



# Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club

## Newsletter

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

Hope you are all enjoying the summer break and having a go at the **Summer Landscape Challenge**. This is a fun challenge and I have already seen one or two members putting their images on the club Facebook Page, don't forget to post any of yours on the page too.

If you do not have access to the Facebook page, please email [Sally](#) who will give you the log on information.

The Nature group went on an outing to Prees Heath Nature Reserve on the 2nd July and thank you Jan for the write up below and to the members who have sent photographs through.

*"Margaret Beardsmore organised a trip to Prees Heath in Shropshire for the nature group as this is the only remaining sanctuary in the Midlands for the silver studded blue butterfly. Meet up was of course in a cafe for breakfast which rather goes without saying so Linda and Chris Shaw, Tracy Padfield, Steve Newman myself and the honorary member (or interloper) set ourselves up with beverages, tea cakes and bacon butties. Margaret hasn't quite got the hang of communication with the weather gods as on the downside it was pretty windy; the upside was no rain and a lot cooler so Brownie points for that. (We won't mention that she lost her phone twice in the car and got a bit lost heading for the pond!) Some of us (me) haven't got a cat in hell's chance of photographing a butterfly so we headed off towards the control tower to snap some wild flowers and a bit of arty farty stuff. The others, sooner or later, made their way to an area with trefoil and heather which the butterflies love and spent a couple of happy hours photographing them. I saw some, and a couple of orange tips but that was as far as I got. Steve Newman got a gold sticker on his car sniffily telling him he's parked inconsiderately and was blocking traffic. He hadn't and he wasn't, somebody obviously needed to get out more. Back to the cafe for lunch and a good old chin wag was the perfect end to a very enjoyable morning. Thank you Margaret for a great day out and to everyone else for the company. Suffice it to say I shan't be challenging anyone in the nature comps anytime soon, if ever!"*



Margaret Beardsmore - Silver Studded Blue Butterfly



Jan Wilson - Cinnabar Moth Caterpillar  
(Oddly the moths are a vivid red and black)



Linda Shaw - A Hairy Fairy Daisy  
Playing with "in Camera" double exposure.

## **15th March 2027 - New Macro Trophy Competition**

Members have been asking about this new competition and as to what is being classed as Macro. Graham Caddick our Competition Secretary has written up the following guidance for members.

**"The Macro Competition on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2027 is a new stand-alone Competition for all members regardless of members group position. Members can submit 2 prints which can be macro, close up or miniature.**

**Look on Google for explanations of above terms and equipment required to achieve the required result.**

**Macro Photography is extreme close-up Photography designed to make subjects appear life-size or larger in the final image. It captures minute details invisible to the naked eye. Close up Photography is the art of capturing subjects at Close range ,so they fill the frame and reveals intricate details. Closely related to Macro but can be achieved using various accessories or telephoto lenses. Please look on Google for examples."**

## **WEBSITE [www.rugeleyandarmitagecameraclub.com](http://www.rugeleyandarmitagecameraclub.com)**

**Steve Moore** has been carrying out a lot of work on the website getting it up to date ready for the new season.

You can [download a calendar](#) which will automatically update your calendar on your Iphone or Android.

**2026 /2027 Program** [download](#) a printable copy.

**Membership Forms** - You can now enrol for the 2026/2027 season and save money using the **Early Bird Offer which runs from 7th July up to and Including 7th September..** You can [Download](#) the new form from the Website. Please pay by Bank Transfer, the details are on the reverse of the form and send your completed membership form to Stephen Frost our new Membership Secretary, his email address is [stephen.frost01@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.frost01@gmail.com)

**Competition Rules** - there are some changes to the points system for this coming season, please take a look at the [Rules page](#) on the website. Please see Note 7. Carole will explain this further when we return in September.

**AI Guidance** - [Guidance](#) on what is acceptable in club competitions and what is not.

**NEWSLETTER** - This is the **most important** page on the Website and I know you all read it avidly but if the website address escapes you please click this link to [Newsletters](#). If you have any photographs, info, events you have been to and think it will be of interest to members please let me know as I will be doing intermittent Newsletters though the summer break. Chris and I are currently redesigning and decorating our computer room so unless you want chaotic images of that, please send through something interesting. It took me half an hour to find my laptop, still have not located the charger so hopefully the battery will last until the end.

# 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)

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**

## Happy Birthday

13th July - Carole Perry

20th July - Tracy Padfield

21st July - Lee Chapman

23rd July - Mike Head

Wishing you all a very Happy Birthday



## TRIPODS - FREE TO A GOOD HOME.

We have two Giotto's MH852 Tripods that we no longer require. These are very nice tripods and free to any member who would like one.

If you want a photo please email me and I will sort some out for you.

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