



# Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

10th March, 2024

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

**Last week** our speaker was Mike Taylor, President of Walsall Photographic Society. Mike's talk was "Still Learning" and he displayed his early photography up to the current date. His early photography contained a lot of portraits and later in the talk he moved onto his passion of Jet Ski and water sport photography.

## Upcoming Meetings

### 11th March

Acton Trussell & Penkridge Interclub Competition.

### 18th March

Practical Evening - Don't forget to bring along your camera's, tripods, etc. An evening with models and lighting

### 25th March

Monthly competition No 6 - Subject "Tryptych". Prints must be in by the 18th March. This deadline cannot be extended. You do not need to send in a PDI for this competition.

## Happy Birthday

Dave Hanmer

15th March

Harold Potter

18th March



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

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## BRANDS HATCH, CROFT AND DONINGTON PARK TO HOST PRE-SEASON ACTION

The Kwik Fit British Touring Car Championship has today (6 February) announced its official 2024 Season Launch venue and date, as well as a total of three official test days prior to the competitive campaign kicking off in late April. The on-track action will get underway with the first test day at Brands Hatch on 3 April, before the cars and stars of the BTCC move on to Croft in North Yorkshire on 10 April. Both venues will be offering FREE ENTRY to spectators with refreshments also available throughout the day.

The 2024 BTCC Season Launch will then take place at Donington Park on 16 April.

Again, FREE ENTRY will be available for all spectators wishing to attend, with the fantastic Garage 39 being open for refreshments. Whilst official television and photography make up the early morning activities at Donington, it will then be full focus on the final official pre-season test with six hours of on-track action commencing from 10:00. With each of the two three-hour sessions being split by a traditional lunch break, spectators will be able to get autographs and photos with their favourite driver during a pitlane walkabout – identical to those famously run during BTCC race weekends.

Gates will open to the public from 10:00, with Circuit Owner MSV opening its food and refreshment outlets, whilst spectators can get up close and personal with the latest line-up in the open paddock area throughout the day. Some off-circuit media duties will take place at Donington Park the day prior (15 April) where the likes of ITV Sport, BTCC Media Team, Kwik Fit and other official partners will be putting the drivers to work with their official pre-season media-related activities and interviews. Keep an eye across the BTCC, MSV and BARC channels for further information on each event nearer the time.

Media Accreditation is now open, for both the official Season Launch test day and for BTCC Season Media Passes. Interested parties should email Simon Melluish (BTCC Media Director) at [simon@smsportsmedia.com](mailto:simon@smsportsmedia.com) under the title 'Media Accreditation'. The application process for both will be strictly closed on Thursday 28 March.

### BTCC 2024 Pre-Season Test Dates

3 April	Brands Hatch (Indy)
10 April	Croft
16 April	Donington Park (National)

Don't forget to enter the quiz and email your answers to [Roy Harrison](#)

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

**Closing date for Entries is Thursday 14th March at 6.00pm**

Yet more success for member Paddy Ruske on the International Circuit - In the World Through Lens 2024 Paddy was the only English based photographer to be accepted. Paddy had 6 Acceptances in the different salons for the images below



**16-19 March 2024, The NEC, Birmingham, UK**

**Leicester & Leicestershire Photographic Society's Annual Photographic Exhibition 2024** to be held Friday 10th May to Saturday 11th May 2024. We welcome entries to the Exhibition from club members and independent photographers.

This is a final reminder that entries close on Saturday 23rd March. Thank you to those who have already contacted us about entering.

Let me also remind you that this is a good opportunity to exhibit your images and that there are categories for open entries : Colour , Mono, Nature, Sport and Great Central Railway as both print and projected digital image. Entry forms and conditions can be downloaded from the exhibition page of our website:

[Entry forms and conditions](#)

**Stafford Photographic Society** have a speaker on Tuesday 12th March, nature photographer Mark Sisson and an invite has been extended to members at Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club.

Mark's talk is called - Wild Island, The Nature of the Falkland Islands, the link below will give you some more information about his talk. I am sure there will be lots of stunning photographs to see and a chance to meet Mark and ask questions.

<https://www.staffordphotosociety.org.uk/2023/10/10/next-event/>

Here is a link to Stafford Photographic Society's website where you can see directions of how to find them.

<https://www.staffordphotosociety.org.uk/find-us>

If you need further information the phone number to call if members need to check on the parking and access is 07790099925 – Tessa.

The guest fee is £5 and optional 50p for a tea or coffee and 50p for a raffle ticket.