



# Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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

**Where does the time go?** No sooner were we looking forward to camera club restarting after 2025 summer break and we are now just one meeting away from the 2026 summer break.

We have just one meeting left on Monday 8th June, the battle between Ladies and Gents. This is a friendly competition (or so Carole likes to have us believe) to decide whether Ladies or Gents are the best photographers. Last year the score was so close, the gents winning by just 0.084 of a point.

This year we have 64 images and I think the result will be tight again. Some excellent images from both Ladies and Gents and great to see so many members from all groups having a go.

Look forward to seeing you all at this last meeting for the 2025/2026 season.

**Last week** we had our final practical of the season. Once again Stephen Frost put on and managed a very enjoyable evening, his stock of gadgets, backdrops and still life objects can only be described as jaw dropping. Where does he put it all?

For the evening Stephen organised 3 models, Ben who we have had before and two new models to our club. Their costumes and poses were just excellent. Listening to comments from members, everyone had a thoroughly good time.

Once again a big thank you to Stephen for all the time and effort he puts in to produce these evenings.



Ian Morrall doing some "Pixel Stretching"

**ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER** Do you have an article, story, photograph, hints and tips or 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](mailto:Linda.Shaw@chappersphotography.co.uk) I will be doing the occasional Newsletter during the summer break so please send through any article/advert you would like putting in, even if its just photographs you have taken on an outing that you are pleased with or would like to share with members.

## **The Big Battle of Abbots Bromley**

**Saturday 20th June 2026 – Photographers Day**

**Sunday 21 June 2026 – public family day**

**Photography weekend pass available including a bonus Friday sunset shoot.**

High Ash Farm, Yeatsall Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DE

Club member Lee Chapman is organising The Big Battle of Abbots Bromley again this year. This is a large reenactment/living history event that includes a day just for photographers – on this day you can expect exclusive access to the 200 plus reenactors with some opportunities for close up portraits, camp life scenes and some posed battles and skirmishes (including live cannon and musket firing!). There will be no crowds or modern vehicles, stalls or clutter onsite. Currently, there are only 20 photographers booked so there will be excellent access to very willing photography subjects.

If your looking for the budget friendly option or a fun day out with all your family, then you can attend the family fun day with tickets starting at just £7. Or upgrade your photography experience to the weekend pass which includes a Friday evening sunset shoot!

This year, legendary Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (BBMF) will perform a flypast on both days. The BBMF, the RAF's historic squadron, will be operating the iconic Spitfire, Hurricane, and Dakota aircraft during the 2026 season. Confirmation of which aircraft will appear at the event will be provided closer to the date.

This year's programme features an expanded lineup, including an unmissable Wild West display by the UK's leading American West living history group, Spearfish Creek, and a full battlefield recreation of the Battle of the Alamo by the Remember the Alamo Association, complete with live firing muskets and cannons. Visitors can also witness a spectacular Napoleonic battle brought to life by expert reenactors.

Visitors can also wonder around a living history village which will feature Pirates, courtesy of The Guild alongside displays from the Spanish & Russian Civil Wars. Other highlights include the Poor Knights of Christ portraying the Crusades and King Penda's tribute to the Anglo-Saxon period. We are also pleased to confirm that The English Free Company will be representing the War of the Roses & the Tudor period, meanwhile Company 24 will demonstrate some American Civil War drills and the 1879 group will be showing off their red-coats and educating us about the Anglo-Zulu War.

### **Tickets**

Advance tickets are priced at:

£10 Adults | £8 Over 65 | £7 Children

Tickets are available online at [www.chappersphotography.co.uk](http://www.chappersphotography.co.uk).

A limited number of tickets will be available on the gate, but advance booking is recommended for faster entry.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW



# THE BIG BATTLE OF ABBOTS BROMLEY

A LIVING HISTORY FESTIVAL

Re-enactment battles  
Family fun  
Stalls  
Food and Mead

Photographers day  
Sat 20th June

Public family fun day  
Sun 21st June



High Ash, Yeatsall Road  
Abbots Bromley WS15 3DE

Don't forget to check out the Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club website, this is being updated all the time. Coming soon is next years calendar, useful items, labels, members photo's, etc. Take a look at <https://rugeleyandarmitagecameraclub.com/>