



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club

Newsletter

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

Where has the time gone? In just a few weeks we will be having our last meeting of the season. We have 3 meetings left until we finish for the summer.

Our next meeting on the 18th May is our last monthly competition for the league tables. This is a PDI competition with the subject of Water. This competition will decide the winner of each of the 3 groups.

The following week (25th May) we have another Bank Holiday so there will be no meeting.

Our meeting on the 1st June is our final Practical Session of the season. Stephen has booked three models, Ben who we have had before and two new models Sam and Mark. The set up will be for studio portraits with the usual lighting and backdrops to suit the models. Members are asked to bring their cameras and tripods for an evening of fun. Stephen could even be persuaded to model as well, he made his debut to help David Powell gain a 1st Place in the monochrome competition just a few weeks ago.

Finally our last meeting on the 8th June is the **Ladies v Gents Competition**. **Ladies and gentleman of all groups** are invited to participate in this competition (2 images each) you can enter new images or ones that you have entered in previous competitions (not a previous Ladies v Gents competition). This is a print competition, but please remember to send a PDI copy of your images to [Graham](#). Last year the Gents won by just 0.08 of a point so this competition is tight. This is a fun competition so lets **all** have a go! The last date for entries is the 1st June.

Please remember to enter **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 is creative or fun and can 'make 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. **Closing date is 31st May.**

Up-coming Events in the club PROGRAMME

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

19th May

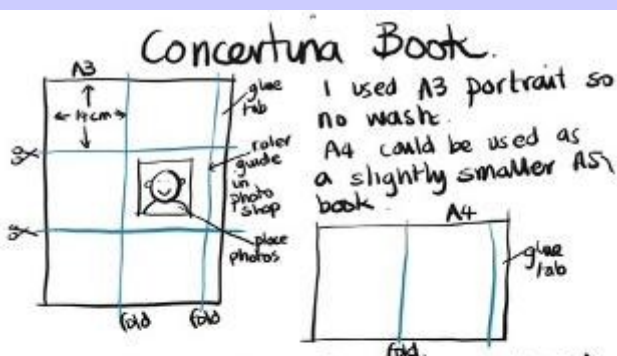
Margaret Beardsmore

Wishing you a very
Happy Birthday



Our speaker last week "Wendy Irwin" has sent through the instructions below if you wanted to

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Make Two covers - using either greyboard or mount board. Make cover 1 cm bigger - square therefore 15 cmsq. I used square 30 cm scrap book paper which is quite thick. Comes in different patterns. I used double sided sticky tape. - Apply to both sides of cover line up carefully!

I cut out the papers with craft knife. folds need to be done very carefully and line up when attaching together. attach cover



Burton / Lichfield / Rugeley & Armitage CC - 3 way competition

Last Wednesday we competed against Burton and Lichfield in the annual 3 way competition. The judge for the evening was Graham Walton and his comments on the whole were constructive although the scoring on some of the images for all clubs was low, but I suppose when you have so many



outstanding images, they cannot all get a high score. The first half was the PDI's and our club had 5 images held back out of 10. Two of our images scored 20, Night Fishing Otter

(Andrea Wheatley) and Kingfishers Courting (Richard Moorse) which put us in 1st place after the first half. After the break it was the turn of the prints and once again the judge was consistent with his comments and scoring.

We had 7 images held back and scores for these ranged from 17 to 19. Lichfield had 9 out of their 10 images held back and eventually took the overall win with a very small margin.



The Selection Team would like to thank all of the members who allow us to use their images to represent our club, not only for this competition but for all external competitions that we enter.

Jan Wilson - Organising a Workshop with Wendy Irwin

Speaker Wendy Irwin certainly got members talking about her imaginative and creative approach to photography. During the half time break I heard a lot of people saying they wished they could do something like that so I asked her if she ran classes. It wasn't something she'd thought of doing but was happy to do this for us (that's what becomes of being a friendly club). She has suggested after the summer break, class size 6 people, 4 hours tuition for £25 per person. Venue tbc, this is a very reasonable price and if there are more than 6 people interested she'll run extra classes.

If you're interested would you let me know either by email (Myaniel@hotmail.com) or grab me at class so I can liaise with her to get things sorted.



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A PLACE TO VISIT

Millers Dale in the Peak District. Set in the heart of Derbyshire only about 45 minutes from Ashbourne is this lovely little place. Parking this time of year is okay in the public car park by the old railway station, where there is a café and toilets (cost is 50p - just zap your card or your friends if you have left yours in the car!!)

We walked towards the Chee Nature Reserve and past the old Lime Kilns. Lots of wildflowers, but was quite chilly so the butterflies didn't appear until the walk back. We aimed to photograph the Chee Tunnels which were only about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile along the path. The longer tunnel is dark although lit and great for slow motion people on bikes but don't forget to take a tripod. Now is a good time to visit—not too busy.

