



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club

Newsletter

26th November, 2023.

Affiliated to the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain, through the Midland Counties Photographic Federation

Our last meeting was the 3rd Club Competition of the year “Monochrome”. Monochrome seemed to be a popular subject amongst members with a total of 78 entries between the 3 groups. The standard of entries from all groups was exceptional. The judge, Terry Livesey had a hard task choosing the top three images in all of the groups. There was a lot of high scores with commended and highly commended. Terry’s comments were constructive and fair which was nice to see.



2nd - Teardrop Candlelabra
Simon Wilberforce

Elementary Section



Winner - Eagle Eyed
Coco Watkins



3rd - Moonlight Serenade
Simon Wilberforce

Intermediate Section



2nd - Fishermans Cottage
Steve Setterfield



Winner - Iron Man
Neil Bunting



3rd - Tired Eyes
Roy Harrison

Advanced Section



2nd - Fur and Tatts
Les Arnott



Winner - Time for Walkies
Les Arnott



3rd - House Fly
Linda Shaw

**Answers to the last quiz. The winner receives the prize fund of £10.00
The winner was Graham Orgill. Well done Graham.**

CAMERA CLUB QUIZ 23 *Courtesy of our Quiz Master Roy Harrison*

- 1 The herb basil originates from which country a) India b) Italy
 - 2 In a book, where would you find an epigraph a) final page b) the start
 - 3 Who designed the “Sagrada Familia” in Barcelona a) Salvador Dali b) Antoni Gaudi
 - 4 The Laurentian Mountains are found in which country a) South Africa b) Canada
 - 5 “Aureolin” is a shade of which colour a) Yellow b) Green
 - 6 Where in the UK is the lowest point of land area a) Fens, East Anglia b) Midlands
 - 7 In which year did the “Mary Rose” sink a) 1545 b) 1605
 - 8 What colour is a Polar Bear’s skin a) White b) Black
 - 9 What in food is a “Kimchi” a) Pickled Vegetable dish b) Stew
 - 10 The River Stour flows through which English city a) Leeds b) Canterbury
 - 11 Which metal takes liquid form at room temperature a) Mercury b) Magnesium
 - 12 Which is the smallest country in the world by area a) Monaco b) Vatican
- TIE BREAKER** - What is a “Palindrome?” **A word in a sentence which reads the same**

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING IN YOUR PRINTS FOR THE “GEORGE LAMB TROPHY COMPETITION” TO THE MEETING ON MONDAY PLEASE.
Please also remember to send a PDI copy of your prints to [Graham Caddick](#).**

UPCOMING PROGRAMME

Monday 27th November

Practical/Skills Evening
organised by Stephen Frost

Monday 4th December

**George Lamb Trophy Competition
“Landscapes”**

**This is a print competition and entries will
need to be handed in by the 27th November.**

Monday 11th December

Guest Speaker - Paul Hassell
With his presentation
“An insight into my Photography”

Monday 18th December

Christmas Dinner at the Barns Hotel

Stephen Frost came across this article giving advice on “Night Photography” in Amateur Photographer and though it may be of interest to members. It’s certainly the time of year to give it a go. Wrap up warm.

Amateur Photographer has several articles on the theme, including “Night Landscape Photography”.

https://amateurphotographer.com/technique/expert_advice/how-to-improve-your-night-photography/

If a member has an item, photo, achievement, etc. they would like adding to the newsletter please contact

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Happy Birthday

Stephen Frost
30th November

Have a great day



Dave and Carole's granddaughter works in a Nursing Care Home and she asked them if they would like to visit one of their residents, Robert Cartwright, who has had a passion for photography for over 70 years.

A little bit about Robert and his photographs:

"Photography has been Robert's passion ever since he was given a Kodak Baby Hawkeye camera in 1950. Robert trained as an Electrical Engineer but was made redundant in 1978 and decided to turn his back on the profession in favour of a career in photography, creating images for promoting Staffordshire as a tourist destination.

In addition, along with his wife Alison, Robert presented an audio visual entertainment soon becoming a regular presenter at many clubs and societies in the area. For eight seasons he was



invited by Saga Holidays to present an entertainment for their holiday guests staying at Keele University.

To expand his portfolio, Robert commissioned Staffordshire University Video Unit to assemble a series of video documentaries about the lost railways of Staffordshire and Derbyshire. This involved much research in order to write the scripts and locate all the necessary archive photographs both still and movie. They were, and still are, sold nationwide receiving high acclaim from the railway press. A series of video programmes followed highlighting the industrial

heritage of both Stafford and Robert's home town of Leek.

Having built up a library of images of Stafford and the surrounding district, Robert has created collections of Greetings Cards, and in addition produces a yearly calendar. The cards and calendars are



panels welcome passengers to the attractive county town."



including Waterstones in Stafford.

Robert has exhibited at local galleries as well as a Stafford Rail Station.

His latest display is located in the Booking Hall where five large



All is not lost - Steve Moore's fix after his flash mishap

"On a recent trip to Goyt Valley in the Peak District I had a little mishap. I was using an off camera flash to add a bit of extra light to a waterfall, holding the flash in my hand and remote triggering the camera. All of a sudden a dog off the lead came out of nowhere running up behind me and gave me a fright. I turned round quickly and dropped the flash. It rolled down the bank and I knew where it was going to end up! It came to rest in about two inches of water. I scrambled down to rescue it and immediately switched it off and took out the batteries. I managed to shake out a lot of the water but some was lodged in behind the glass on the rear screen. I took it home and put it in a box of rice, totally covering it rice and leaving open the battery compartment door and left it in the airing cupboard for a week. I removed it from its tomb and to my surprise there was no visible water on the screen. I inserted the batteries and gingerly switched it on and hey presto it all works!! So if you unfortunately should encounter water damage give this trick a go, it may work. "

