



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

13th February 2016

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Last Week

Last week we were entertained by Roy Hodgkiss who presented his annual 'Presidents Evening'. Roy began by saying how he was 'conned' into becoming club president. Initially asked for his advice on setting up the club, he was then presented with a letter telling him he was club President. Roy says this was the best con trick he's ever had played on him and he doesn't regret it one bit.

Roy followed this with a slideshow which he called "Nineteen Sixties to Whenever", a visual trek through his photographic career. His pictures ranged from feathered birds to human birds, interspersed with Roy's favourite topic of nature and wildlife. Roy's photographic talents also spreads to landscape and aircraft photography, his pictures of the Red Arrows in flight were particularly impressive.

Roy let us into the secret of some of his favourite locations, number one being 'Up the Res'. One very useful bit of advice Roy gave was, when taking a picture, look behind you. There's often a good picture to be had. An excellent evening. Thanks Roy.

Roy's Evening - St Giles Hospice

All proceeds from Roy's Presidents Evening were donated to St Giles Hospice. We are pleased to say this amounted to over £200. This was really excellent. Thank you.

Assistant Secretary

Glyn Heywood has joined the committee in the role of Assistant Secretary. We are sure Glyn will be an asset to the continued successful running of the club.

New Speaker - 29th February - David Glynne Fox

Unfortunately due to illness, Patrick Tracey is unable to give his 'Photons to Pixels' presentation. Fortunately we have been able to secure a replacement speaker who we are sure will provide us with an excellent evenings entertainment. David Glynne Fox, a lecturer from Nottingham University, will give his presentation on 'Coastal Wildlife'. David lectures on marine biology and other wildlife topics. He is also an accomplished photographer. As well as lecturing David has written many books. He is acknowledged to be the UK's leading expert on Falconry and Golden Eagles.

Roy's Box

We are still collecting for the Disabled Photographers Society stand at the upcoming Photography Show. If you have ANY surplus or unwanted photographic equipment no matter how small bring it to the club. Please give to this very worthy cause. It will be much appreciated.

Club Exhibition Weekend - May 21st-22nd

Will all members who wish to have their prints exhibited please start bringing them in. Maximum of four prints per member. Please label prints on reverse side with title, your name, and section you are in. Also give John Sylvester a jpeg digital copy of your prints so he can produce the exhibition catalogue. Prints which have been in any competition or previous exhibitions are allowed.

Upcoming Speaker

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

Mike is a full time wildlife photographer specialising in birds and mammals. Although he gets to travel to foreign lands a great deal, his main love is British wildlife. He gets far more satisfaction photographing humble wrens and chaffinches than exotic parrots in distant rain forests. He thinks this is because he grew up with British wildlife and simply gets more excited by it. Nevertheless he enjoys the travel and has spent long periods in Canada, Australia, Spain and India.

Mike's website: Mike Lane Photography

Upcoming Club Evenings

February 15th - Competition. Prints. Monochrome Judge - David Keith Jones

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

February 29th - Speaker - David Glynne Fox
'Coastal Wildlife'

March 7th - Interclub Competition - We welcome Acton Trussell & Penkridge Photographic Society

March 14th - Speakers - Roger & Judith Parry
'Parry's Pictures'

March 21st - Competition. Prints. Architecture Judge - Peter Clark

UPCOMING EVENTS & COMPETITIONS

Events

Saturday March 5th - Kaleidoscope East Midlands Audio Visual Group

A spectacular show of Photo A/V's and Films Braunstone, Leicester. Tickets £5.00 @ 7.30pm
Details here: [Kaleidoscope](#)

March 13th - Wrekin Arts - Libby Smith

Libby Smith is a well known speaker and demonstrator for PermaJet. Libby will be covering soft proofing, preparing images for printing, how to get the most out of your pictures and much more. Booking is essential. Cost £25 for whole day.
Details here: [MCPF Newsletter](#) (page 21)

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 Buchanan - 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 Buchanan](#)
[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.
Tickets are £12 available here:
[David Noton 'Chasing the Light'](#)

Competitions (Dates are Closing Dates)

13th February - Staffordshire Wildlife Trust Photo Competition - LAST DAY TODAY

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

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](#)

Photography Quiz

Have a spare 10 minutes or so? Try these:

[Photography Quiz One](#)

and this:

[Photography Quiz Two](#)



Happy Birthday
Birthday Wishes this week

18th February - Andrea Paget

Have a great day Andrea