



## Newsletter 17th June 2023

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Editor Graham Caddick. Con-



### Ladies verses Gents Prints Competition 2023.

**Monday 12th June** . Linda Shaw was presented with her Catalogue and ribbon from the Photofolio Competition for her image "Milking Fungus." Rob Ings was the judge for the night and Dave is just giving Rob his coffee to keep him alert" wink, wink," The ladies certainly looked worried. Dave Perry's "Graffiti Art" was the first print out and was held back. (Scored 19). Six images scored 20 points with the ladies getting four of them. The men held their own when getting 7 prints with 19 points. The ladies had 3 prints with 19 points. Scoring was close.



This contest has been closely fought over the last four years, with the ladies winning them all by the tightest of margins by decimal points. The ladies certainly used their bragging rights whenever the occasion arose. As editor if the Gents won I would be very gracious, as this is my last newsletter and it would be good to go out on a win. Fingers crossed then.

**Ladies V Gents**  
**COMPETITION MONDAY 12th June 2023**  
**JUDGE: Rob Ings**

	<b>Titles</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Ladies</b>	<b>Gents</b>	<b>Place</b>
1	<b>Graffiti Art</b>	<b>David Perry</b>		19	H
2	<b>Blue Tit in Goyt Valley</b>	<b>Les Arnott</b>		19	H
3	<b>The Library Lamp</b>	<b>Sally Arnott</b>	15		
4	<b>Black Tailed Godwits</b>	<b>Mary Eaton</b>	15		
5	<b>Portrait of a Golden Eagle</b>	<b>Carole Perry</b>	16		
6	<b>Into The Spray and Mist</b>	<b>Nola Lovatt</b>	16		
7	<b>Dangerous Grazing</b>	<b>Graham Caddick</b>		18	H
8	<b>Puffin</b>	<b>Marie Lakin</b>	14		
9	<b>Fighting For Peace</b>	<b>Odette Green</b>	13		
10	<b>Sentry Duty</b>	<b>Justine Page</b>	16		
11	<b>Waterbuck Embrace</b>	<b>Steve Moore</b>		19	H
12	<b>Destitute Rocker</b>	<b>Richard Moorse</b>		17	
13	<b>Dismal Donan</b>	<b>David Martin</b>		18	H
14	<b>Blacktailed Skimmer</b>	<b>Graham Orgill</b>		15	
15	<b>Amaryllis</b>	<b>Janet Taylor</b>	18		H
16	<b>Dreamy Blue Bells</b>	<b>Chris Shaw</b>		13	
17	<b>Dodging the Showers</b>	<b>Jan Wilson</b>	17		
18	<b>Banded Demoiselle</b>	<b>Margaret Beardsmore</b>	20		H
19	<b>Kingfisher</b>	<b>Andrea Wheatley</b>	16		
20	<b>Woodland</b>	<b>Doreen Barber</b>	13		
21	<b>Stonehenge</b>	<b>Brian Wheatley</b>		19	H
22	<b>Female Black Grouse</b>	<b>Robert Daish</b>		18	H
23	<b>Red Eyed Tree Frog</b>	<b>Steve Higgins</b>		16	
24	<b>There Must Be Something Out There</b>	<b>Coco Watkins</b>	18		H
25	<b>Owl Butterfly</b>	<b>Lea Foster</b>	14		
26	<b>Campion</b>	<b>Stephen Frost</b>		16	
27	<b>Autumn Harvest</b>	<b>Linda Shaw</b>	20		H
28	<b>Its That Look</b>	<b>Roy Harrison</b>		14	
29	<b>Polyommatus Icarus Common Blue Butterfly</b>	<b>Neil Bunting</b>		17	
30	<b>Sun Set On The By-Pass to Scotland</b>	<b>Roy Hodgkiss</b>		14	
			241	252	



		Ladies	498	16.60	
		Gents	510	17.00	
	Titles	Name	Ladies	Gents	Place
31	Coming Out Of The Shadows Little Grebe	Margaret Beardsmore	18		H
32	Slitting Mill Waterfall	Coco Watkins	19		H
33	Glen Finnae	Neil Bunting		18	H
34	Calopteryx Splendens	Les Arnott		17	
35	Male Goosander	Robert Daish		15	
36	Humming Bird Moth	Mary Eaton	17		
37	Milking Fungus	Linda Shaw	20		1ST
38	Evening In London	Janet Taylor	19		H
39	Mountain Biker	Doreen Barber	13		
40	Yes Dear	Lea Foster	17		
41	Cyclamen In The Light	Sally Arnott	14		
42	Start Them Young	Roy Harrison		15	
43	The Rendezvous	Stephen Frost		15	
44	Frosty Morning Cannock Chase	Roy Hodgkiss		15	
45	Spring Blooms	David Martin		14	
46	Sunset	Jan Wilson	19		H
47	Curlew	Marie Lakin	16		
48	Wren On Frosted Nettles	Steve Higgins		20	H
49	Still Life Reflected	Nola Lovatt	18		H
50	Waxwing	Graham Orgill		17	
51	Strokkur	Brian Wheatley		19	H
52	Upper Moor	Chris Shaw		20	H
53	Catch Me If You Can	Richard Moorose		19	H
54	Whitewater Fun	David Perry		19	H
55	Highland Cow	Graham Caddick		17	
56	Swan Simplicity	Justine Page	16		
57	Falkirk Wheel	Carole Perry	20		H
58	Story Time	Andrea Wheatley	15		
59	Where's My Biscuit	Odette Green	16		
60	Sinking Dancer	Steve Moore		18	H
			257	258	



