



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

11th April, 2026.

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

Happy 80th Birthday



On April 15th we have the great pleasure of celebrating a remarkable milestone for one of our club members, **David Perry**, who reaches his **80th birthday**.

For many of us, he is a familiar and appreciated member who is always at club meetings. His enthusiasm for photography has been the driving force (along with Carole) for the outstanding camera club we have today.



Beyond photography, he is also known for his unwavering support of Aston Villa, a loyalty that has endured through the highs and lows (I believe for Aston Villa mostly lows), much like his dedication to the club itself! Aston Villa and the camera club alike seem to share the same spirit: commitment, optimism, and a good sense of humour.

On behalf of everyone in the club, we wish you a very happy 80th birthday. May the years ahead be filled with great photographs, and—of course—plenty more Villa victories (this bit is most unlikely!)



David's photograph of the "Digger Man" won the Presidents Trophy in 2021



NIKON EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

One of our club members Kevin Sneddon has some Nikon equipment for sale. If any of the Camera or lenses are of interest to you, Kevin will be bringing them for members to look at on Monday evening. Kevin is open to offers.

Nikon D3100 with Nikon AF-S 18-55 VR DX kit lens been offered £43 for the body and £19 for the lens by WEX

Also have a **Nikon remote release** to go with the camera.

There is also a travel lens, **Nikon 18-200 AF-S DX VR G2 ED** boxed with pouch, front and rear caps, lens hood and instructions. Again been offered just £87 by WEX.



Visit to St. Giles Hospice

Since our Camera Club was formed in 2009, we have raised funds for our chosen charity St. Giles Hospice at Whittington, I'm sure you will all agree it's a worthwhile cause.

Over the past years we have managed to raise approximately £11,000. The Hospice recently Invited members of our Camera Club to pay them a visit to see how funds have been spent at the Hospice by modernising the rooms and facilities for people who receive end of life care there. We were really impressed at the level of modernisation of the facilities; this has spurred us on to re-new our fund raising for them as we used to before Covid times.

This Monday 13th April is Roy Harrison's birthday and David Perry's 80th on 15th April, we will be selling home made cakes to celebrate their birthdays, please bring cash with you to purchase any cake you might want to eat during the tea break or bring a plate/container so that you can take some home with you as a treat for your partner/family, all funds from this cake sale will be donated to St. Giles Hospice.

If in the future anyone would like to hold a cake sale to celebrate their birthday or a special event with members of the camera club and donate the funds to St. Giles please see Carole and she will organise it.

St Giles
| Hospice

Our speaker from a couple of weeks ago, **Martine Hamilton Knight** has sent through some information for members that she mentioned on the evening.



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Martine mentioned the RPS days – Two itineraries - both completely different:

<https://events.rps.org/en/g/z9tTjH8xvF/rps-architectural-photography-with-martine-hamilton-knight-frps-june-2026-5a2NN2AyXBR/overview> on 5th June 2026

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Also, for something more immersive -

Nottingham Trent University have booked me (again) to run a **summer school for them from 30th June 2026 for four days -**

<https://www.ntu.ac.uk/course/short-courses/art-and-design/developing-an-eye-for-architectural-photography>. These are

held with small groups (usually 8) and from my perspective, great fun. They have previously seen a wide range of participants including club photographers, architects, built environment specialists and general hobbyist photographers attending. As it is held out of term-time there's the option to stay in the halls on campus which would be much more economic than a hotel (although there is a Premier Inn on

campus). The course doesn't assume specialist architectural photography skills - that's what you're there to learn about - but the ability to use a camera and a general understand of picture making is pretty vital. The university will supply attendees with all the kit needed to learn with.

Happy Birthday

13th April - Roy Harrison

15th April - Dave Perry

15th April - Mary Eaton

17th April - Marie Lakin

Hope you all have a lovely day



Interest for Members? An exhibition being held at [Weston Park](#).

ED PHILLIPS
PAINTED WITH
LIGHT

Friday 27th March - Wednesday 29th April

PAINTED WITH LIGHT - EXPERIMENTS IN STILL-LIFE PHOTOGRAPHY

An exhibition created by local wildlife photographer Ed Phillips. Following retirement, Ed decided to look for additional photographic challenges, opting for still-life photography.

Ed has long been inspired by still-life paintings, ranging from those of the Dutch "Golden Age" through to the work of more contemporary artists. Researching the topic, he encountered an article advocating the use of "light-painting" techniques to illuminate still-life compositions. Ed then spent several years developing a light-painting method of his own, that would produce the "look" he was seeking. This exhibition displays examples of his still-life artwork.

The Rose Paterson Art Gallery is open daily and free of charge to enter.

