



# Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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## Summer Camera Club News

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer break and taking loads of competition images ready for the new season which starts in September. It doesn't seem two minutes since we finished in June, but now we are nearly halfway through the break. I am hoping that the weather starts to pick up soon, otherwise we will all be growing webbed feet.

Even though we are not having any meetings at the moment, members are still getting out and about as a group taking photographs. The first outing was to **Norton Bog** near Chasewater organised by Les Arnott, kindly assisted by Stewart Wood, a speaker we had a few months ago who is a Macro Photography expert. The meeting was well supported even though the weather was far from summer like, cold and occasionally damp. This didn't put off members having a go, once you stood and looked there was plenty to photograph, from Damselfly's, caterpillars, butterfly's and flowers and some odd people



Macro Ant  
by Mary-Jane Eaton



Flower - Les Arnott



Chris - it's behind you. There's always someone that looks the wrong way



Andrea watching for any wildlife and enjoying her birthday



Two images by Les Arnott—  
Damselfly and a Ringlet butterfly

On **Wednesday 10th July**, members of the group met at **Cromford Mill** nr. Matlock. The outing kindly organised by Margaret Beardsmore, started with a visit to the café for a cup of tea and a piece of cake. It stayed fine for most of the day, we even experienced an odd bit of sunshine coming through. After the tea break, members took themselves around the mill buildings and browsed the small shops that were in the courtyard.

We gradually made our way up into Cromford village where we were booked in for lunch at the Greyhound. After lunch we made our way back down to the canal where we were booked for a narrowboat trip. The narrowboat was very quiet having been fitted with an electric engine several years ago. Our boat trip took us as to High Peak Junction, where we disembarked for half an hour, which gave us time to look round the museum exhibits and take photographs. The original plan was for the boat to take us to Leawood Pump House, but due to weed on the canal this was not possible.



A couple of images above of the Cotton Looms and the Birdswood Narrowboat—courtesy of Les Arnott.



Graham enjoying his ice cream. We were all going to get one after the boat trip, but Graham forgot to mention the ice cream van went at 3.30 and the boat trip did not get back until 4.00!!!!



A restored mill building with a wildflower area to the side.

## Competitions for next year—September 2024 to June 2025

It's time to start taking photographs for next season, please see list below of the subjects.

23rd September - PDI - Open  
21st October - Prints - Water  
4th November - PDI - Mono  
20th January - Prints - Open

3rd March - PDI - Minamalistic  
24th March - Prints - Triptych  
19th May - PDI - Season of your Choice

### **Plus the Club Named Trophy Competitions (All Print competitions)**

9th December - George Lamb Trophy - Landscapes  
10th February - Presidents Trophy - Open  
14th April - Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Competition - Natural History  
9th June - Ladies v Gents - Open

## **Happy Birthday** to the following members

21st July - Lee Chapman  
25th July - David Evans  
30th July - Kevin Sneddon

### **A belated Happy Birthday to**

2nd July - Graham Caddick  
4th July - Anthony Sherratt  
4th July - Gillian Parking  
13th July - Carole Perry

**Hope you all had a great day!**



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## **MEMBERSHIP FOR THE 2024 / 2025 SEASON IS NOW OPEN**

Members can now pay their membership for the coming year and enjoy the benefits of the “**Early Bird Offer**”.

Please take a look at the [club website](#), where the membership form is available along with the details on how to pay.

Please don't forget to send your completed [membership form](#) to [Carole](#), when you make your payment.

[The full Programme for the 2024/2025 season is now available to view on the website](#)

We start back to the club on the **2nd September with our “Welcome Back Meeting”**, which is also the final day you can enjoy the Early Bird Offer.

On **Monday 9th September** we have a **guest speaker - Verity Milligan**.

**Paddy Ruske**, was out and about at the Kings Bromley Show last weekend and took some very interesting shots. They were very lucky with the weather, staying fine most of the day.

