



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

23rd November, 2024.

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



Last week our guest speaker was our very own club member [Les Arnott](#). I think most of you know Les and his fantastic wildlife photography. During the 1st part of the evening Les showed us a great selection of images, taken from his garden and his studio, showing that you don't have to travel far from home to take some great photographs. After the tea break, we saw a video on Ollie, for those of you who were not aware, Les has reared a Barn owl from a very young chick (Owlet). The video was very

entertaining, with Les capturing the antics of this young bird (and Sally) through its early development to date. You have certainly got to have some knowledge and dedication to do this and a very understanding wife. Thank you Les for another excellent evening.



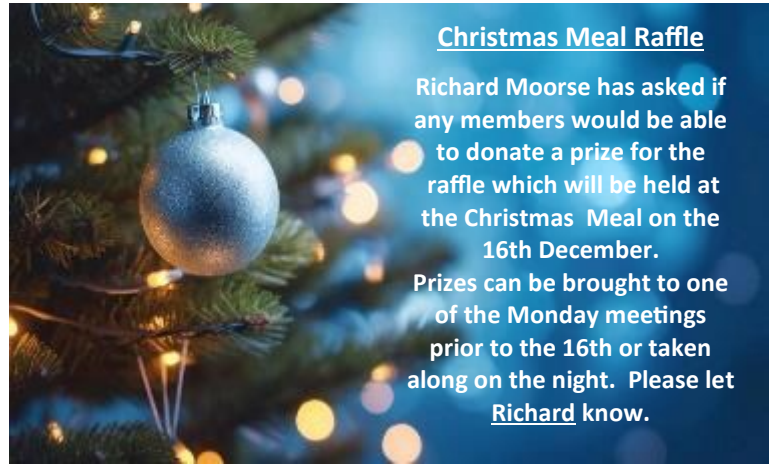
Monday 25th November

This coming Monday is a hands on skills evening where members will need to bring along either Camera's or smartphone's. A tripod would also be useful. There will be 3 models, along with backgrounds and lighting to enhance your experience. Our skills evening organiser, Stephen Frost, always manages to put on some good photographic displays for members to move and adjust as they wish.

Christmas Meal Raffle

Richard Moore has asked if any members would be able to donate a prize for the raffle which will be held at the Christmas Meal on the 16th December.

Prizes can be brought to one of the Monday meetings prior to the 16th or taken along on the night. Please let [Richard](#) know.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

30th November

Stephen Frost

Have a great day

Wildlife Photographer of the Year (article by Steve Moore)

Myself and Richard Moore visited the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition in the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3DH.
<https://www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/exhibitions/wildlife-photographer-of-the-year>

It is open from 24th October 2024 to 20th April 2025 on Wednesday to Sundays. It's well worth a visit if you are in Birmingham and pre-booked tickets are £11. There are over a 100 images on display. See if you can pick your top three images, we both picked different images and hardly agreed with the judges!

Be part of Wildlife Photographer of the Year

Be part of the world's most prestigious photography event and enter the annual Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition. By submitting imaginative, original, creative and technically daring images that capture both the beauty and fragility of the natural world, you will help ensure that sustainability and the conservation of wildlife remain in sharp focus.

The competition opens for entries every October and closes in December. For details on how to enter the competition visit nhm.ac.uk/wpy/competition.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday 25th November - Skills Evening

(see page 1 of the newsletter)

Monday 2nd December - we have a change to the programme

We now have **Guest speaker - Darron Matthews**

who has kindly stood in at the last minute after our original speaker Chris Upton had to cancel due to ill health.

Darron's presentation is titled "A Close Encounter with Nature, Remastered"

[Click Here](#) to take a look at Darron's website.

Monday 9th December - George Lamb Trophy

This is a Print Competition with the subject of "Landscapes"

The closing date for entries for this competition is the 2nd December. Don't forget to also send a PDI of your photograph to [Graham Caddick](#).

Monday 16th December - CHRISTMAS MEAL

A few spaces still remain so please let Sally know if you are interested as the booking needs to be confirmed.

If anyone is able to donate a prize for the raffle on the 16th, please see Richard Moore and bring into one of the club meetings or take on the night.

23rd & 30th December - Christmas Break - No meetings on both of these dates

Monday 6th January 2025 - Judge for a Night

This is an evening where members take over the roll of Judge for the evening.

MEMBERS - Do you have an article, story, photograph, hints and tips or an achievement you would like adding to the newsletter. Please email Linda Shaw lindashaw2964@gmail.com