



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

10th September 2016

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Welcome Back

Our new season on Monday 12th September.

As usual this will be our Welcome Back Meeting where we get to know each other again and hopefully introduce ourselves to new and prospective members.

Membership fees for the season will be collected along with an overview of the upcoming programme. Annual Fees for the season remain unchanged.

Individual - £20

Member & Partner - £25

Family - £30 (member + partner + children under 18 years of age)

Each Meeting Attended - £2.00

Visitors - £3.00

Apart from the usual formalities, Margaret Beardsmore will present an A/V showing what members got up to on the clubs summer walks. Should be interesting.... There will also be a brief discussion regarding our old favourite topic of resizing images for PDI competitions. This is one of those subjects which is extremely simple when you know how, but extremely baffling when you don't. Hopefully all will be made simple..... again...

Programme for September

12th September - Welcome Back Meeting

19th September - Guest Speaker - John Watson
'Adventures in Music Photography'
See John's website here: jazzcamera

26th September - Practical Evening
Where we get to learn things

To see the full programme for the coming season
please click here:

[Programme 2016/2017](#)

Get Well Soon Val

Best Wishes and a speedy recovery to Val Sylvester. We're all thinking of you Val and hope to see you back at the club very soon.

First Monthly Competition Monday 3rd October

I know we haven't yet had our first meeting, but entries for the first monthly competition need to be in by 26th September. Only TWO weeks away.
PRINTS - subject OPEN - Judge Peter Siviter

Wolverhampton Camera Fair Sunday October 16th

The Wolverhampton Camera Fair is the UK's largest independent camera fair, regularly featuring over 100 tables and a wide range of vendors selling everything from vintage and collectible cameras right up to modern digital equipment.

Wolverhampton Racecourse
Dunstall Park
Wolverhampton



Well done Paddy

Congratulations to Paddy Ruske who has received an 'Highly Commended' award in the British Wildlife Photography Awards 2016. Paddy's image of a Common Marbled Carpet Moth will be appearing in their annual yearbook, and will be included in their countrywide exhibition. To see some wonderful wildlife images click [here](#) to view the BWPA website.



**Birthday Wishes this
week goes to:**

13th Sept—Denise Phillips
Have a great day Denise

Belated Birthday Wishes

For all of you who were fortunate to have your birthday's in the summer, but were therefore unfortunate to have missed out on a mention in the newsletter.

I hope you all had a wonderful day.

PRESENTATION EVENING 2016

Below is the full list of our 2015/2016 competition winners plus Special Awards.

Elementary		Intermediate		Advanced	
=1	Sue Hartley	1	Robert Ings	1	Paddy Ruske
=1	Neil Bunting	2	Peter Thomas	2	Roy Hodgkiss
3	Geoff Setterfield	=3	Hilary Thomas	3	Graham Williams
		=3	Nola Lovatt		

Presidents Trophy		Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Award	
1	Jean Simons	1	Geoff Setterfield
2	Robert Ings	2	Hilary Thomas
3	Marie Lakin	3	Kay Williams

Chairpersons Trophy	Sylvester Trophy
Kay & Graham Williams	Carole & Dave Perry

Club Photographer of the Year
Paddy Ruske



Carole presenting Lyn Shiel from St Giles with a cheque for £1000



Paddy Ruske with his 'Club Photographer of the Year' award



Probably the most important part of the evening... the food...

A superb venue coupled with the usual excellent organisation. A splendid time was had by all.

For more pictures of the evening click here: [PRESENTATION EVENING](#)

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Messages

From our President Roy Hodgkiss

First of all I thank every one of our members for the beautiful Wedding Anniversary present which was presented to Pauline and myself, it was a special night for both of us. Being President of our camera club makes me so proud; we have a brilliant committee and a brilliant membership. It is wonderful to see members helping out at various events, and I was especially proud that so many helped out at the South Staffs Competition in April, you were all a credit to the club. As you all know I make a big effort to support St. Giles Hospice, hence I have donated the "Presidents Trophy" which will be awarded to the winner of an annual open print competition. Entry fees from this will help raise additional funds for the Hospice. I am also a member of the Disabled Photographic Society who rely on photographic equipment donated by members of the public. I must give a big thank you to camera club members who donated equipment again this year. The cash raised from this equipment goes towards designing bits and pieces for wheel chairs etc. I would like to convey an instance I witnessed this year when a young girl, who was severely disabled, had a camera fastened to her wheel chair with a bracket, it also had a bracket for her arm to rest on with a cable which enabled the camera to be moved around for shots to be taken. It was amazing! and the big smile she gave was a delight to see. This is why your donations are so important. With your help this year we raised over £11,000 Thank you all.

From our Chairperson Carole Perry

I would like to welcome you all to our 6th annual presentation evening, our guests for this evening include Mary Jenkins who is the secretary of the MCPF, Mr & Mrs Howard Bagshaw, and Mr & Mrs Ken Webb, Ken audits our camera club accounts. This presentation evening, like others past, is for recognising members' talents by presenting them with awards as a token of their success. However, all of you deserve congratulations for your own personal achievements, we often hear judges commenting how high the standard is, not being able to distinguish between Elementary, Intermediate and the Advanced groups' work? I am, as always, immensely proud to be the Chairperson of this camera club. I get great pleasure from helping to run it, but I couldn't do it without the backing from all committee members who are as dedicated to their roles as I am. Many thanks to you all for supporting us tonight.

From our Secretary John Sylvester

Another twelve months has flown by, and once again we are about to start on our summer break, although for the committee it is one of our busy periods, ensuring we are fully prepared for when we meet in September. Every year since we have been in existence, the club has undertaken something new. This year is no exception with the club hosting the South Staffs Print Competition. Congratulations to Kay and Graham Williams for the very successful organisation of the event, also to the members and friends who helped achieve this, making the whole evening a huge credit to the club. I have received a number of congratulations from other camera clubs and it has certainly helped to put our club firmly on the map. Not everyone appreciates the ethos of our club. We aim to provide a photographic club for members who enjoy the hobby of photography at a very reasonable cost, aiming to provide a varied programme that has something for everyone who joins, also having the lowest annual subscription and weekly fee in the Staffordshire area. Finally, many thanks to all members of the club for the support and backing you have given us over the last twelve months. I look forward to seeing you all again in September.