



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club

Newsletter

10th November, 2024.

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

Last Weeks meeting was our 3rd Competition evening of this year. This was a PDI competition with the subject of "Monochrome". Our Judge for the evening was Mike Sharples who is President of the MCPF. Once again a large number of excellent entries from all of the three groups.

Elementary



2nd Place - Three Cygnets - Fred Bayliss



1st Place - A Norfolk Windmill - Mo Bradley



3rd Place - Stairway to Tranquility
Keren Morrall

Intermediate



2nd Place - Chrysanthemum
Simon Wilberforce



1st Place - Out of the Shadows
Ian Morrall



3rd Place - Glen Coe – Simon Wilberforce

Advanced



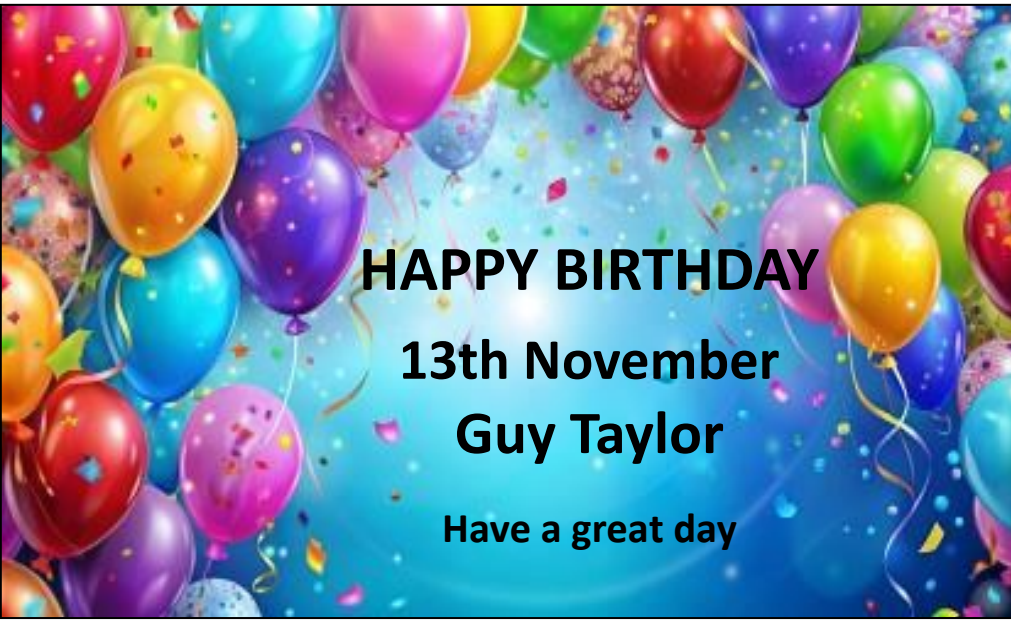
2nd Place - Millenium Bridge London
Paul Duckhouse



1st Place - Dancer at Rest - Les Arnott



3rd Place - On the Crest of a Wave
Steve Higgins



WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

is the Annual Staffordshire PDI Competition of which there are around 10 clubs competing. The competition is held in the Garner Suite (upstairs) Lea Hall Miners & Welfare Club Sandy Lane, Rugeley WS15 2LB. Entry is Free. Tea & Coffee available as well as drinks from the bar.

Start time is 7.30pm.

PLEASE come along and support our club.

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

Please email
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday 11th November

Annual General Meeting and Travelling Portfolio

Wednesday 13th November

Staffordshire PDI Competition

Monday 18th November

Guest Speaker—Les Arnott

With his presentation
“My Camera - My Eye”

Monday 25th November

Skill Evening

CHRISTMAS MEAL

Monday 16th December

Further details on last page.
Bookings now being taken

AGM - Monday 11th November

We will be holding our AGM this coming Monday, which is usually short & sweet. This will be followed by the MCPF Travelling Portfolio 2024 which shows the accepted images in this years Photofolio. The club entered a good selection of images and did very well.

During the break, **cakes will be available for a donation** (pop into the orange box on the Tea & Coffee table). Please bring **Cash**. Tea & Coffee will be free on this evening.

“George Lamb Trophy”

Landscape Competition

This is a **print** competition on Monday 9th December. Printed Images must be handed in no later than Monday 2nd December. Don't forget to also send a jpeg of your image to

Graham Caddick



Christmas Meal bookings are now being taken. The meal is being held at The Barns Hotel, Huntington, Cannock on 16th December at 7.30pm.

