



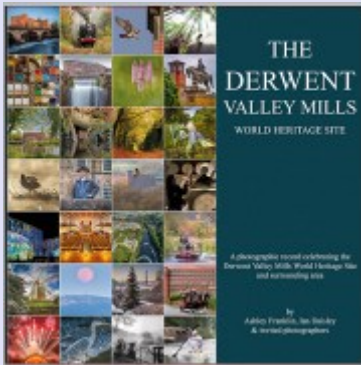
Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club

Newsletter

11th February 2024

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

Ashley Franklin was the guest speaker at last weeks meeting. He spoke about his passion for photography and his love for the beautiful countryside and towns in Derbyshire and the surrounding area. His talk was titled "The Derwent Valley - The Making of a Book". Ashley and Ian Daisley have produced the first ever photo book of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site and it took several years to complete after major setbacks including COVID and the withdrawal of funding. The book was published on November 24th by the Arkwright Society and includes nearly 500 images as well as information on the industrial heritage of the area.



The book not only includes sections on the Industrial Heritage, but People, Places and Wildlife. Ashley says ***"This is a perfect way of celebrating this World Heritage site, a photographic record of this site is well overdue, and I'm proud and thrilled that Ian and I and all the invited photographers have been able to highlight the valley's significant industrial heritage, its diverse people and places and its bountiful wildlife."***

The majority of the images were taken by Ashley and Ian Daisley, there are over 120 images by another 50 photographers.

Upcoming Meetings

12th February

Presidents Trophy Competition

A print competition with the subject "Open"

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.

26th February

PDI competition on the subject of "Transport"

PDI's must be sent to [Graham Caddick](#) by no later than Monday 12th February.

Our next PDI competition is "Transport" and Carole has asked Graham to give members an idea what is allowed for your images.

1. As a verb- to take or carry (people or goods) from one place to another by means of vehicle, aircraft, ship etc.
2. As a noun - a system or means of conveying people or goods from place to place.

As long as the image has a tenuous connection to the above definitions, they will be accepted. Hope this helps and I look forward to seeing your entries.

Graham Caddick

Competitions Secretary



Our next club outing will be on Tuesday 27th February to RSPB Middleton Lakes, near Tamworth B78 2BB. Middleton Lakes is a beautiful mosaic of wetland pools, surrounded by woods and grasslands.

There is a heronry, rookery and bird feeding area within a short and easy walk from the RSPB car park. This area is ideal if you want to do a bit of bird and nature photography without needing a massive long lens.

If you fancy a longer walk, the pools have viewing areas and a bird hide towards the top end of the reserve. The reserve borders on the Birmingham and Fazeley Canal which gives further photo opportunities.

We are going towards the end of winter as there are usually flocks of overwintering birds, besides resident birds.

We will meet at a cafe in the Courtyard near the photogenic Middleton Hall - more details on time/lunch etc later. There are toilet facilities in the courtyard.

There is no charge to come on the outing but we need to know who is coming ASAP so please reply to [Carole](#).

For information from Margaret 07581 794111.

If you click on the link below, it takes you an informative website with a map of Middleton Lakes to help plan your day

<https://wildlifekate.wordpress.com/2015/01/31/a-visit-to-rspb-middleton-lakes/>

MEMBERS PRINTS NEEDED

Could members over the next couple of weeks please bring in prints for them to be scrutinised by the selection committee to find 15 of the best to represent us in the Interclub Competition with Acton Trussell & Penkridge. The competition takes place on the 11th March in the 'Davy Suite' at the Lea Hall Miners Welfare Centre, so time is of the essence. Please ensure if you bring in prints, you also have digital files in the usual PDI format so that should your print be selected we can request them to be used together with the print for the competition. We are not holding any prints currently for use for Inter Competitions, so it's highly important we get the number we require ASAP.

As a good representation of the club, we do require prints from all 3 levels. Please bring to the meetings as soon as possible.

Sally applied for funding from the Inclusive Communities Fund and has now been notified that the Club has been awarded a grant of £1000. This will go towards another set of exhibition boards.



Carole's Creative Competition

A reminder to members to enter **Carole's Creative Competition**. This is a trophy awarded to an member who's image has **'made Carole smile'**. Your entry can be of any subject, it can have been manipulated, set-up or straight from your Camera/phone, you just have to let your creativity break through.

It must be your own work.

All you have to do is send your PDI (to club sizing) to [David](#). You can send in as many entries as you wish and you don't have to send them all in together.

Closing date is later in the year so you have plenty of time to have a go.

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](#).

Do you have an article, story, photograph, hints and tips or an achievement you would like adding to the newsletter

Please contact **Linda Shaw**
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CAMERA CLUB QUIZ 25

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| 1 | What is a Bothy a) Hat b) Shelter | 7 | The USA is one of three countries that still uses the old imperial system of measurement - True or False? |
| 2 | What unit of measure is used to show Air Pressure
a) Millibar b) Isobar | 8 | What material is most often used to fuel a nuclear reactor a) Uranium b) Coal |
| 3 | In maths, what is an Integer a) Decimal b) Whole Number | 9 | What subject does an Etymologist study a) the origin of words b) Fossils |
| 4 | Kevlar is a material that has which of these properties
a) Conductive and resistant to fire b) Strong light and resistant to fire | 10 | What are infant hedgehogs called a) Hoggins b) Hoglets |
| 5 | What is the Bole of a tree a) the Trunk b) the Root System | 11 | What does USB mean a) Universal Serial Bus b) Unilateral Server Bank |
| 6 | Riposte, Parry and Feint are terms in which sport a) Polo b) Fencing | 12 | Which of the following is not a Nobel Prize honour a) Physics b) Mathematics |

LET'S HAVE A LAUGH! A man bought a second hand rug online but when it arrived he was horrified to see there was a large hole in the middle. He immediately contacted the seller to protest about the state of the rug. The seller emailed him back and said "Well, I did say it was in mint condition!"