**We did it. Gents win.** 510 points to 498 points. Average 17.0 to 16.60  
Well done to Linda Shaw who received 2 x 20points. Margaret Beardsmore and Carole Perry also scored 20 points. For members who were unable to make this closely fought fun evening , I've printed the top six images. Well before the Ladies say it, the Gents have to win the next four to catch up.



Photo taken when arms aloft celebrating win. Apologies for blur. Marie seems to want a recount. The roar that occurred would have woken up Rugeley and beyond. Carole said she was pleased to see Gents, so desperate to win , achieve it after trying for five years.



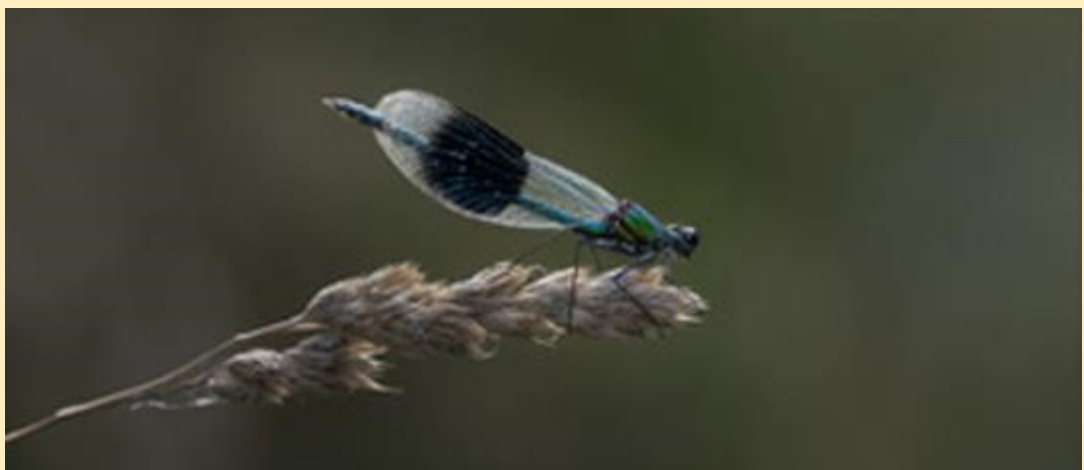
**Andrea  
Reading out  
The  
Results  
Les looked  
Worried**



**Milking Fungus**  
**20 Points**  
**Linda Shaw**



**Autumn Harvest**  
**20 Points**  
**Linda Shaw**



**Banded Demoiselle** 20 Points Margaret Beardsmore





**Falkirk Wheel 20 Points Carole Perry**



**Wren on Frosted Nettles  
20 Points  
Steve Higgins**

**Upper Moor  
20 Points  
Chris Shaw**

Monday 12th June was our final night of the season and it proved to be a highly entertaining evening. Before we started we could see a few men huddled together, obviously talking tactics about how to win the Ladies verses Gents competition. Thankfully they did. It was like seeing a child on Christmas morning opening their favourite present. They were so happy to have won, bless! No seriously they deserve to have triumphed, after trying so hard for five years. It was as promised, a fun evening.

It's been a good, busy year. I hope everyone agrees it was a varied programme throughout the year with a mixture of good speakers, competitions and practical evenings. As I said on Monday, if anyone has any ideas that they want including, then please let us know and we will do our best to cover it. Neil asked on Monday if we could show members how to add your signature to your prints. We will cover this during a practical evening early in the season. So if there is anything at all you want to know, please ask any of the committee.

The new Camera club season will see a few changes with the committee and the positions they hold. Graham is retiring as editor of the newsletter. After 3 years he feels the newsletter needs a new lease of life. We will miss the humour that Graham included in many of the news items but his newsletters were always informative. I loved the annual review he did. It was so useful if you needed to look for a piece of information in the past. Linda Shaw has kindly offered to do the newsletter next year. It will be a different format than Graham's. It will be the first time a female has produced the newsletter and we look forward to seeing her produce a fantastic newsletter.