If you wish to come along you can choose whether you would like 2 courses at £28.95 or 3 courses at £34.95. Whichever option you choose we will need a £10 deposit per person (partners welcome) by the end of October. You can pay cash or by card on a club night. If you would like to come and prefer to pay Bank Transfer Sally can send you the clubs details. The remainder of the amount will need to be paid by 1st December.

Please advise Sally of your menu choices, an alternative menu is attached for people with special dietary requirements.

We had a great night last year so hopefully you will join us. Any questions please ask either Sally or Richard Moore.

Christmas Fayre 2024

Available in our restaurant and lounge bar

Homemade leek and potato soup served with a crusty roll

Homemade duck and Cointreau pate served with festive red onion chutney and finger toast

King prawn and avocado cocktail with a dijon mustard and lemon mayo dressing served with a lemon wedge

Homemade breaded brie wedges, served with cranberry sauce

Portobello mushrooms topped with baby leaf spinach, blue cheese and a herb crumb, served with mixed leaves and a balsamic reduction

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Roast Staffordshire turkey served with sage and onion stuffing and chipolata sausage

Chicken breast stuffed with caramelised onion and brie wrapped in bacon and served with a red wine jus

Slow roast belly of pork with a redcurrant sauce

Oven baked salmon fillet with a garlic, lemon and dijon crust. Served with a béarnaise sauce

caramelised leek, mushroom and goats cheese filo parcels served with a balsamic reduction

Festive nut roast Served with vegan gravy

Braised marinated shank of lamb, served with a port and rosemary sauce

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Chocolate fudge cake

Toffee lumpy bumply

Traditional Christmas pudding and brandy sauce

Sicilian lemon cheese cake

Batleys crème brûlée served with a shortbread finger

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Coffee and mints

£28.95 2 course

£34.95 3 course

*£10 per head deposit required
Pre order and balance due 7 days prior*



Menu on the left is the Christmas Fayre and the menu below is for anyone with Special Dietary requirements

Christmas Fayre 2024

Dietary requirements

Available in our restaurant and lounge bar

(df) equates to dairy free option (gf) equates to gluten free option (ve) equates vegan option

Homemade leek and potato soup served with a gluten free roll (gf, df, ve)

Homemade duck and Cointreau pate served with red onion chutney and gluten free roll (gf)

Pan-fried garlic mushrooms (gf, df, ve)

Fanned melon served with forest fruits and fruit coulis (gf, df, ve)

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Roast Staffordshire turkey served with gluten free gravy (gf, df)

Chicken breast stuffed with caramelised onion and brie wrapped in bacon and served with balsamic reduction (gf)

Slow roast belly of pork with gluten free gravy (gf, df)

*Oven baked salmon fillet (gf)
Served with béarnaise sauce*

Braised marinated shank of lamb, served with gluten free gravy (gf, df)

Festive vegetable nut roast served with gravy (df, ve)

Winter vegetable stew with mashed potato (gf, df, ve)

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Traditional Christmas pudding with custard (gf)

Chocolate and raspberry tart (gf, df, ve)

Batleys crème brûlée (gf)

Chocolate brownie truffle (gf, df, ve)

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**50th Anniversary
Competition
SAVE THE DATE
25/01/2025**

MIDPHOT 2025

Audio Visual Competition

50th Anniversary

Saturday 25th January 2025
at the Priory Centre, Church Road
Burton on Trent DE13 OHE

Open for Entries from 1st November 2024

For Updates and Entry Details visit:
<https://mcpf.co.uk/av-competitions>

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CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES FOR Midphot Audio Visual Competition 2025 is 12th January 2025.

A visit to Wyming Brook - Now in my part time retirement, Chris and I are able to venture out on day trips which do not include weekends. We now have the freedom to select days when the forecast is good, although that did not happen last week, but we are tough so went out anyway. Not sure if any members have visited Wyming Brook which is in the Dark Peaks, this is managed by Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust. There is plenty of good parking for the two or three walks you can do. The brook itself winds down towards Rivelin Reservoir and we followed the trail which leads you along the stream. Autumn colours are now going over, but there was still enough there to take some nice photographs with a slow shutter to create the flowing milky water. I imagine it could be quite slippery if it had been raining. You have to pick your spots to photograph and there are quite a few trees across the stream in places, which don't make for a good photo. We next



visited the Redmires Reservoirs, literally a 5 minute drive away from Wyming Brook. The view across the moors was pretty grim, usually I like taking this type of photograph, but there is grim and really, really grim. I was intrigued by the metal soldier at the top of the hill overlooking the reservoir, it was clearly a memorial so I thought appropriate for this newsletter. The artist Neal Theasby has titled it "There But Not There". It stands on the edge of an old quarry which was used for Trench Warfare Training in World War 1. Some parts of it are now missing, but still a poignant memorial.

