



# Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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

**Last week the club held it's annual Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Competition. The rules are quite strict for this competition, but as our winner Steve Higgins proved, you don't need to fiddle and diddle to get a beautiful image, just use your camera.**

**There were stunning wildlife images from members of all groups.**

**The judge for the evening was Gary Langley, who was not only a very pleasant judge, but also entertaining, although he does need to practice his jokes. Gary held back 19 of the 37 images and 7 of these were awarded 20 points. Steve Higgins image "Flamingos Approaching Touchdown" was not only a fantastic capture but beautifully printed as well. Well done to all who entered and I hope that more members have a go next year.**



1st Place  
Steve Higgins  
"Flamingos Approaching Touchdown"



3rd Place - Richard Moore - Kingfishers Courting



2nd Place - Linda Shaw  
Mayfly on Iris Leaf

## Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Competition continued .....



Highly Commended  
Chris Shaw  
"Brimstone on Knapweed"



Highly Commended  
Les Arnott  
"Sparrowhawk"



Commended  
Margaret Beardsmore  
"Juvenile Flamingo"



Commended - Steve Newman  
"Common Whitethroat"

## Carole's Creative Competition

A reminder to members to enter **Carole's Creative Competition**.

This is a trophy awarded to a member who's image has 'made Carole smile'. Your entry can be of any subject, it can have been manipulated, set-up or straight from your Camera/phone, you just have to let your creativity break through. It must be your own work. All you have to do is send your PDI (to club sizing) to [David Perry](#). You can send in as many entries as you wish and you don't have to send them all in together.

**Reminder** we do not have a meeting this evening (4th May), but look forward to our next meeting on the 11th May where we have a guest speaker **Wendy Irwin**, who has visited us previously. On this visit she will be giving her presentation "**Humphries away with the penguins**".

Wendy is a very creative artist and mixes art with photography. She is a very good speaker and will keep us entertained.

Don't forget this is also the closing date for your entries for the "Water Competition", this is our final league table competition for the this year. This is a PDI competition, so please send your entries to Graham at [racompetitions@gmail.com](mailto:racompetitions@gmail.com)

We are getting towards the end of this season now and hasn't the time flown by. Ladies please remember we have the most important competition on the 8th June (Ladies v Gents). We lost last year by a fraction 0.08 of a point, we have everything to fight for in this battle (Carole doesn't like the word "battle" but in this instance I don't think she will mind). We have a lot more men in the club than ladies but last year only 26 images were entered by the Gents to 31 images by ladies. I think that says it all!!

I am not sure who the judge is yet for this competition, they just have to be brave!

**ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER** Do you have an article, story, photograph, hints and tips. Somewhere you have visited and think it may be an interest to members or an achievement you would like adding to the newsletter. Please email [Linda Shaw](#)

## Up-coming Events in the club PROGRAMME

**Monday May 4th - Bank Holiday - No Meeting**

**11th May** - Speaker Wendy Irwin - "Humphrey's away with the penguins".  
Also handing in for the 7th Club Competition - PDI - Subject "Water".

**13th May (Wednesday)**

**3 Way competition Lichfield/Burton/Rugeley & Armitage**

This will be held at:

Lichfield Methodist Church, Backcester Lane, Lichfield, WS13 6JH.

**Please come along and support your club, it is always appreciated for the external competitions**

**18th May** - 7th Club Competition - PDI - Subject "Water".

**1st June** - Practical Evening

Also - Handing in for the Ladies v Gents Competition

**8th June** - Ladies v Gents Competition

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**3rd May**

Polly Mason

**6th May**

Steve Moore

**13th May**

Nola Lovatt

**14th May**

Joan Evans

*Wishing you all a very  
Happy Birthday*



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Lonely Hunt by Mark Kerridge Burton on Trent PS