



# Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

19th November 2016

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## This Week - Guest Speaker

### Bob Brind-Surch - Macro Wildlife Photography



Looks like we have got another good speaker here. One not to be missed. 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 a really excellent evening. See Bob's wonderful pictures here: [Bob Brind-Surch](#)

## 28th November

### 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.

To be judged by husband & wife team Lou & Ralph Duckett who I'm sure won't be biased in any way...!!



*"This is purely a fun night where the 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 if possible, the subject is open, colour or mono, anything goes. Better still.... Entry is FREE*

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

*So come on ladies, we need you. Carole..."*

**Entries need to be submitted on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

## 5th December - Guest Speaker - Graham Walton - 'Dodging the Highlights

Graham Walton DPAGB presents his print lecture, "Dodging the Highlights"; showing darkroom and digital, monochrome and colour prints, covers landscapes, industrial portraits, buildings and more. The talk includes Infrared and HDR images. Graham will also give details regarding locations and techniques.



## 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

## Last Week

Last week was our 2nd Practical Evening of the season. Many thanks to those members who volunteered their services to make the evening a success. Without you the Practical Evenings couldn't go on.

Following Bob Bell's talk on Focus Stacking, Bob has produced a short [PDF guide HERE](#)

### Staffordshire PDI Competition

Full results from last weeks Staffordshire Photographic Clubs Annual PDI Competition are available here:

[Staffs PDI Competition Results PDF](#)

Unfortunately there is no mention of Alan Griffiths's excellent Image of the Night award.

Nevermind Alan, we know you won it....!!

### Staffs Wildlife Trust - 2018 Calendar

Ok, maybe we haven't reached 2017 yet, but Staffordshire Wildlife Trust are already after images for their 2018 calendar. From bees to birds, gardens to nature reserves and living landscapes, they're looking for the special species and places you can find in our fabulous county.

Full Information here: [Staffs Wildlife Calendar](#)

Closing date 28th April 2017

## Frankfurter Weihnachtsmarkt

(Birmingham German Christmas Market)



The largest authentic German Christmas market outside of Germany or Austria, Birmingham's Frankfurt Christmas Market offers a large range of traditional goods and gifts and a selection of tempting food and drink. Pretzels, schnitzels, bratwursts, and roasted almonds will tempt your tastebuds, all of which can be washed down with gluhwein, weissbier (wheat beer, my favourite), or tasty hot chocolate.



After all that, if you're still able there's plenty of opportunity for picture taking as well (or better still more gluhwein & weissbier...)

Dates: 17th November to 29th December

See the website here: [Birmingham German Christmas Market](#)

### 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](#)

### 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](#)

### 'Free Software'

A few members have recommended this website

[GIVEAWAY of the Day](#)

Every 24 hours they offer a fresh commercial program for free to Download, install & register.



### Wolverhampton Camera Fair Sunday 27th November

Wolverhampton Racecourse  
Dunstall Park, Wolverhampton

[Wolverhampton Camera Fair](#)

### 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.



### DSCL Printing Labs

Sale now on

Plenty of Christmas Gifts

[DSCL Colour Labs](#)



### Birthday Wishes This Week

21st Nov - Roy Westwood

24th Nov - Christine Blackmore

25th Nov - Stephen Johnson

Hope you all have a great day



### Computer Problems..?!?!

Haven't we all. This gentleman has been highly recommended by members as being very good.

The PC Doctor - Richard Roberts

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## Club Outing to Martin Mere

A horrendous weather forecast didn't stop nine of us making the trip to Lancashire for our day out at Martin Mere Wetland Centre.

Although there were heavy showers, we managed to be inside the large hides when it rained, and outside when it was dry.

There is always plenty to see at this Wetland Reserve, and a big hit was the Marsh Harrier circling over the water and fields.

At 3 pm the staff regularly feed the swans to make sure the migrating Whooper Swans are fat enough to make the long journey back to Iceland (the country, not the shop!). Thousands of ducks, geese and swans had a feeding frenzy right in front of the Discovery Hide where thankfully we were protected from a sudden shower of rain.

In summary, a good day out with like-minded friends!

