



# Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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### Winter Clock Change

Don't forget to move your clocks back one hour on Saturday night. And don't forget your camera clocks..!!

### Last Week - Members Evening

The ever popular 'Judge for a Night'. Approximately 70 images were shown. After perusal of the images there followed a constructive and sometimes lively debate of the merits or otherwise of certain prints. The 'winning' image was from Brian Wheatley. Super picture.



### This Week - Instructional Audio Visual Evening with Howard Bagshaw

Howard Bagshaw will again visit us and give us some guidance on producing Audio Visual Presentations. Howard is an expert in A/V's so if you would like to 'learn how' then this is definitely one evening not to be missed. Howard will then show us some of his own presentations which will no doubt make us all green with envy and say "Why can't I do that". Well you will after watching Howard..!!

### 7th November - Monthly Competition PDI - Subject 'Open'

Our 2nd Monthly Competition  
Subject OPEN - Judge Keith Long



### 14th November Practical Evening

Where some get to teach and some get to learn. Details of the evening will be available soon.

### Wednesday 9th November - Staffordshire Photographic Clubs Annual PDI Competition

Event presented by Cannock Photographic Society.

Venue; Longford Social Club, Wellington Drive, Cannock

Last year we finished in a wonderful 3rd place. Please try to come along and support our club.



### Bonfire & Fireworks Saturday 5th November

Time to get the sparklers out. Rugeley Town Council are presenting 'Pirates of the Caribbean' fireworks display & bonfire at Rugeley Cricket Ground on Saturday night.

Food, Refreshments & Bar plus plenty loud noises..!!  
Opens at 6.00pm Fireworks at 7.00pm  
Parking available at Fair Oak Academy

### Cannock Photographic Society Exhibition 1st to 24th November

Cannock Photographic Society present their 59th Annual Photographic Exhibition at Chasewater Innovation Centre.

Over 200 images from club members on display.

See poster for more information

[Cannock Photographic Society Exhibition](#)

Note: Chasewater Innovation centre closed on Saturdays & Sundays (silly isn't it)

### Bird Watching Walks

Bird Watching Walks take place once per month at Fradley Junction. Open to anyone but primarily aimed at beginners. Learn some 'field craft' plus identification. Each walk lasts around 3 hours and is completely free (car parking £1 for 3hrs)  
Next dates are 12<sup>th</sup> Nov & 10<sup>th</sup> Dec with a 9am start. Meet at the Canal & Rivers Trust Information hut at Fradley Junction.



### Christmas Dinner

Tickets are now available for our Christmas Dinner.

Four Course Meal including tea & coffee

Cost £19.00 per person.

A splendid time is guaranteed for all

### Disabled Photographers Society

Don't forget if you have any unwanted items of photographic equipment, no matter how small, Roy Hodgkiss will willingly take them off your hands.



### Birthdays This Week

30th October - Patrick Tracey  
31st October - Steve Setterfield  
Hope you both have a great day

## Roadshow at Wolverhampton Photographic Society

After this weeks visit from Yoxall Camera Club and their wonderful presentation it is time for us to think about our Roadshow with Wolverhampton PS on Tuesday 7th Feb 2017. Any member interested in giving a presentation be it AV, slideshow or print display please speak to Hilary Thomas as soon as you can. You can get in touch via email at [misc@mypandas.me.uk](mailto:misc@mypandas.me.uk) or speak to her at any Club meeting. This is open to ALL members of Rugeley and Armitage Camera Club. Thank you. Hilary Thomas



### Martin Mere trip Thursday 17th November

Meet inside the CAFE at Martin Mere Wetlands Trust between 9.30 am and 10.00 am. Martin Mere is opens at 9.30 am. The admission charge is £12.60 for adults, £9.20 concessions with a discount if you book online (if you are a Wetlands Trust member admission is free).

Please allow plenty of time for travel as the M6 is usually busy, and car share if possible.

We will spend the morning at the Wetlands Trust, then depending on what we feel like on the day, may go on to other wildlife sites in the area. However, sunset is 16.11 so there are not many hours of daylight!

Please put your name on the list at Camera Club if you 'think' you might come so car sharing can be arranged - also include your mobile number please.

If anyone wants to extend their visit and looking for a B&B, Derek and I have booked into a nearby B&B Brandreth Barn on the 16th and 17th November. We will be going to the salt marshes in Southport, probably on the Wednesday afternoon, and on Friday morning probably Lunt Meadows RSP Reserve. Formby is also close by. A double room at Brandreth Barn is £70 per couple including breakfast, single £40. There are only 8 bedrooms. [www.brandrethbarn.com](http://www.brandrethbarn.com) phone 01704 893510.

### Wolseley Walk

Yesterday half a dozen of us met at the Wolseley Wildlife Centre for a 'photographic walk'. Unfortunately nobody told the wildlife as it appeared as though they had decided to go somewhere else. Apart from Mallards and Canada Geese, and a few Robins, which in reality was most likely the same robin just following us around, there was little to see. Margaret's better half, Derek, said he saw a Kingfisher but it was probably a discarded sweet wrapper.

Nevertheless it was an excellent few hours in good company. Thank you Margaret.

### New Addition to the Programme

We have an additional entry to the club programme.

On Tuesday 7th March we have been challenged to make the journey across the Chase for an Interclub Battle against Acton Trussell & Penkridge Photographic Society. We have 'battled' against them a few times before. Always keenly fought but great fun. As it's an Interclub Competition we will be using images from all sections of the club.

### Smethwick International Exhibition

As Paddy Ruske has so ably demonstrated, you have to be in it to win it. Paddy does well in external competitions because not only are his images good, but that he enters...!!

There's still time to enter the Smethwick International Exhibition 2017

Full details here. [Smethwick Exhibition 2017](#)

or

### Wrekin International Salon 2016

Closing date 9th November

Full details here: [Wrekin International Salon](#)

All sections are PDI so no need to get prints made

### Camera Repair

Following the request for recommended camera repairers in the nearby locality, should anyone be unfortunate enough to need one, these two names cropped up quite a bit.

[Peter Rogers - Stafford](#)

[H. Lehmann - Stoke-on-Trent](#)

### I Need Information From You

In the newsletter I often give links to various websites. I test them all before sending out the newsletter but occasionally someone will tell me a certain one doesn't work. If you find one that doesn't work please let me know. Thank you

### Adobe Photoshop Elements 15

Adobe have just released the latest version of Photoshop Elements. Probably not really worth upgrading to if you have a fairly recent version of Elements, but if you are someone like me who is still using Elements 9 then maybe worth a punt.

More info here: [Adobe Photoshop Elements 15](#)

### If you require any help or advice.....

We would like more members to enter our monthly competitions especially from the Elementary Section. If any member requires help or advice on any aspect of photography please don't hesitate to ask. There will (nearly) always be someone who knows the answer. No question is too basic and none are silly.