



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

12th November 2016

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Staffordshire Photographic Clubs Annual PDI Competition

On Wednesday the club took part in the Staffordshire Photographic Clubs annual PDI Competition hosted by Cannock Photographic Society.

Unfortunately we couldn't emulate our wonderful third place of last year, finishing in eighth position out of eleven participating clubs.

Nevertheless one of our members was the star of the show. Alan Griffiths's 'Waiting For God' was chosen by the judge Graham Hodgkiss as being the image of the competition receiving the maximum marks of twenty out of twenty. Well done Alan.

Finishing positions below. Full results will be published when I get them



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This Week - Practical Evening

The second of our practical Evenings. You should all have received an email off John Sylvester asking you to indicate your choice of subjects. This is needed in advance to help Lea Hall lay out the room for us.

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

Ladies v Gentlemen

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.

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



See page 4 for more information



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



For those going to Martin Mere - 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.

FROM MARGARET

My mobile number is 07581 794111 Please make a note of it and also give me your mobile number. We seem to be good at losing each other during the day, so if this happens we will meet at the café in the Wetlands Trust at 12.30pm.

Bird Watching Walk Fradley Junction Saturday 12th November

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)

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

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



Wolverhampton Camera Fair Sunday 16th October

Wolverhampton Racecourse
Dunstall Park, Wolverhampton
[Wolverhampton Camera Fair](#)

Last Week

Last week was our 2nd monthly competition of the season, a PDI competition with the subject 'open'. There was an excellent 84 images for the judge Keith Long to study and mark. One comment Keith made was borders around the images. Quite a few images had large borders around them which Keith said distracted from the picture. A one or two pixel border is usually quite sufficient. See page 3 for winning images.

Photography Show 18-21 March 2017

May be still three months away but a note for the diary. For all the latest must-have equipment in photography and video. Venue NEC Birmingham.
[Photography Show 2017](#)

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)

Cannock Chase 'Tough 10km' Run Saturday 19th November 10.00am

This is not an invitation for you to enter the race, but it should provide some good photographic opportunities, especially if the weather is wet and the paths are nice and muddy. See link below for more details and map of the course:

[Cannock Chase Tough 10km Run](#)

MidPhot 2017

Time to sort out your entries for MidPhot 2017
Closing date for entries 11th February 2017

[MidPhot Rules & Entry Forms](#)

MidPhot 2017 Audio Visual Championships

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

Anyone interested in making A/V's should definitely attend this event.

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

Roadshow at Wolverhampton PS Tuesday 7th February

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

Club Monthly Competition No.2 - 7th November 2016
PDI - Subject 'Open' - Judge Keith Long

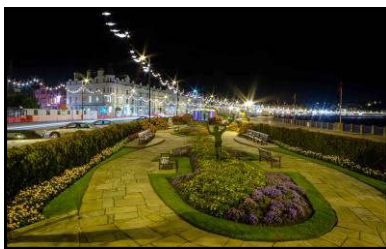
Elementary



FIRST
'Lone Tree Buttermere'
by Richard Keene



SECOND
'Trentham in the Mist'
by Becky Lister



=THIRD
'Douglas Promenade'
by Richard Keene



=THIRD
'Quartet'
by Dave Field

Intermediate



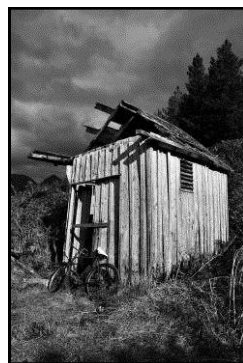
FIRST
'Seaham Beach'
by Brian Wheatley



SECOND
'The Clearing Mist'
by Linda Shaw



=THIRD
'Racing in the Rain'
by John Lewis



=THIRD
'The Bike Shed'
by Neil Bunting

Advanced



FIRST
'Waiting For God'
by Alan Griffiths



SECOND
'Atlantic Puffin'
by Tony Slater



=THIRD
'Chase Frost'
by Phil Wilson



=THIRD
'Hanging on by the Tail'
by Jan Wilson



Members Evening - Monday 28th November
Competition time - for One night only
Ladies V Gents
To be judged by husband & wife team
Lou & Ralph Duckett

The competition to be held on Monday 28th November 2016 is purely a fun night where ladies can really show the men how good they are!

It's a one off opportunity to flaunt the rules.

Prints won't be shown in groups; scores won't be added to the league table but scores will be added up at the end of the night to confirm the supremacy of the fairer sex!

You can submit a maximum of 2 prints, mounted please, the subject is open, colour or mono, anything goes.

Prints can have been entered into previous competitions and can be used again in the future.

Entries need to be submitted on Monday 21st November

So come on ladies, we need you.

Carole

