



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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Staffordshire Photographic Clubs Print Competition

I don't believe it's a good thing to blow your own trumpet, but in this case I think the club is justified in doing so. The Staffordshire Photographic Clubs Print Competition which this year we had the honour of organising and presenting was a resounding success. We may not have featured as high in the medal table as we would have hoped, but the praise and comments received more than made up for that. Our method of projecting the images onto a large screen set up on the stage enabled everyone in the room to have as good a view as the judge. A perfect evening.

The standard of images from all clubs was extremely high. This of course gave the judge, Louise Hill, a very difficult task of which she accomplished to her usual high standard. The team competition was won by Burton-on-Trent Photographic Society, and the trophy for best print of the evening was won by our friend Ralph Duckett also of Burton-on-Trent Photographic Society with his image titled 'Golden Beauty'.

Some of the received comments are below:

"I would like to offer my thanks to all at the club who helped organise and put on this excellent evening. When we were asked last year if we would do it I said we should as it would be a good advert for the club. I was right. Thank you everyone". Roy Hodgkiss, President.

"Staffordshire Annual Print Competition was hosted by R&A CC for the first time. Eleven Staffordshire clubs entered it this year, and by the responses we have received you can see it was a resounding success. This was thanks to Kay & Graham Williams for their excellent organisational skills and the many members that helped with setting up at the venue in the afternoon and assisted during the evening. As usual I have to congratulate everyone and say how proud of our club I am". Carole Perry, Chairperson.

"What a night. Proud to be a member of the Rugeley and Armitage Camera Club. We might not be able to win competitions by we can certainly organise one". John Sylvester, Secretary

"Wow... what an evening. I don't think I really thought of the impact this Competition might have. However what great support we had from all the members (and their wives). Everyone did what was needed when it was needed". Kay & Graham Williams.

"Many thanks for Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club for the hard work in putting on last nights event. Well done great job and without doubt you have got next years event to run LOL". John Cartlidge, Chairman, Cannock Photographic Society.

Position	Club	Points
1	Burton-on-Trent Photographic Society	185
2	Tamworth Photographic Club	182
=3	Leek Photographic Club	176
=3	Lichfield Camera Club	176
=3	Stafford Photographic Society	176
6	Cannock Photographic Society	174
7	Willfield Camera Club	166
8	Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club	164
9	Acton Trussell & Penkridge Photographic Society	151
10	Stafford Camera Club	148
11	Trent Valley Photographic Society	144

Throughout the evening Louise often made comments regarding the type of paper used when printing.
Portrait White 285 - Cotton Rag based paper
Smooth Art Silk which has now been replaced with Photo Art Silk 290 - Cotton Rag based paper
Artist Watercolour 250 - Textured Paper
Museum Heritage 310 - Textured Paper

They are all PermaJet papers. You can find them on-line here: PermaJet Printing Paper

Staffordshire Photographic Clubs Print Competition (continued)



Roy Hodgkiss presenting the trophy for the winning team to Burton-on-Trent Photographic Society



Roy Hodgkiss presenting the Trophy for runners-up to Tamworth Photographic Society



Roy Hodgkiss proving that there's no point being Club President if there's no perks to the job.....

Club Exhibition Weekend - May 21st-22nd

We still need more prints for the Exhibition Weekend.

This is where we have the chance to show off our club to the public, and hopefully get to recruit more members in the process. But we can't do this unless we have pictures to show.

We need pictures from all sections of the club. It doesn't matter if they have been entered into competitions or not. We want the pictures. A maximum of four prints per member please.

Also please try to 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.

If you are having problems supplying a jpeg copy of your images then PLEASE still submit your images. We can sort it.....

The 'Presidents Trophy'

Our President Roy Hodgkiss wishes to donate a trophy to the club for an annual photographic competition to be held each May. The competition is open to all members with no restriction on subject matter. Pictures can be from any year and may have been previously entered into any of our competitions. Two prints per member will be accepted and the 50p per picture entry fee will all be donated to St Giles Hospice.

