



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

20th February 2016

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Last Week

Last week was our 5th competition of the season. A print competition with the subject 'Monochrome'. The judge for the evening was David Keith Jones who has visited us many times both as a judge and speaker. David began by saying how pleased he was that monochrome seemed to be just as popular now as back in film days. As well as giving out praise where due, David made many constructive points. Quite a few times he noticed prints were not true black & white, but had blue or green tints. He advised members who were having trouble printing black & white to try a print lab such as DSCL. Vertical images have more impact than horizontal images. David made full use of his cuts of mountboard, often cropping off parts of images he thought didn't add to the picture. David is the only judge who has the images a few days before the competition. He studies them and this can be seen from his marks and comments.

This Week

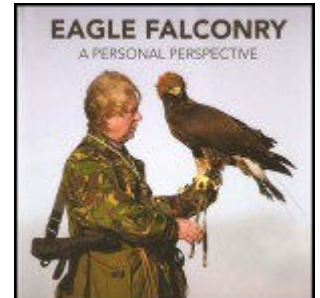
February 22nd - Speaker Mike Lane 'A Lane around the UK'



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

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. David has written many books and 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.

Upcoming Club Evenings

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

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. Also please supply John Sylvester with a jpeg digital copy of your prints with title, your name, and section you are in so he can produce the exhibition catalogue. Prints which have been in any competition or previous exhibitions are allowed.



Happy Birthday
Birthday Wishes this week
21st February - George Conway
Have a great day George

Monochrome Printing

At last weeks competition the judge frequently commented on colour casts when making black & white prints. This tutorial video from Epson may help

Epson - Printing Black & White

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

Next Competition - Architecture

Our next competition subject is Architecture. Stuck for ideas? Then have a look here for help

[A Guide to Architectural Photography](#)
[How to Photograph Architecture](#)
[A beginners Guide to Architectural Photography](#)

Competitions (Dates are Closing Dates)

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](#)

Thought for the Week

I will.... always back up properly

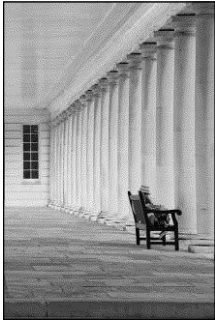
The time you realise you should have backed up your pictures usually comes after a catastrophic disaster, such as a memory card giving up the ghost, losing it in the washing machine, or even worse, someone pinching your camera.

Get into the habit of backing up your files (more than once if you can). Portable Hard Drives are dirt cheap nowadays. Don't put it off until it's too late. Consider backing up to an online cloud service too, so that you can always access your photos no matter where you are.

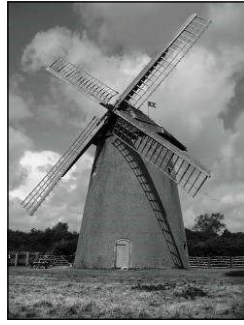
Digital is actually better than film. With film you only had one negative of each image, with digital you can have as many copies as you wish.

February Competition - Subject - Monochrome

Elementary Section



First
A Quiet Reflection
by Neil Bunting



Second
Bembridge Windmill
by Sue Hartley



Third
Llanddwyn Island Lighthouse
by Neil Bunting

Intermediate Section



First
Steam Up
by Rob Ings



Third
Quadrilaterals by the Score
by Nola Lovatt



Second
Choristers by Candlelight
by Hilary Thomas

Advanced Section



Second
Admiring the View
by Graham Williams



First
Acqua Alta, Venice
by John Ford



Third
Light & Shade
by Roy Hodgkiss

LEAGUE TABLES AFTER FIVE COMPETITIONS

<u>ELEMENTARY</u>		<u>INTERMEDIATE</u>		<u>ADVANCED</u>				
1	Neil Bunting	90	1	Robert Ings	92	1	Roy Hodgkiss	85
1	Sue Hartley	90	2	Peter Thomas	88	1	Graham Williams	85
3	Geoff Setterfield	82	3	Nola Lovatt	85	3	Carole Perry	84
4	Steve Setterfield	79	4	Hilary Thomas	81	3	Paddy Ruske	84
5	John Sylvester	65	5	Karen Kreft	79	5	Roy Westwood	82
6	Val Sylvester	60	6	Brenda Page	77	6	Margaret Beardsmore	81