



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

30th June. 2026.

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

Exhibition at the Armitage with Handsacre Village Day

What lovely weather for the Armitage with Handsacre Village Day, luckily the weather held. The day was very well supported by the local community and there was plenty to see and do.

Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club held an exhibition and this attracted a good amount of interest.



As you can see from the photographs there was some great club images on display. There were



also some lovely images off entrants for the village photographic competition organised by our club.



A big thank you to the members who came along and helped and visited on the day, it was much appreciated.



Left: Winner of the over 16 category - Pip Price with her image "Lichfield Cathedral in the Golden Hour"



Right: Winner of the under 16 category - Nial Bevan-Lockett with his image



CLUB VISIT TO NORTON BOG

What a great morning out with club members, which included the weather. Luckily it wasn't last week otherwise it would have been far too hot. Members met up at 9.30am outside the Railway Café and after a short walk reached the bog (it is a lovely pond with reeds). The photography morning was led by Les Arnott who gave members advice and guidance when needed, so a very big thankyou to Les.

There were plenty of Dragonflies around along with Damselflies, one or two members got some beautiful photo's of the Dragonflies in flight, not an easy task with the speed they move. There was a good selection of slower moving subjects, flies, grasshoppers and butterflies.



Richard trying to work out which way to point his camera, but once he worked that out, there was no stopping him, a beautiful dragonfly captured in flight.



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

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) **Information on this new competition to follow shortly**

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. Next years calendar is now on the website and available to download onto your phone calendar.

<https://rugeleyandarmitagecameraclub.com/>

Happy Birthday

30th June - Andrea Wheatley

30th June - Stuart Balance

2nd July - Graham Caddick

4th July - Anthony Sherratt

13th July - Carole Perry

Wishing you all a very Happy Birthday

