



# Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

23rd April 2016

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## Club Exhibition Weekend - May 21st-22nd

Sorry to keep asking for these, but 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' - LAST ENTRIES

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 9<sup>th</sup>.

Entries must be handed in between now and Monday April 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Next Competition - 23rd May - Prints - 'Patterns and Textures'



I know it's only been a week since our last competition, but entries for our next and last competition of the season need to be in by Monday 16th May only three weeks away. This is the last chance for those hoping for a podium place to submit that stunning print. Competition in the Advanced Section is really tight at the top, with only six points separating the top seven places.

Judge for the evening is the very experienced Louise Hill. This promises to be a good night.

## Annual General Meeting Monday 9th May

The Annual general Meeting of Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club will be held on Monday 9th May beginning at 7.00pm.

You should all have received a copy of the agenda plus minutes of last years meeting and club accounts. If you haven't please send John Sylvester an email or see him on Monday evening.

Our AGM's may not last very long, but never the less it is a very important date in the club calendar. So please do your best to attend.

## 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.

## This Week - 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.

### Summer is on the Way

I know it's hard to imagine those warm sunny summer days, but they are coming, believe me..... honest. Time to get stuck into some Outdoor & Landscape Photography. Links to a couple of websites with good PDF tutorials.

[Beginners Guide to Outdoor Photography](#)

[The Essential Guide to Outdoor Photography](#)

### Upcoming Club Evenings

May 2nd - No Meeting - Bank Holiday

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

May 16th - Practical Evening  
Our learning zone

May 23rd - Monthly Competition  
Last competition of the season  
Patterns & Textures - Judge Louise Hill

### 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

### 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:

27th April - Dave Tagg

28th April - Garry Lane

Hope you both have a great day

### Help Required

As you all know, our club exhibition is only four weeks away. Sounds a long way off but it'll soon go. We want this exhibition to be successful, but to be so not only do we need pictures, we also need the public to come and see them.

If anyone can help to place leaflets in public places e.g. shops, cafes, libraries, clubs, pubs etc, then please see John or Carole on Monday night.



### DSCL Spring Sale

Some good offers from DS Colour Labs.

[DSCL Spring Offers](#)

## 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](#)

### Chasewater Railway

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### 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](#)

### The Lichfield Mystery Plays - May

[Lichfield Mystery Plays](#)

[Lichfield Mystery Plays - Pictures](#)

Club Monthly Competition 18th April 2016  
PDI - Subject - 'Open' - Judge David Graham

**ELEMENTARY SECTION**



First  
Misty Morning Walk  
By Jad Winfield



Third  
Through the Window  
By Sue Hartley



Second  
Rough Water  
By Geoff Setterfield

**INTERMEDIATE SECTION**



First  
Porter  
By Rob Ings



Third  
Autumn Colours  
By Karl Riley



Second  
Get Back Here Now  
By Rob Ings

**ADVANCED SECTION**



First  
Blue Tit Landing  
By Roy Hodgkiss



Second  
Escape  
By John Simons



Third  
Geared Up  
By Paddy Ruske

**LEAGUE TABLES AFTER SEVEN COMPETITIONS**

ELEMENTARY			INTERMEDIATE			ADVANCED		
1	Sue Hartley	129	1	Robert Ings	130	1	Paddy Ruske	122
2	Neil Bunting	125	2	Peter Thomas	121	2	Graham Williams	121
3	Geoff Setterfield	120	3	Hilary Thomas	120	2	Roy Hodgkiss	121
4	Steve Setterfield	113	4	Nola Lovatt	119	4	Carole Perry	118
5	John Sylvester	65	5	Karen Kreft	113	5	Margaret Beardsmore	117
6	Val Sylvester	60	6	Brenda Page	109	6	David Perry	116
7	Robert Griffiths	56	7	Kay Williams	104	6	Roy Westwood	116