



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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

Well that's it until September! What a great way to finish off the season with the Ladies v Gents competition. The judge for the competition was David Graham, who seemed to warm up with the scoring in the second half. At the end of the evening David held back 25 images and these scored from 17 to 20. Unfortunately the ladies lost by 0.25686 of a point. Well done ladies it was very close. Oh! I suppose I should also congratulate the men on their tiny win.

Six of the final images were awarded a 20 with Rufus Tailed Hummingbird by Steve Higgins taking 1st place, Andrea Wheatley took 2nd and 3rd place with Night Fishing and Scarlet Whirl.

Images which all scored a 20.



2nd Place - Night Fishing
Andrea Wheatley



1st Place - Rufus Tailed Hummingbird
Steve Higgins



3rd Place - Scarlet Whirl
Andrea Wheatley



Grey Heron
Fred Bayliss



Peter Hickman
Paul Duckhouse



Rose - Sally Arnott

SUMMER LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHY CHALLENGE

Margaret Beardsmore has organised a Summer Landscape Photography Challenge which is open to all Members

With summer approaching and many of us planning holidays, day trips and outdoor excursions, we'd like to invite you to take part in our Summer Landscape Photography Challenge.

The challenge is simple and designed to be fun. Here is a list of 12 landscape photography themes, and your mission is to capture images for at least 6 of them during the weeks when the club is not meeting over the summer.

This is not a competition – there are no judges, marks or prizes. It's simply an opportunity to enjoy your photography, explore new places, and perhaps look at landscapes a little differently. Whether you use a DSLR, mirrorless camera, compact camera or just your mobile phone, everyone is welcome to join in.

At the end of the summer, we'll invite participants to submit their images, which will be combined into an audiovisual presentation to be shown at a club meeting later in the year. It should be a wonderful way to share the places we've visited and the photographs we've created over the summer months.

If you'd like to share your images as you go along, please feel free to post them on the Members' Facebook page.

We hope you'll join us and see where the challenge takes you!

Complete any 6 of the 12 challenges below: Interpret each challenge in your own way and have fun!

1. The Rule of Thirds
2. Reflections
3. Leading Lines
4. It's all about the light!
5. Weather Creates the Picture
6. Trees as the Subject
7. Water in the Landscape
8. A Sense of Scale
9. Monochrome Landscape
10. Minimalist Landscape
11. Patterns in Nature
12. My Favourite Place

Optional "Advanced Bonus" Challenges for members who enjoy pushing themselves further:

Long Exposure Landscape

Panoramic Stitch

Intentional Camera Movement (ICM) Landscape

Focus Stacked Landscape

Night Landscape or Milky Way

Abstract Landscape



ARMITAGE with HANDSACRE
VILLAGE DAY
Saturday 20th June 2026

Our Camera Club will be having a display at Armitage village day on Saturday 20th June 11.00am to 4.00pm at Armitage Village hall Shropshire Brook road, Armitage. We would love to see members visiting the event and if anyone could spare half an hour to give committee members a short break to visit the many activities taking place such as a dog fun show and many more indoor and outdoor activities that would really be appreciated.

Club visits to Norton Bog and Prees Heath Common Nature Reserve. There are a few spaces remaining for both of these trips so if you are interested please let [Sally](#) know as soon as possible so you will be included on the information emails.

Norton Bog - Thursday 18th June

Start time is 9.30am, parking is limited, please don't park in the station café car park. Sally will send a map if you would like to join the outing. Weather is looking okay for this Thursday so will be an ideal opportunity to practice Macro, Birds and Mammals. Les Arnott will be on hand for any assistance if you require it.

Prees Heath Common Nature Reserve - 2nd July

Nature Group members are warmly invited to join us for a visit to Prees Heath Common Nature Reserve on Thursday 2nd July. Located near Whitchurch, it is approximately an hour's drive away and is one of the most important sites in the country for the beautiful Silver-studded Blue butterfly.

Managed by Butterfly Conservation, this fascinating reserve offers excellent opportunities to enjoy and photograph a variety of butterflies, dragonflies and other wildlife. July is one of the best times to visit, and with a little luck we should see Silver-studded Blues at their peak, together with a range of other insects and wildflowers that make this heathland habitat so special.

If you haven't visited before, do have a look at the reserve's website – it's a remarkable conservation success story and well worth exploring.

The reserve is mainly flat and easy walking. A circuit of most of the site is around 2 miles, while the dragonfly pond is only about half a mile from the entrance, making it suitable for anyone who prefers a shorter walk. As parking at the reserve is very limited, we will meet at a nearby car park and car-share to the site. Numbers will therefore be restricted to a maximum of 12 people, on a first-come, first-served basis.

There are no facilities on the reserve itself, but we plan to meet at a nearby garden centre/café beforehand and, for those who wish, enjoy lunch there after our visit.

Please reply to Sally, including your mobile number, if you would like to join us. Both butterflies and dragonflies are highly dependent on warm, sunny conditions, so if the weather forecast is unfavourable we may need to rearrange at short notice.

We hope you can join us for what should be a delightful summer day amongst some of Shropshire's most special wildlife.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE FOR THE 2026/2027 SEASON

28th September - PDI Competition - Subject: **OPEN**

26th October - Print Competition - Subject: **OPEN**

16th November - PDI Competition - Subject: **MONOCHROME**

7th December - **George Lamb Trophy** (Prints) - Subject: **LANDSCAPES**

18th January - PDI Competition - Subject: **Rust/Debris/Textures/
Abstract**

8th February - **Presidents Trophy** (Prints) - Subject: **OPEN**

1st March - Print Competition - Subject: **TRIPTYCH**

15th March - **Macro Competition** (Print)

22nd March - PDI Competition - Subject: **Motion/Action**

26th April - **Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Competition** (Print)

17th May - Print Competition - Subject: **OPEN**

14th June - **Ladies v Gents** - Subject: **OPEN**

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/>