



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

5th November 2016

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This Week - Monthly Competition

Our 2nd Monthly Competition of the season. A PDI competition with the subject 'Open' Judge for the evening is 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.

21st November - Guest Speaker

Bob Brind-Surch - Macro Wildlife Photography



Bob's own words:

"I am an experienced photographer and naturalist passionate about my work and sharing my observations of wildlife with others. I have been a keen naturalist from a very young age and a photographer from my late teens. I am foremost a naturalist who photographs what he observes rather than a photographer specialising in wildlife. This is very important to me and goes back

to why I started taking photos in the late 60s.

My early photography consisted of taking colour slides to illustrate talks I gave on wildlife.

I learnt my photographic craft seeking to capture animals in difficult situations and specifically recording animal behaviour. This was all the more difficult with older manual film cameras but proved a good grounding for practising and refining the skills that still serve me well in the digital age."

This promises to be an excellent evening. See Bob's wonderful pictures here: [Bob Brind-Surch](#)

28th November - Members Evening No.2

The second of our Members Evenings. This time it is a real battle. Just like the Ashes is the only fixture in cricket that really matters, in the photographic world this is the big one.

LADIES v GENTLEMEN

The ladies probably won't act like ladies and the gentlemen definitely won't act like gentlemen.

Who will come out on top..... figuratively speaking so to speak.....

Last Week - Audio Visual Evening with Howard Bagshaw



Howard Bagshaw once again paid us a visit and give us some guidance on producing Audio Visual Presentations. Howard is an expert in A/V's and it showed. He demonstrated the steps involved in his usual easy going manner and of course made it all look so easy. Howard interspersed his teaching with a few of his own productions. As usual these were all extremely good. Howard recommended using



the slideshow software PicturesToExe and the audio software Audacity. Links below:

Slideshow software [WnSoft PicturesToExe](#) & Audio Software [Audacity](#)

If you Google PicturesToExe there are loads of written and video tutorials. Three good videos here:

[Christine Widdall PicturesToExe Basics Pt 1](#)

[Christine Widdall PicturesToExe Basics Pt 2](#)

[Christine Widdall PicturesToExe Basics Pt 3](#)

Howard is a member of the Staffordshire Audio Visual Group. The group meets at Derrington Village Hall, near Stafford, on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8:00pm. There are around 25 members of the group, some beginners, some more experienced. You would be very welcome to go along to see what they do, to see some examples of AV sequences, or to see how AVs are produced.

Address: Billington Lane, Derrington, Stafford ST18 9LR See map here: [Derrington Village Hall](#)

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 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 phone 01704 893510.



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

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.

More details nearer the date

Burton-on-Trent Photographic Society Photographic Exhibition. Nov 12-13

Full details here: [Burton Photographic Exhibition](#)

Solihull Photographic Society 2017 Exhibition

39th Open Exhibition of British Photography to be presented by Solihull Photographic Society Solihull School, Warwick Road, Solihull Saturday 4th March 2017

Full details here: [Solihull 39th Open Exhibition](#)



Bonfire & Fireworks 5th November

Time to get the sparklers out. Fireworks display & bonfire at Rugeley Cricket Ground on Saturday night.

Food, Refreshments & Bar Plenty loud noises..!!

Opens at 6.00pm Fireworks at 7.00pm

Parking available at Fair Oak Academy

MidPhot 2017 Audio Visual Championships

Saturday 28th January 2017 at 10:00am Priors Centre Church Road, Stretton Burton-on-Trent, DE13 0HE

The Midphot AV competition forms part of the Midphot Photographic competitions. Following on from Howard Bagshaw's visit to us last week, anyone interested in making A/V's should definitely attend this event.

Full details here: [MidPhot A/V Championships](#)

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

Closing date 10th November

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



Birthdays This Week

9th Nov - Jean Simons

9th Nov - Roy Alexander

Hope you both have a great day

I Need Information From You

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