



# Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club

## Newsletter

28th February, 2026.

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

**Last week** we had a guest speaker - Ian Daisley. Ian lives in the Peak District National Park and his talk this evening was "Derbyshire in Black & White". He made several comments in the evening, "this is just 15 minutes up the road", where for us in reality it takes about 1 to 1¼ hours to get to these stunning spots, but having seen his images, we should all make the effort.

Ian has enjoyed photography for many years and as a young boy loved watching his dad develop prints in the darkroom. He took early retirement in 2008 where he embarked on his career in photography as a freelance photographer taking advertising shots of food, interiors and people.

For his personal photography he still loves to use film and the waiting with anticipation for his negatives to emerge from the developing tank. Ian showed us his images on screen and he also bought along prints. A great evening which I think for most of us, inspired us to get out there and have a go. Quite a few years ago, Chris and I did a landscape course in the Lakes, the tutor said "trees don't make for good images", he perhaps needed to look at Ian's photographs.



### Up-coming Events in the club PROGRAMME

**Monday 2nd March** - Speaker Colin Trow Poole "An evening with Colour"  
Also final day for submitting PDI's for the 5th Competition "Landscapes"

**Monday 9th March** - PDI Landscape Competition

**Monday 16th March** - 2 way Interclub Competition between Acton Trussell & Penkridge and Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club

**Monday 23rd March** - Pre-Recorded Lecture.

**Monday 30th March** - Speaker - Martine Hamilton Knight "Architecture through the Viewfinder"

**Monday April 6th** - NO MEETING - EASTER BREAK

**Wednesday 8th April** - Staffordshire Print Competition - Members support for our club on this evening is always greatly appreciated.

**Monday 13th April** - 6th Competition - Print - Monochrome

# Highlights from our Camera Club Outing to Lichfield on Thursday 26th February

(Thanks to Jan Wilson for the write up)

The Great Lichfield Scavenger Hunt 2026 began over a cuppa and a viewing of Lichfield CC's exhibition at the Hub. Organiser Margaret Beardsmore had produced a list of categories to photograph along with a map of a suggested route (no point me having one, I can't read a map, if I turn round twice in the garden I can't find the back door and I don't know Lichfield). First out of the trap was Stephen Frost who vanished before the rest of us had our coats on. I sensibly tagged on to Linda and Chris Shaw who seemed to know what they were doing.

Wandering down Tudor Row Linda was in her element gazing at the material in the Haberdasher's shop. Into the Spires Shopping Centre - I use the term loosely as it seems to consist of nail bars, vape shops and mobile phone outlets. What it didn't have was many people which is hardly surprising with parking at £8.50 for four hours! There was one curious lady who tipped us off that entry into the Cathedral was £13 but free if you said you were going in to pray. Think she'd been on the pop that morning.

Heading up towards the Cathedral most of us were photographing anything that caught our eye with the intention of finding a category to fit it into. What caught my eye and Chris's was a rather nice vase in the antique shop - until we found out the price and decided it wasn't that nice after all. We thought we'd lost Lorraine Wilson but she'd just ducked behind some barriers to photograph something low.



Jan Wilson - Lines



Stephen Frost - Pick a Colour

We wandered into the gardens opposite the Cathedral but by now the icy wind was getting too much so indoors beckoned. Outside the Cathedral, basking in the wind in just a tee shirt was Kim Jones - was he a postman in a previous life I wondered - respect though as I was wrapped up like Nanook of the north. I gave up after going round the Cathedral, the others were meeting up at 'Spoons for lunch. On the way back a woman stopped to ask me if we were on Dam Street. Judging by her reaction 'damned if I know' wasn't the right response. Look out for the photos and the AV Stephen has kindly offered to produce and kick yourself for missing a fun morning out.



Margaret Beardsmore - Old



Jan Wilson - Old



Stephen Frost - Something with legs

# Highlights from our Camera Club Outing continued



Stephen Frost - Water



Linda Shaw - Lines



Linda Shaw - Something with legs



Margaret Beardsmore - Tiny



## NEWSLETTER

If members know of events or go to events and would like to share their photo's and information, please just email them through to me at [lindashaw2964@gmail.com](mailto:lindashaw2964@gmail.com)

**Don't forget to check out the club [website](#).**

The website contains loads of information including upcoming meetings and a downloadable calendar, members images, competition results, Newsletters, just to name but a few. Please take a look!

