

Rugeley and Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

Saturday 12th September 2015

Web: www.rugeleyandarmitagecameraclub.co.uk



Retrospective

The first night of the 2015/16 season started with a warm welcome to members old and new by our Chairperson Carole, followed by an AV review of the presentation evening at the end of June, expertly put together by George. The programme for the year was presented - and we look forward to a fully packed year!

The details of the upcoming sessions will be added to the website - and highlighted weekly in the newsletter.

Our first session of the new year is open for any member to give a presentation. If anyone would like to take this opportunity - please contact George Lamb.

Also introduced was the club's new light box. Bought to complement the existing one, this has the ability to show 10 prints as part of a panel - and will be used to enhance speaker evenings and competition evenings.

It may only be September - but... Christmas is coming!

Following a fantastic response last week - we are pleased to announce that this year's club Christmas meal will be held at the popular Italian restaurant "Le Terrazza" in Rugeley.

Monday 14th December

A non-refundable deposit of £5 per person is due by Monday 28th September, and the remaining balance or £14.95 per person by 23rd November.

Book your places with John Sylvester - please mention any special dietary requirements.

The menu is available from the club website:

[Click here](#)

Upcoming

Monday see's the first practical session of the year. You will have received the options from George by email - please let him know ASAP your choice so that he knows rough numbers for each group on the night.

Topic list available [HERE](#).

Our first speaker for the year is on the 21st of September—and is Scott Latham—who is just starting out on the speaking circuit.

Scott is a member of the Cannock Photographic Society & Lichfield Camera Club and is an award winning photographer. He runs nature workshops and organises wildlife photography tours.

Website: <http://wildlifescott.co.uk/>

Following this—the 28th of September sees a visit from the acclaimed Leigh Preston from Gloucester.

Leigh has been taking and making pictures for well over thirty years. In that time his own work has been mainly thematic, working in photographs as a series. He has a relatively specific approach to what he chooses to make pictures of, and relies heavily on atmospherics, dramatic lighting and strong storylines to convey an individual style.

Leigh has also published a book called "Five Essays" and this will form some of the content for the evening.

Website: <http://www.leighpreston.co.uk/>

Birthday Celebrations

Best wishes to the following member for their upcoming birthday!

Denise Phillips - 13th September
Roy Hodgkiss - 19th September



Have a great Day!





A trip into the trees at Westonbirt Arboretum, Gloucestershire

Planned for Sunday 25th October. Leaving Hawkesyard at 8.00am and returning from Westonbirt at 5.00pm.

The cost for this is £20 per person which includes coach fare and admission cost.

Partners and friends are all very welcome to join us

A non-refundable deposit of £5 per person is required by Monday 21st September and the balance by Monday 12th October

Information leaflets will be available when you register your interest in this trip with Kay or Carole on Monday 7th September

[Forestry Website / Westonbirt](#)

Resizing images for PDI Competitions

For our PDI competitions - images submitted need to be resized for the projector.

On the club website there is now a section on how to resize your images.

[Click here for information.](#)

It is also recommended that a white border is put around images - especially dark images - to help define the image against the projector screen.

This can be done by applying an outline stroke around your image. If unsure - please ask on a practical evening.

Last call:

Yardley Exhibition - 14th November

Entry forms available at [Yardley PS Web site](#)

Entry fees

£1.20 per print or projected Image; £3.00 per panel of 4; Admin fee of £2.00

Closing date for Entries 20th September

*Anyone wishing to enter if they can give their entries to Paddy (together with the appropriate fee and entry form) (cheques made payable to Y.P.S) by the **16th September** and he will take them to Yardley*

The Smethwick 41st International Exhibition is now open for entries. Closing date is the 9th of November.

More details on their website: <http://>

www.smethwickphotographic.co.uk/SPS-International.html

NEXT WEEKEND: HUDDLESFORD BOAT FESTIVAL 19TH & 20TH SEPTEMBER

We are once again displaying members prints at the Huddlesford Boat Festival. We would appreciate any help from any members who can spare a couple of hours during this weekend, please let Carole Perry know which day and a time you could attend.

We were there at the last event two years ago - and we will have a large display area - which is undercover - thankfully given the recent weather! Always a great event!

**Huddlesford Junction on the
Coventry Canal and Lichfield Cruising Club, WS13 8PY**

More information on their website [CLICK HERE](#)