



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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Club Exhibition - It's Here.....

All the works done (well nearly), all the pictures are up, all the brochures are printed, all is ready for our annual exhibition. This will be the first at Lea Hall and we hope it's going to be a good one. Behind the scenes members have worked extremely hard to ensure all will go to plan and the weekend will be a huge success.

Please try and find some time over the weekend to pop along and support our club. Bring a friend or even someone else's friend if you want to.

..... and remember, the bars open..... and much cheaper than Hawkesyard.....

This Week - The Final Countdown (well Showdown but Countdown sounded better)

This week is our last monthly competition of the season. Final league placings will be decided tonight. In the Intermediate group only two points separate 2nd to 4th and more interestingly only one point splits husband and wife duo Peter & Hilary Thomas. Who will win that one? The Advanced section is even closer with six points coming between the first seven.

This promises to be an excellent evening. As good luck would have it our judge for the evening is the very experienced Louise Hill. As you may remember Louise recently judged the Staffs Interclub Competition for us. As well as being a judge and lecturer Louise is a former president of Smethwick Photographic Society and currently works for PermaJet. Good luck everyone. May the best pictures win.

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.

Presentation Evening - 27th June

Tickets are now on sale for the Presentation Evening.

Ticket price £8 per person.

A donation from each ticket will go to St Giles Hospice.

Please see John Sylvester for tickets

Roy Hodgkiss 'Natural History Trophy' 13th June

Time to start thinking about your entry for this wonderful trophy.

Entries need to be in by Monday 6th June.

Please see Page 2 for the rules and definitions of our Natural History Photography Competition.

Upcoming Club Evenings

May 30th - No Meeting - (another) Bank Holiday

June 6th - Guest Speaker - David Peters
A Day in the Life of David Peters

June 13th - Roy Hodgkiss
Natural History Competition

Royal Photographic Society Central Region AGM plus Special Event - Sunday 19th June At Smethwick Photographic Society

Please see this flyer from the Royal Photographic Society. AGM plus lectures from two excellent guest speakers [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Lichfield Cathedral Photography Tours Saturday 24th August 10am & 2pm

Learn to take stunning photographs in The Close and the Cathedral. Led by a team of talented Lichfield Cathedral Photographers, these brand new Photography Tours will help you to develop your skills, capture the Cathedral highlights, learn to make the most of the light, and explore the best angles.

Tickets: £15 available from the Shop at No.9

Or tel: 01543 306150. For more information click here: [Photography Tours Lichfield Cathedral](#)

For Sale

Canon EF 70-300mm f4-5.6L USM Lens

£600

Contact Roy Westwood on 07970 869318

Definition of Images for Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Competition

Qualification of Entry

Images for the Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Competition may have been previously submitted in any Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club internal or interclub competition but **MUST NOT** have been submitted in any previous Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Competition.

What Can I submit images of?

Images for the Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Competition must be of one or more zoological or botanical organisms free and unrestrained in a natural or adopted habitat.

What Can't I submit images of?

Landscapes, photographs of zoo animals, game animals, farm animals, domestic pets, marine subjects in aquariums, cultivated plants or any zoological or botanical organisms taken under **controlled** conditions are not eligible.

What Can't I do to my Images?

- Images should not be composite, HDR, focus stacked or stitched images
- Techniques that add, relocate or replace elements in the image are not permitted.
- Removal / cloning out or any processing that alters the nature story of the image is not permitted, for example cloning out a leaf that is partially covering the subject.
- "Putting in" for example a new sky or background or increasing the degree of background blur in post processing is not permitted.

What Can I do to my images?

Removal of minor blemishes by use of clone or healing tools may be carried out provided such processing does not alter the nature of the image - for example cloning out a bright, distracting pebble or an out of focus discarded beer can is permitted.

Cropping images to remove unwanted elements of the image is permitted as is changing the orientation of the image (e.g. landscape to portrait format) and resizing.

The following adjustments which enhance an image but do not alter the nature story are allowed - for example sharpening, contrast adjustments, exposure adjustment, colour balance, noise reduction and straightening

Titling Images

Titles for images should be the correct recognised English name (and optionally the Latin name). This may be supplemented by a **brief** description of activity. For example - Grey Heron (*Ardea Cinerea*) with Stickleback. Humorous or 'twee' titles should **not** be used.

Next Speaker June 6th - David Peters 'A Day in the Life of David Peters

David Peters is a regular after dinner speaker at many camera clubs across the Midlands. "A Day in the Life" tells the story of David's walk through his professional career, and the funny things that have happened to him.

Click on David's website here:
[David Peters Photography](#)

"I don't think i have laughed so much for ages."
"Your "Patter" went down superbly well."

Landscape Photographer of the Year 2016

This year's Landscape Photographer of the Year competition has opened for entries for the chance to win a £10,000 top prize in the competition's 10th year. For details please go to: [Take a View](#)

West Midlands Safari Park Safari Photographer of the Year

Should you happen to venture on a day out this summer either with the children or grandchildren or even on your own, why not try and win some great prizes. Info here: [West Midlands Safari Park](#)