



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club

Newsletter

4th February 2024

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

Getting Started with AV's

For our last meeting on the 29th January, we had a presentation by Malcolm Imhoff - Getting Started with AV's. The evening was a selection of Malcolm's AV's and guidance on how to produce your own. We discovered there should be a thought process into the images used in your Audio Visual's, not just putting in random holiday snaps. Malcolm demonstrated with PTE AV Studio. If you wanted to give the program a try, click on the link to download a free trial.

<https://www.wnsoft.com/en/pte-av-studio/>

There are other programs available if you have a look on the internet, I have used an older version of this program and it is very user friendly.

Malcolm mentioned that his club had an evening where members showed their own AV's which could only be a maximum length of 1 minute. Maybe an idea for our programme next year.

Club visit to Steelhouse Lane Holding Cells (thanks to Jan Wilson for the write up)

Unfortunately Margaret Beardsmore the organiser of the trip and Glyn Haywood were unable to join us, so 6 of us set off for Steelhouse Lane holding cells. For once it didn't rain or blow a gale - possibly because Margaret wasn't there!

It was a fascinating visit, we learned a lot about the history of policing in Birmingham and the West Midlands. When female officers were first recruited they didn't have the power of arrest nor the use of handcuffs, I guess they were expected to charm miscreants into going to the police station. The volunteers were knowledgeable and amusing, we were honoured to meet a serving policewoman who not only had 40 years service to her credit but had also been awarded the Queen's Award for Policing, the highest honour in the police force. She encouraged the mischievous of the group to dress up and pose with a 3d mural.

Dave took full advantage of this as you can see.

Of course no visit to Brum is complete without a shot of Ozzy which landed me in trouble with security for trying to take a snap from upstairs. No logic to that one.

It was a great day out so where are we going next Margaret?



Upcoming Meetings

5th February

We have guest speaker "Ashley Franklin" with his presentation on "The Derwent Valley –The Making of a Book"

12th February

Presidents Trophy Competition

This is a print competition and prints must be handed in by the 5th February. Don't forget to send a PDI of your print to [Graham Caddick](#)

19th February

Skills Evening

Members will be able to bring their cameras and associated add on's such as flash units etc with a view to having discussion groups . So for instance there will be individual groups for Nikon, Canon, Olympus, Sony and Pentax The idea of the evening is to explore members experiences and share information on setup, etc.

Our **programme for 2024/2025** season is well under way, If you have any suggestions you would like to make regarding a topic for a competition please send them to our competition secretary [Graham Caddick](#)

If you have any suggestions for a speaker please email our programme secretary [Geoff Setterfield](#)

They will both appreciate your Input and try to consider members requests, please bear in mind this may not always be possible but they will do their best.

If you have any suggestions for a different type of evening you would like us to include in our programme please email them to [Carole](#).



MidPhot 2024
61st Annual Exhibition
of Midland Photography

If you have entered prints into Midphot and would like Dave & Carole to deliver them to the collection point, you must bring them to the meeting on the 5th February. This date cannot be extended.

Funding for Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club

Sally has put in a lot of hard work into applying for funding from the **Inclusive Communities Fund** . Sally has now been notified that the Club has been successful in their application and awarded a grant of £1000. This will go towards another set of exhibition boards.

The club is looking for places to hold exhibitions, big or small if anyone has any suggestions please contact [Sally](#) or [Carole](#).

Wishing a very Happy Birthday

Les Arnott

7th February

Mo Bradley

7th February

Stephen Lockley

9th February

Have a great day

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