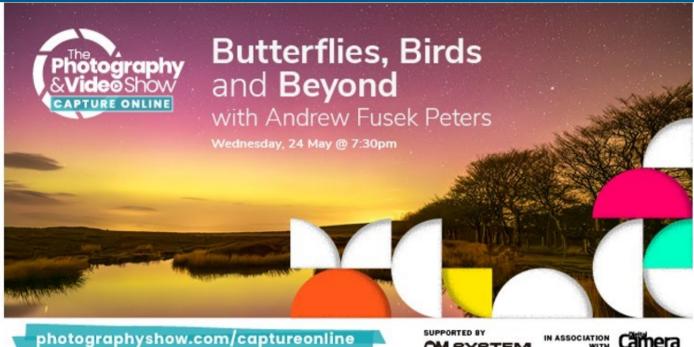


### Butterflies, Birds and Beyond with Andrew **Fusek Peters**

### Wednesday, 24 May @ 7:30pm

You can never spend too much time with a species. Learn how to capture the essence of wildlife with Andrew Fusek Peters as he shares his insight on wildlife and landscape photography. Andrew will share his top tips on how to capture the perfect shot in the wild.

OM SYSTEM



Andrew visited our club and he was an excellent speaker. His talk that evening was "Hill and Dale" and I think he nearly ran out of copies of his fantastic book.

### REMINDER: JOIN US ONLINE FOR AN AWE-INSPIRING TALK AND LIVE Q&A WITH ANDREW FUSEK PETERS

Next week on Wednesday, 24 May at 7:30pm (BST), OM System ambassador, Andrew Fusek Peters will give a unique insight into his creative world, as part of the next instalment of our Capture Online series: Butterflies, Birds and Beyond.

### And you're invited!

Appearing regularly in the national media, and producing cover shots for the likes of The Guardian, The Times, and BBC Wildlife Magazine, Andrew really is a go-to when it comes to winged wildlife. During this session, he'll impart some truly unmissable tips and the audience will have the chance to ask him anything (within reason!).

THE SESSION IS FREE TO ATTEND - YOU JUST NEED TO REGISTER!\*

**CLICK HERE**