



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

8th September, 2024

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

Our last meeting on the **2nd September** was our **welcome back meeting**. It doesn't seem 5 minutes since we finished for the Summer Break, but everyone seemed very keen to be back and what an amazing turnout to the meeting of members old and new. We have a membership now of around 70 people, which is not bad when some of the larger clubs closed last year because of falling memberships.

A big welcome to all new members, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask one of the [committee](#), a list of which is on the club website.

There is an array of information on there, so please take a look at www.rugeleyandarmitagecameraclub.com.

There was a selection of cakes, hand baked by the committee for the tea break, with proceeds going to club funds. These sold very well, so thank you all, hope you enjoyed them!



Congratulations to Barry Dutton

Barry was the well deserved winner of
Carole's Creative Trophy
With his image **"Feeding the Ducks"**



Barry's Winning Image

Barry being presented with his trophy by
Carole.

Caroles Creative Trophy is a yearly award given to an image which makes "Carole Smile". Entries are already open for the current year, anyone can enter and the only rule is that it has to be your own work. This is a PDI competition and you can enter as many images as you want, all you have to do is email them to [David Perry](#).

The full Programme for the
2024/2025 can be viewed on the
website

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

Please take a look at Verity's
website which has some beautiful
Landscape Images

<https://www.veritymilliganphotography.com/>

Don't forget to send in your images for
the PDI Competition which is on
Monday 23rd September.

The subject is OPEN. **Your images for
this competition must be emailed
to [Graham](#) or bought along to
Monday's meeting on a memory
stick. Images must submitted no
later than**

Monday 9th September.

For the [rules](#) and [naming your files in
the correct format](#), along with
[re-sizing](#), please look at the website



A Date for your Diary

I know, it's still late summer, but a date has been booked for our Christmas Meal.

Monday 16th December.

The meal will be at
"The Barns" Cannock.

Initially a £10 deposit will be required. More details will follow, along with a menu in next weeks newsletter.



Happy Birthday

8th September

Fred Bayliss

12th September

Marie O'Boyle Duggan

14th September

Brian Wheatley

Hope you all have a great day

If a member has anything they would like to put in the newsletter, please email [Linda Shaw](mailto:Linda.Shaw) and she will do her best to get it in the following week.

It might be an event, photographs you have taken, somewhere you have been.

The newsletter is for Members so please take advantage of it.

Presentation Evening

Our Presentation Evening this year will be held on Monday 14th October. This is a ***Ticket Only Event*** and the tickets will be on sale from Monday 9th September onwards at a cost of £10 per person.

The price of the ticket includes a Buffet.

If anyone has any special dietary requirements please let [Carole](#) or [Sally](#) know.

Family and friends are very welcome.

Nature Group Photography Walk - Thursday 26th September @ 10am

We are having a morning photography walk from Park Lime Pits, Park Road, Walsall WS4 2HH. Initially we will have a stroll down the Rushall Canal, which is very quiet and rural.

With luck we may see a Little Owl and some wildlife on the canal itself. We then have options which will either involve walking through Park Lime Pits Nature Reserve and beyond to look for Parakeets and other birds.

There may well be fungi, berries or other autumnal opportunities for macro photography in the nature reserve. However, there are steps in the reserve plus at least one stile and the ground will probably be muddy. It is possible to avoid some of the terrain by moving cars to the other side of the reserve, but we will make a decision on the day.

If anyone wants lunch the Manor Arms nearby does 'cobs' which we would need to order in advance. [Please email Sally if this is of interest.](#) Numbers are limited. If you are unable to make this one or the outing is full, further outings are in the planning stages.

Les Arnott went on a wander last week to see what was about, obviously wildlife does not stay in the same place, but he got a nice assortment of photographs.



Skills Evening - Monday 16th September

For our skills evening we will have 6 tables where volunteer members will discuss/demonstrate the following subjects.

A sheet with the sessions will be available for this coming week so members can express their preferences for the session.

The sessions are as follows:

1. DSLR camera a crash course for beginners by Stephen Frost 2 x 1 hour sessions
2. Composition and editing to include how to mount a print and resizing for competitions this will be a 2 hour session by Les Arnott and David Perry.
3. An introduction to Lightroom and Photoshop by Steve Moore 2x 1 hour sessions.
4. 2 x 1 hours sessions - Canal photography session 1. The nature project session 2 by Margaret Beardsmore.
5. Street Photography by Mary Eaton 2 x 1 hour sessions.
6. Macro and photostacking by Linda and Chris Shaw. 2x 1 hour sessions

Any members attending option 1 are asked to bring their cameras if they have one, if not their mobiles.