Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club

Newsletter

24th October, 2026

Last Week we welcomed speaker Ian Daisley for Part 1 of a two part presentation. Ian presented us with a close up look at the beauty of trees, their colours, textures, variety and seasonal changes. He discussed his thinking behind his images and how he looks and considers different viewpoints of his subject and how much of that subject he wants in his photograph, big is not always better. Mist and autumnal conditions certainly enhanced the beauty, so now is a perfect time to see what you can achieve. Ian takes most of his personal photographs on film and loves the excitement as he see's the negatives emerge from the developing tank.

At the end of the meeting Ian set out his challenge titled "Ian's Treescape Challenge" and will return on the 23rd November to see what members have photographed. Remember - This is not a competition. Ian will just offer his advice and comments.

If members could take two images each, these can be PDI or prints, but as usual please send your PDI copy to Graham at racompetitions@gmail.com. PDI's must be titled and the usual club sizing. Please clearly mark your emails with "**Treescape Challenge**" to ensure Graham can clearly see they are not one of your competition entries.

DETAILS ON NEXT PAGE

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Ian's Treescape Challenge

Images must be taken between now and 23rd November

What to look for

Lone trees
Dense woodland
Branches through leaves
Bark & leaf details
Abstracts & patterns
Groups of images
Interesting branch shapes
Foreground details
Trees against a contrasting background

Composition

Rule of Thirds
Central
Diagonals
Leading Lines
Odd numbers

Other considerations

Layers
Crop factor
Portrait or landscape
Focal length
Creative Depth of Field
Colour or Black & White

What's the story?

CHRISTMAS
MEAL
Our Christmas Meal is being held on
MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER at 7.30pm
at
The Ash Tree
Armitage Road
Rugeley, Staffordshire,
WS15 1PL.
Members can choose from the Festive Menu or the General Menu
A Deposit of £10.00 per person (Partners welcome)by the 16th November. You can pay by cash, card or bank transfer
(Sort code: 30-92-93 Acct No: 68984160)
Special menu's are available for those with dietry requirements
Please CLICK HERE for the menu's
If you require further information please speak either Sally Arnott or Richard Moorse.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

25th October

Justine Page

Hope you have a lovely birthday

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE CLUB PROGRAMME

26th October - Competition - Open Print

2nd November - Practical Evening - See details on Page 5.

9th November - AGM & Travelling Portfolio

Final date for submitting images for the PDI - Monochrome Competition

11th November - WEDNESDAY - Staffordshire PDI Competition held at Lea Hall

16th November - Monochrome PDI Competition

23rd November - Ian Daisley PART 2 - Treescape Challenge

30th November - Hand in Prints for George Lamb Landscape Trophy

Practical Evening - Details to follow

THE FULL PROGRAMMED IS AVAILABLE ON THE CLUB WEBSITE

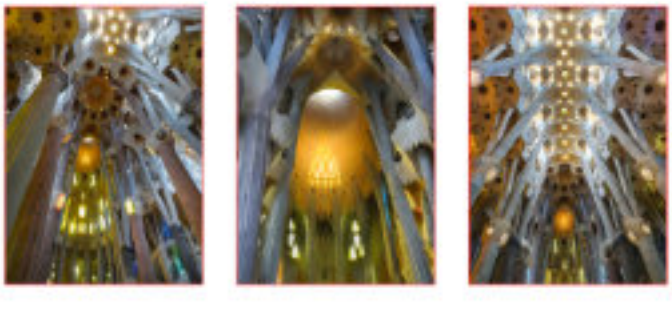
CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE FULL PROGRAMME

MCPF PANEL COMPETITION

Did you enter the panel competition? If so, when the results came out and you didn't hear anything, you assumed you had failed!!! Then several weeks later you check your Junk Mail and find an MCPF letter with the results.

Roy Harrision you need to check your Junk Mail more often, you might even find a lottery win hidden in there.

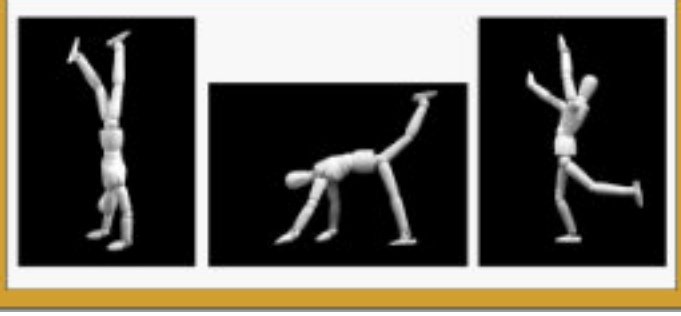
Roy not only did well, he did amazingly well, two Acceptances, one Highly Commended and the icing on the cake, a Ribbon. Well done Roy, this was an excellent result.



Spectacular Segrada - RIBBON

Carpet Delight - Highly Commended

Stick Athletics - Accepted



Renovation Project - Accepted

Practical Evening on Monday 2nd November

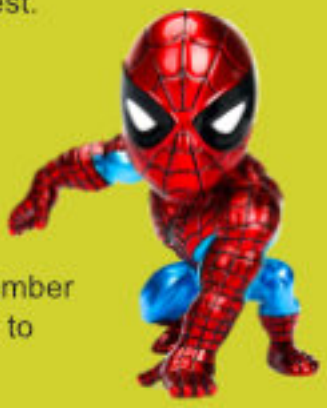
With a view to the upcoming macro competition the club would like to welcome **Stuart Carrier** with his vast collection of model figures. There is a mixture of figures from television and Marvel such as Spider-Man and Doctor Who, then onto dinosaurs.

Members are requested to bring their cameras and tripods if they have them for an evening of fun. For lens choice , macro or 12-40 mm , 50mm lens , 12-100mm or nearest. Telephoto lenses and phones will work too.

There will be the usual backdrops and lighting.

(For those who require a tripod Stephen will have two available for use on the evening)

If any member requires help on the evening, please remember to ask. More experienced members are always happy to give their help and guidance.



NEWSLETTER

If you have an article, achievement or event you would like to share with club members for the Newsletter please email Linda and send through any information and photographs

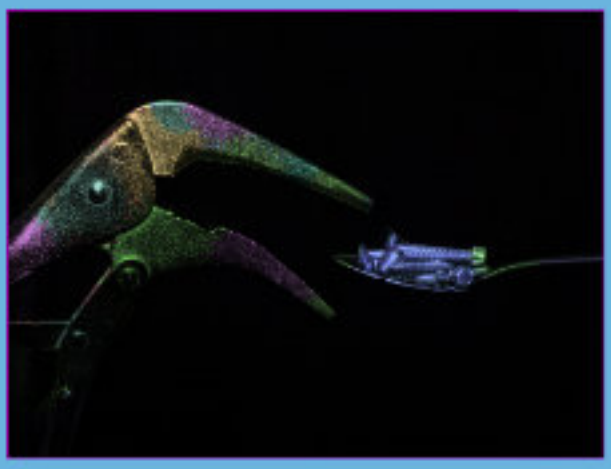
lindashaw2964@gmail.com

Carole's Creative Trophy

Entries are open for Carole's Creative Trophy. This is a yearly competition and is open to all members of the club.

This can be a photograph of something you have seen, an image you have created, just be creative. No AI it must be your own work and your own images. You can enter as many times as you want between now and next May and you don't have to send all of your entries in one go. Email your images to David who will collect them all as the year goes on and only show Carole after the competition as closed, when she will select the winner.

Have a go, you have plenty of time, there were some very funny, varied and creative images for this last year.



Last years winner was Stephen Frost with

"Raptor at Feeding Time"