



# Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

6th February 2016

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## Last Week

Following the disappointment of our original speaker for the evening, Mark Humpage and his talk on 'Extreme Weather' not being able to attend, we were instead treated to a presentation by Roger Butler which turned out to be anything but a disappointment. Roger is an authority on canals, and he gave two slideshows on canal holidays from 1960 and 1971. The first was 'Along the Shroppie', a two week cruise along the Shropshire Union and Staffs & Worcester canals and the second was 'Circumnavigation of the West Midlands'.

Roger showed many black & white images taken on these cruises which he narrated with interesting facts and plenty of humour. Quite a few of the members were able to recollect from their younger days and provide Roger with information even he didn't know. It appeared that back in the 1960's there was constant friction between leisure boaters and British Waterways. Also you could get a full Sunday Roast Dinner with all the trimmings for 50pence! A splendid evenings entertainment.

## Photography Show NEC 19th-22nd March - Disabled Photographers Society

As most of you are already aware, our President Roy Hodgkiss is very active in promoting and working for the Disabled Photographers Society. Every year at the Photography Show held at the NEC the Disabled Photographers Society have a display stand. They raise money by selling 2nd hand photographic equipment.

We would like to make an appeal for members who have cameras, accessories or ANY photographic equipment they would like to donate to this very worthy cause to bring them to the club. We will provide a box for everything to be put in for Roy to take to the exhibition. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

## Our dear Friend Stuart Roberts



We will certainly miss our dear friend Stuart Roberts who passed away on Thursday the 21st January. Stuart was a friendly unassuming man who never failed to come and shake your hand and ask about your wellbeing.

Stuart will be greatly missed at our meetings which due to his health he was not able to attend as many times as he would have wished, with his attendance at our Christmas Dinner having to be cancelled at the last minute, due again to his failing health.

Our sincere condolences go to Stuart's wife and family at this very sad time.

## Upcoming Competitions

15th February - Club - Prints - Monochrome - Judge David Keith Jones - **Entries in by 8th February**  
7th March - Interclub Competition v Acton Trussell & Penkridge PS - Judge Mike Sharples  
21st March - Club - Prints - Architecture - Judge Peter Clark - **Entries in by 14th March**  
13th April - Staffordshire Photographic Clubs Print Competition - Venue Lea Hall Club  
18th April - Club - PDI - Open - Judge David Graham - **Entries in by 11th April**

## Upcoming Speakers

### February 8th - Presidents Evening

Our President Roy Hodgkiss will present a selection of his images. Always an entertaining evening

### February 22nd - Speaker Mike Lane 'A Lane in the UK'

Mike is a full-time wildlife photographer  
A presentation on British Wildlife  
Mike's website: [Mike Lane Photography](http://Mike Lane Photography)

**February 29th**  
Change of Speaker  
To be announced



## Club Exhibition

The club will again be holding its annual exhibition of members prints

To be held on Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd May.

Venue will be at Lea Hall Club

If you wish to have your prints displayed please bring them to the club from Monday onwards. Last day for acceptance Monday 18th April

## UPCOMING EVENTS & COMPETITIONS

### Events

#### **Sunday 7th February Wolverhampton Camera Fair**

The Wolverhampton Camera Fair is the UK's largest independent camera fair, regularly featuring over 100 tables and a wide range of vendors selling everything from vintage and collectible cameras right up to modern digital equipment.

Wolverhampton Racecourse

Dunstall Park

Wolverhampton

WV6 0PE

<http://www.wolverhamptoncamerair.co.uk/>

#### **March 16th - 20th—MidPhot**

The Old Schoolhouse, Smethwick

MidPhot is the Annual Exhibition for members of any Club/Society in the MCPF

#### **March 19th —22nd - The Photography Show. NEC Birmingham**

The Photography Show is the UK's largest event for people with a passion for photography. With over 200 leading brands, great show deals, live demos and inspirational speakers, it's a great day out dedicated to all things photography.

For more information: [click here](#)

#### **Thursday 24th March Lichfield Garrick & Wednesday 30th March Stafford Gatehouse Gordon Buchannan - Wildlife Photographer & Cameraman**

Join Gordon Buchanan, the highly acclaimed wildlife cameraman and presenter of 'The Polar Bear family and me' as he hosts an evening of exciting personal recollections, and lets you into his world of weird, wild and wonderful wildlife.

[Gordon Buchannan](#)

[Stafford Gatehouse Theatre](#)

[Lichfield Garrick Theatre](#)

#### **Saturday 9th April Droitwich Camera Club. David Noton 'Chasing the Light'**

David is recognised as one of the world's leading landscape and travel photographers. His images sell all over the globe. Clients include Canon, the National Trust, Royal Mail, the BBC & Lonely Planet Magazine. The show is approximately two hours of photographic adventure and inspiration with an interval, and built in Question and Answer sessions. Tickets are £12 available here:

[David Noton 'Chasing the Light'](#)

### Competitions (Dates are Closing Dates)

#### **13th February - Staffordshire Wildlife Trust Photo Competition**

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust are offering you the opportunity to have your image feature on the cover of their May-August "What's On" leaflet.

All you have to do is submit an image of wildlife in Staffordshire by the 13th of February

Full details available here:

[Staffordshire Wildlife Trust](#)

#### **29th February - The Vale of Evesham Camera Club - National Internet Exhibition**

Colour Images

Monochrome Images

Natural History Images

Experimental / Creative Images

Entries can be made Online or Postal by CD

email: [exhibition@eveshamcameraclub.co.uk](mailto:exhibition@eveshamcameraclub.co.uk)

#### **2nd March - South Birmingham Photographic Society 'Image 16' Open Exhibition**

Four Digital Projected Image (DPI) categories:

Colour - Monochrome

Natural History - Portrait

['Image 16' Open Exhibition](#)

[South Birmingham Image 16 Rules of Entry](#)

#### **22nd April - Staffordshire Wildlife Trust 2017 Calendar**

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust require 12 stunning images for their 2017 calendar

Calling all nature lovers! We need your photos of Staffordshire's wonderful wildlife and landscapes for our 2017 calendar which goes on sale next year.

Closing date: Friday 22nd April

Full details available here:

[Staffordshire Wildlife Trust Calendar 2017](#)

#### **30th June - Campaign to Protect Rural England**

The Staffordshire branch of Campaign to Protect Rural England are holding a 80th year anniversary landscape photography competition to show the best of Staffordshire.

There are two age categories, 18 & under and adult. The most popular photographs voted for by the public will be printed in a CPRE Staffordshire 2017 Calendar plus being displayed in exhibitions throughout the county.

[Campaign to Protect Rural England](#)

### Tutorials & Websites

[Adobe TV](#) - Photoshop & Lightroom Videos

[Julianne Kost](#) - Photoshop & Lightroom Videos

[DigitalRev TV](#) - Informative & Humorous Videos

[Bird Photography](#) - 'Tools & Techniques'



Happy Birthday  
Birthday Wishes this week

11th February - Bill Mitchell

13th February - Pete Hillman