Sally Arnott took on the role of fundraising and has done exceedingly well for the club, raising £750 in a short space of time. We have been able to purchase a new set of exhibition boards for the club. It was such a pity the courier let us down with the delivery of them in time for our annual exhibition. Sally never misses an opportunity to ask for funds. At the exhibition she had the attention of the two councillors and took full advantage of talking to them about future fundraising. Well done.

Mary Eaton is standing down as Treasurer. We thank her for taking over from Brenda last year and setting up a new way of doing the accounts. It's been a very time consuming year for her. I'm sure everyone will miss her cheery welcome on arrival to the meetings every Monday. Mary has promised to help us if and when she can. Thanks Mary.

Sally is taking over the role as Treasurer. David Perry has retired from his role as Competition secretary. At present no one has offered to take the position. Thanks to Richard Moore who has offered to help on competition nights.

I hope everyone has a good summer break and we look forward to seeing you all again next season, starting on Monday 4th September.

Don't forget, if members want to take advantage of the "Early Bird" offer, you can pay by bank transfer from 15th July up to 4th September or by cash on the first night back, which would be treated as "Early Bird"

Kind Regards Carole Perry, Chairperson





**Welcomes Stafford County Councillor  
Richard Cox.**

**Rugeley Councillor Olivia Lyons  
MCPF Judge and Rugeley and Armitage  
Camera Club Member  
Paddy Ruske**

# **PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION 2023**

## **Sunday 11th June**

**11am to 4pm**

### **Davy Suite Lea Hall Miners Welfare & Social Club**

**Welcomes Lou and Ralph Duckett  
Who is MCPF Vice President.**



**Free Admission**

**Refreshments on sale  
during the day.**

#### **The Hart School - Photography Competition**

**The Hart School, Rugeley, have been invited to  
enter a competition organised by the Camera Club.**

**Judging and prizes will be presented  
on the day by Paddy Ruske.**

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Dear Members, I would like to give a sincere thankyou to everyone that attended our exhibition yesterday, It was brilliant! Past members or should I say friends who still support our club came to visit, Friends Lou & Ralph Duckett from Burton Photographic Society & Vice Chairman of the MCPF supported us and we even had a visit from Staffordshire County Councillor Richard Cox from Armitage with Handsacre who has given us funding towards our new exhibition boards also Councillor Olivia Lyons from Rugeley, It was so good to have them there to present the awards to the students from The Hart School In Rugeley.

A very special thankyou goes out to members & their partners who helped set up & pack things away, and helped by talking to our visitors, and of course to everyone who made the delicious cakes that were on sale, the proceeds from which goes towards club funds, when we have a final figure we will let you know how much was taken.







Graham and I had a really good time on Sunday at your Annual Exhibition.  
 The prints were marvellous.  
 The members are all so good these days. We were impressed. We appreciate how hard you all work to make the Club a success.  
 Also thank you for letting us know and giving us an opportunity to catch up with members and friends.  
 Best wishes  
 Kay and Graham

I thoroughly enjoyed my visit with you on Sunday, and as promised I will publicise the Camera Club throughout my social media network.

I'm also delighted to help towards funding new exhibition display stand through my County Councillor Community Funds.

Best regards

**Richard**

Cllr. Richard Cox  
 Cabinet Member for Community Engagement  
 Lichfield District Council  
 Armitage with Handsacre Ward including Hawksyard and Kings Bromley





# HART SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION







HART  
SCHOOL  
PHOTO  
EXHIBITION  
AT LEA HALL  
ORGANISED BY  
RUGELEY AND  
ARMITAGE  
CAMERA CLUB







Some of the winning images from the pupils of the Hart School. All the images were critiqued and judged by Paddy Ruske a Judge on the MCPF list. Councillors Richard Cox and Olivia Lyons were on hand to hand out the prizes. Well done to those that took part.







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Snowy Owl by Kirsten Asmusson, SPA





**Camera Club outing to Norton Bog**





Les Arnott

Top contributor · 5 d · 🌱



For all who attended the get together at Norton bog, or any other members who are going there at any time in the future I'm creating a web page recording pictures of the area. For those interested in having their pictures put on the page and contributing some images please send the images by email to [lesarnott@live.co.uk](mailto:lesarnott@live.co.uk) and format them exactly the same as you would for a club PDI entry. Thanks and look forward to seeing your photos. This is a link to the web page.



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### Norton Bog — The Shutter Shack Studio

Norton Bog This page is dedicated to recording the area of Norton Bog which is located in t...



Steve Higgins

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Norton bog part 2



For all the images go to the RACC Website. Thanks Les.