For this year due to being a last minute decision we will hold the competition after our Annual General Meeting on Monday May 9th.

Entries must be handed in between now and Monday April 25th with Roy being in attendance to accept your entries on Monday evenings. We know you will all support our President in this event.

To allow time for the competition, on this occasion our AGM will commence at 7.00pm.

Members Evening 20th June

Our members Evening on the 20th June may appear to be quite some time away, but knowing how quickly time passes, especially as you get older, maybe now is the time to get your thinking caps on and come up with a 5-10 minute presentation. It's a fun evening, nothing serious. So come on, have a go.

Last Week

Last week we were entertained by Aldridge Photographic Society who brought their Roadshow to us. They gave an excellent presentation of A/V's and printed images which covered topics ranging from wonderful landscapes, long exposures, low light photography to portraits to humorous.

During the evening we went from the beautiful Isle of Harris to the Jurassic Coast, via The Great Wall of China, Machu Picchu, Beijing ending up on the streets of Liverpool. A real contrast if ever there was one.

This Week

This week we hold our penultimate competition of the season. This is a PDI competition and the theme is 'open'. With time running out the front runners in each section will be hoping for a kindly judge.

The judge is David Graham from Buxton. This is his first visit to our club.

Next Speaker - 25th April John Hartshorne - Digi-re-do

John has enjoyed photography for most of his life and started printing in the darkroom, processing black and white and colour negative film, moving over to digital printing twelve years ago. He has travelled extensively around the Midlands, visiting photographic societies as both judge and lecturer.

Upcoming Club Evenings

April 25th - Speaker - John Hartshorne

May 2nd - No Meeting - Bank Holiday

May 9th - Annual General Meeting
Followed by 'The Presidents Trophy'

May 16th - Practical Evening
Our learning zone

Miscellaneous

[WEX Photographic Guides](#) Full of good stuff

[BBC Creative Arts](#) Fantastic images from the Beeb

[Amateur Photographer](#) Photography Magazine

[Cambridge in Colour](#) Digital Photography Tutorials

[Charlie Waite](#) Great landscape photographer



Birthday Wishes this week go to:

17th April - Marie Lakin

18th April - Ian Clew

22nd April - Brian Duffy

22nd April - Jad Winfield

Hope you all have a great day

Rob & Margaret Cross

Rob & Margaret Cross will be holding an exhibition of their prints on Saturday 16th April in the Guildhall Lichfield. If you're in town that day pop in and see their wonderful images.

Curborough Craft Centre - Festival of Artists - 1st & 2nd May

The annual Festival of Artists returns for its third year here at the Centre, showcasing some amazingly talented artists and photographers over the Sunday and Monday of the bank holiday weekend.

Free entry. Times 11.00am until 4.00pm. More information here: [Curborough Festival of Artists](#)

From Paddy Ruske

Hi all,

I now work with the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust as a Wildlife guide at Wolseley Bridge Centre. If anyone is planning a visit there give me a ring and I will be able to give them reports on sightings and locations within the park where they will find sites where good photographs of the kingfishers, voles, nest sites and even the otters can be found. If I am on duty will even take you round!!!!

Please contact me on 01543 301038

UPCOMING EVENTS

23rd April. St Georges Day. Tamworth Castle

Medieval living history in the castle and re-enactments in the castle grounds

[St Georges Day Tamworth Castle](#)

30th April - 2nd May. Black Country Museum Tug Boat Gathering

See one of the largest tug-boat gatherings in the country. Tug boats from near and far will make a rare appearance at the Museum as they manoeuvre their way along the canal arm. The Newcomen Steam Engine will also be in action. Link here:

[Black Country Museum Tug Boat](#)

1st-2nd May. British Falconry & Country Fair Chetwynd Park, Newport Shropshire

Everything to do with Falcons & Birds of Prey and much more.

[British Falconry & Country Fair](#)

13th-15th May. Apedale Valley Light Railway 'Tracks to the Trenches'

WW1 Narrow gauge railway & Living History Event

[Tracks to the Trenches](#)

Chasewater Railway

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