



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

27th May, 2024

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

For our last meeting we had a fantastic speaker Stewart Wood a local photographer. His presentation was on Macro Photography. Stewart went through everything from the kit he uses, creating your own backdrop cards and the subjects he photographs. He did seem to have a passion for jumping spiders which to be fair most of the members did not quite see the fascination of these, although the macro images were stunning. Stewart did say they were only tiny, but as a macro subject they looked far from this. Stewart had a very tolerant wife who not only accompanied him on his early morning adventures (2.00am) in the morning, but also helps him to find the various insects for him to photograph. The meeting was very well attended by members and guests. Take a look at Stewart's YouTube presentations, you will find a large selection of video's on Macro Photography, also check out his website <https://stewartwood.com/>



Steve Moore with his winning image
"Waterbuck Embrace" for the
"Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Trophy"
Well done Steve, a stunning image.

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

Please contact [Linda Shaw](#)

Upcoming Meetings

Monday 27th May

Bank Holiday—No Meeting

Monday 3rd June

Practical Evening - See details on page 2

Monday 10th June

Ladies v Gents Print Competition

Bring in your prints by the 3rd June and email your PDI's to [Graham Caddick](#) as soon as possible please.

(This is the last meeting of the season)

Club Exhibitions

**Sunday 9th June - Lee Hall Miners Welfare & Social Club
11am to 4pm**

**Saturday 22nd June - Armitage Village Hall
11pm to 4pm**

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to

Freya Wilberforce - 27th May

Alfie Mantle - 30th May

Dave Martin - 31st May

Hope you all have a
Great Day



Please remember to bring in your images for the Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Exhibitions

Please remember to bring to the next meeting or as soon as possible, up to 4 prints for us to showcase at two exhibitions the club have arranged. Photographs from all groups please as this shows a wide representation of the clubs members.

As always we value your support at these events by taking part and visiting and/or helping out if you are available, even if it's for just a short time, we are very proud of our camera club but can only make these events successful if you take part.



Museum of Cannock Chase **Cannock in the Civil War**
Talk & Walk
Saturday 8th June
Starts 11am at Cannock Library
Manor Avenue WS11 1AA

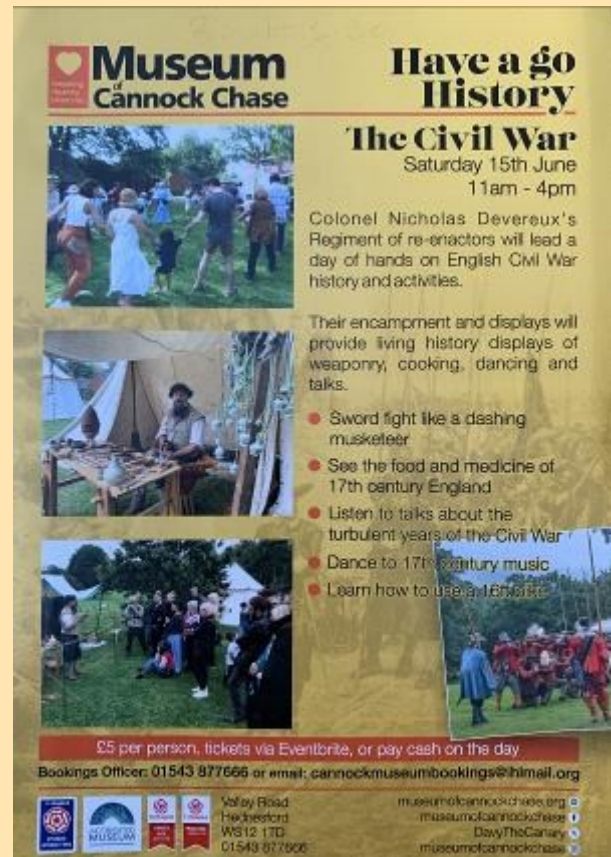
Meet at Cannock Library to hear a brief introduction to the English Civil War by historian, researcher and re-enactor Spencer Houghton.

Spencer and museum staff will then lead a walk into Cannock Town centre and on to Cannock Chase High School, sites with historical links to the civil war.

Hear about what happened at the Crown pub and the skirmish that took place near the school playing fields.

Cost £5 per person. Booking required by ringing the museum. Bookings to be paid for by Friday 7th June 12pm.
Bookings Officer: 01543 877666 or email: cannockmuseumbookings@hotmail.org

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Museum of Cannock Chase **Have a go History**
The Civil War
Saturday 15th June
11am - 4pm

Colonel Nicholas Devereux's Regiment of re-enactors will lead a day of hands on English Civil War history and activities.

Their encampment and displays will provide living history displays of weaponry, cooking, dancing and talks.

- Sword fight like a dashing musketeer
- See the food and medicine of 17th century England
- Listen to talks about the turbulent years of the Civil War
- Dance to 17th century music
- Learn how to use a 16th c...

£5 per person, tickets via Eventbrite, or pay cash on the day
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Practical Evening on Monday 3rd June

Stephen Frost in his usual efficient manner has organised the final practical evening for this year. The practical evening will consist of Water Refraction, Reflections using black perspex sheets, still life scenes to include flowers, cameras, reading figures, Fruit faces. Macro to include dandelion water droplets, single flowers, kitchen art and textures, and finally two projects with glass balls.

Please bring your cameras, tripods and if you have a macro lens, but if you haven't it doesn't matter as you can achieve great pictures with a 35mm or 50 mm lens or even a telephoto lens.

Stephen has included some photos below as examples, taken with a 25mm lens.





PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION 2024

Sunday
9th June

11am to 4pm

Davy Suite
Lea Hall Miners
Welfare & Social Club
Sandy Lane, Rugeley. WS15 2LB

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.

Free Admission

Refreshments on sale during the day.

www.rugeleyandarmitagecameraclub.com

For all members who knew Irene Froy, Carole has asked if the following message from Wrekin Arts Photographic Club could be added to this weeks newsletter.

If you click on the link below you will be able to see a small selection of images that Irene Froy was well known for.

<https://wrekinartspc.com/irene-froy-gallery>



RIP - Irene Froy EFIAP, MPAGB, HonPAGB.

May 18, 2024 / Calvin Downes

It is with great sadness that we can report the passing of Irene Froy EFIAP, MPAGB, HonPAGB.

In due course we will be remembering her in some special way, but for now a few words of remembrance.

Irene was a long standing member of Wrekin Arts Photographic Club and played a very influential role in the success and direction of the Club for many years. It would be fair to say that she put WAPC on the map as far as it's reputation and standing within the photographic community.

Over the past year Irene struggled with her mobility so we saw less and less of her at the club, but we kept in touch via Zoom and she was always appreciated and welcomed on the occasions she could get in.

We will miss her greatly and her beautiful pastel images she was famous across the country for.

She was well known in almost all photographic clubs across the country and has many good friends who will be mourning with us.

She passed away on a trip to visit some of those friends in her beloved Scotland. A blessing was that she was with her family when she died, rather than being alone at home.

She will now join her dear Gerry (husband) and will no doubt be instructing him to stop somewhere to enable her to take a photo.

Our thoughts are with her family and the many friends she made in the photography world.

A smattering of her images can be seen on her WAPC members gallery, although it hasn't been updated for a while - <https://wrekinartspc.com/irene-froy-gallery>