Les Arnott

Top contributor · 6 d · 🌱



A good day at Norton Bog today and lovely to see members out with their cameras enjoying what turned out a nice sunny day after a dull start. I was mainly concentrating on getting Dragonflies in flight so it will be great to see what other flora and fauna was captured by others today. I did manage to stumble across a Green Lacewing as well which was nice to capture. The Blue bodied Dragonflies I captured are of the Emperor Dragonfly (*Anax imperator*), easily identified by their slightly bent bodies when flying. The Brown Dragonflies seen today are Four Spotted Chaser Dragonflies (*Libellula quadrimaculata*).



As editor I was responsible for taking photos of members on the Norton Bog Outing Page. I did manage to take a few Natural history photos as shown after my fantastic lunch at the railway café. Thanks Les for a great day out.





# PRACTICAL EVENING JUNE 5th 2023

Great practical evening tonight. Thanks Stephen for organising.



Les Arnott

Top contributor · 5 June at 22:44 · 🌐

Some great models tonight! Lauren, Georgla, Ben and Stephen. A great night 🥰



Carole Perry

Another great night Stephen, thank you

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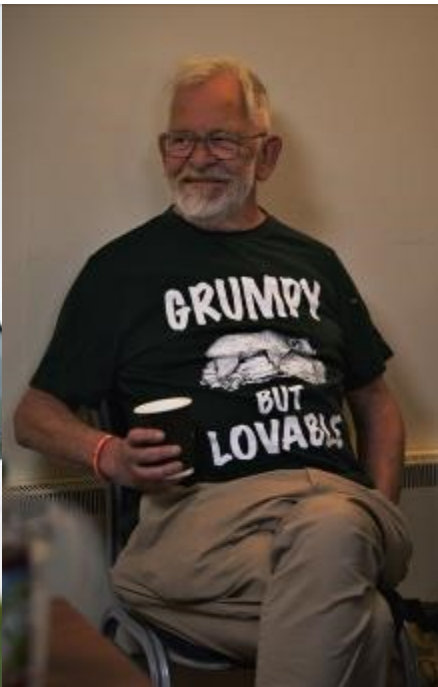


Steve Higgins

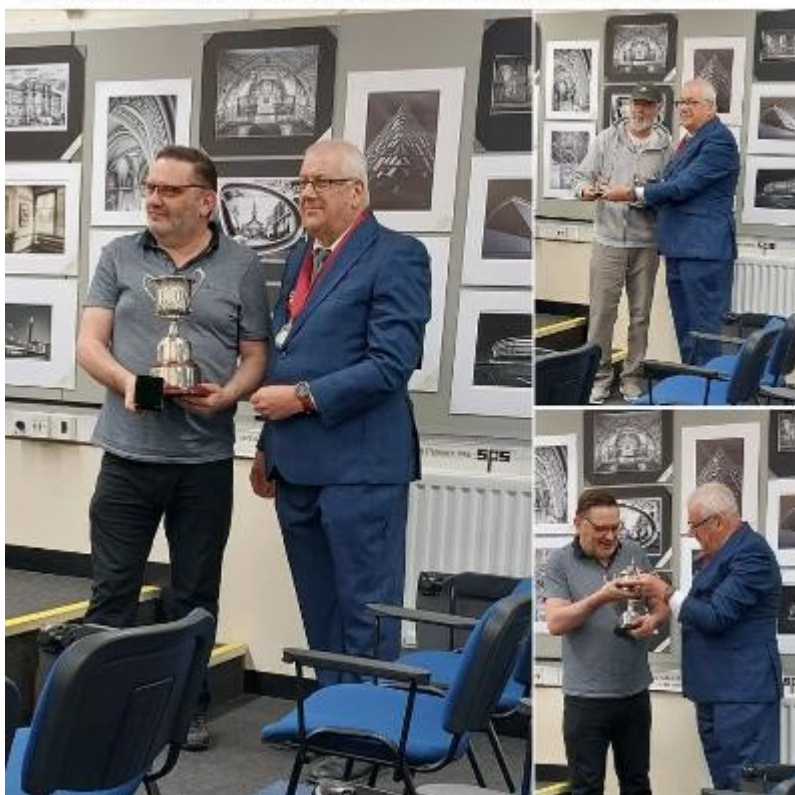
Stephen, thank you for all the hard work you put in organising another great practical evening. Thanks also to everyone else involved as well, I am sure your efforts are appreciated by all.











Last page of my last newsletter. Apologies for this lengthy tome. I have enjoyed doing the newsletter for 3 years and look forward to see Linda Shaw give it a new vibe. Thanks to Dave Hanmer and Steve Moore for their help. I will miss my weekly conferences with Carole. Carole realised I was the only man that could tell her what to do. (Tongue in cheek)

There will be a year review of 2022-2023 produced around the end of July. Roy Harrison has sent me his summer Quiz so for now

**Hasta La Vista**

