



# Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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## Last Week

Our guest speaker last week was professional wildlife photographer Mike Lane who gave a presentation called "A Lane Around the UK".

Mike enthralled us with fantastic images of British Wildlife, mainly concentrating on birds, but he also added seals, snakes, deer and water voles. Mike gave plenty of good advice on how to go about nature photography. The best seemed to be "get down and dirty" meaning to take good pictures of birds and animals you must be down on the same level as they are. Mike said how he bought a dinghy off Ebay to enable him to photograph Black Guillemots. He also explained how he and his friend set up a 'studio' so they could photograph brown rats. Mike's pictures of Kingfishers were particularly stunning, even though he wrote off a £5000 camera in the process...!!

To see more of Mike's work click here: [Mike Lane One](#) and here: [Mike Lane Two](#)

Mike also has a Wildlife Photography Shop with many excellent products: [Wildlife Photography Shop](#)

## This Week - David Glynne Fox - Coastal Wildlife



David Glynne Fox will give us a presentation on 'Coastal Wildlife'. David will take us on a journey along our coastline looking at all aspects of marine life as well as the wild flowers and butterflies that live there. David lectures on marine biology and other wildlife topics at Nottingham University He is also a very accomplished photographer. David has written many books and is acknowledged to be the UK's leading expert on Falconry and Golden Eagles.

## National Geographic Photography Exhibition Saturday March 19th. 11am - 4pm

National Geographic Traveller Magazine present an exhibition of the very best travel photographs from around the world. The images capture outstanding places, people and moments from Myanmar to Cuba and from Iceland to Wales.

[Click here: Hotel Du Vin, Birmingham FREE ENTRY](#)

## CAPTURE BIRMINGHAM 2016 A Weekend dedicated to Celebrating Photography in Birmingham

Over the weekend of the Photography Show at the NEC there are other events in the city.

Capture Birmingham: [Capture Birmingham](#)  
Steve Walton Workshop: [Dawn Over Pendigo Lake](#)  
Full 'What's On' Guide: [Birmingham Photography](#)

## 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

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

March 28th - No Meeting - Bank Holiday

## 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.

## Congratulations



Congratulations to club member Paddy Ruske who has been successful in obtaining three acceptances into the Greek International Salon 2016

Well done Paddy.

## Monochrome Printing

At our last competition the judge frequently commented on colour casts when making black & white prints. This tutorial video from Epson may help: [Epson - Printing Black & White](#)

Or try [DS Colour Labs](#)

## 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'](#)

### **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](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](#)

### **Thought for the Week**

I will reset my camera to 'Auto' control before putting it away.

One day you've been shooting low light scenes with high ISO settings, or you've been doing some macro work with exposure and focus on manual. You finish and pack everything away but leave your camera settings where you left them.

Next time you walk out with your camera that once in a lifetime opportunity snapshot rears its head. You quickly get the camera out of the bag, bring it to your eye, compose the shot, press the shutter button and..... You are still on 5 seconds at f22 with focusing on manual..!! That award winning Wildlife Photographer of the Year picture of a rabbit eating a fox has gone.

Make it a habit to put your camera to auto control settings at the end of every session.