



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

3rd December 2016

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Last Week - Ladies v Gentlemen

Well they say surprises happen in three's.....

First Brexit..... then Donald Trump.....

But the biggest surprise of all.....

Victory for the Ladies.....

Well in reality maybe not such a big surprise. Looking at the prints on display the ladies were very worthy winners.

To take into account the difference in the number of prints entered by both sides, an average score per print was taken to determine the winner.

The ladies averaged 16.38 and the men 16.23

This was such a small difference that the men were quite prepared to scrub the decimal points and call it a draw. But of course the ladies were having none of it. Well done ladies..... Roll on next year.....

Special thanks to Carole & Dave for their hard work in organising this competition

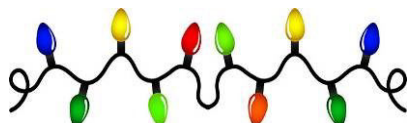
Problem is..... It was so successful you'll have to do it again.....



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. He covers landscapes, industrial, portraits, buildings and more. The talk includes Infrared and HDR images. Graham will also give details regarding locations and techniques.

See examples of Grahams photography here: [Graham Walton Photography](http://GrahamWaltonPhotography)



12th December Christmas Dinner

A splendid time is guaranteed for all



9th January 2017

The decorations are down and the Festive Season is over for another year thank goodness. Christmas Day should be February 29th then we'd only get it once every four years..!! The days are getting longer and Spring is on the way..... And it's our first meeting of 2017.



Welcome Back & Guest Speaker -Derek Doar "A Passion for Printing

Derek's words:

"I am 64 years old and started out in photography at the tender age of 16 and served my apprenticeship in B&W photography. Until the arrival of the Digital age I was printing B&W prints in the darkroom from Various standard B&W films and Kodak B&W Infra-Red film and my colour work was Cibachrome prints from my transparencies. I embraced the digital era from the very beginning and converted to totally digital capture and processing totally digitally in January 2005 when I purchased a Canon EOS1D MkII.

From the very first day of using that Canon EOS1D MkII, I never used film again, I was totally hooked I shoot in colour, even for my B&W images and I also create Infra-Red images using converted cameras. My first love is Landscape Photography, my two favourite areas being the Derbyshire Peak District and the Isle of Harris. My second love is Natural History photography but I also like the challenge of other avenues of photography".

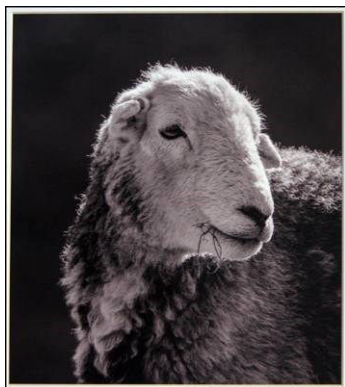
To see Derek's website click here: [Derek Doar Photography](http://DerekDoarPhotography)

See a review of Derek's talk at Retford & District Photographic Society

Click here: [Derek Doar 'A Passion For Printing'](http://DerekDoar`A Passion For Printing')

Ladies v Gentlemen - Winning Prints

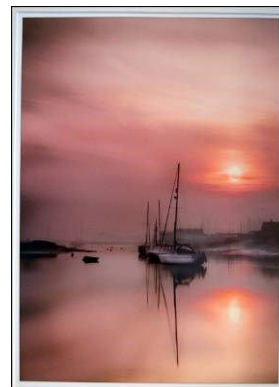
Ladies



Second
Linda Shaw

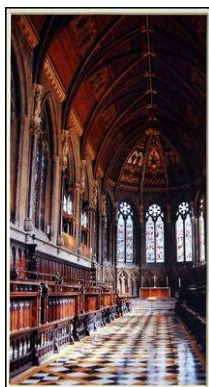


First
Margaret Beardsmore

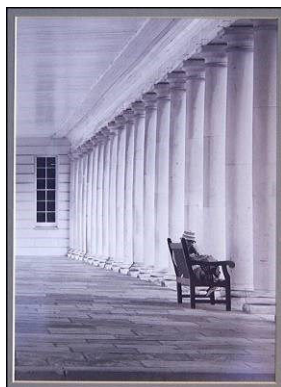


Third
Margaret Beardsmore

Gentlemen



Second
Graham Caddick



First
Neil Bunting



Third
Alan Griffiths



Roadshow at Wolverhampton Photographic Society - Tuesday 7th February

Will 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.

The presentation only needs to be 5-10 minutes long and can be of whatever subject or topic you choose. Maybe you have some wildlife or flora and fauna pictures you can show. Don't worry about boring people with your holiday snaps, I've done it loads of times! If you don't know how to put them into a presentation don't worry about that either. Speak to someone at the club and we can sort it.

After the Ladies victory in the Battles of the Sexes you've shown what you can do...

So come on Ladies..... have a go..... It's all for fun.....

You can't say you're not good enough.....

Submissions in by 16th January please.

Advance Notice - Next Competitions

30th Jan: Club Monthly Competition - Prints - Subject 'Pictures of People - NOT Portraits'

6th Feb: George Lamb Trophy - Prints - Subject 'Landscapes'. Let's make this a great evening.

27th Feb: Club Monthly Competition: Prints - Subject - 'Reflections'



Birthdays this Week

5th Dec: Alan Downes


8th Dec: John Lewis

Have a great day Gents

Alan Griffiths "World Image Magazine"

We have a magazine contributor at the club. Alan Griffiths has regular articles published in this online magazine. Click on the link below to view current and back issues. Nice one Alan.

[World Image Magazine](#)

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| <p>Wildlife Photographer of the Year If this link to the BBC website still works, view some wonderful wildlife images. Wildlife Photographer of the Year</p> | <p>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</p> |
| <p>Peter Rogers Photography - Stafford In-Store Day - Saturday 3rd December Representatives will be there from Pentax, Sony, Fujifilm & Manfrotto to tell you all about their latest cameras and accessories.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>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</p> | <p>'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.</p> |
| <p>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</p> | <p>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</p> |
| <p>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</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>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</p> | <p>Fradley Birdwatching Next dates for 'Birdwatching for Beginners' walks held at Fradley Junction. Saturday December 10th Saturday January 14th Sunday February 12th (Brewood Ringers) All walks start at 9am, Meet at the Canals & Rivers Trust information hut at Fradley Junction. Free to attend but parking is £1.00 The February date is a Sunday when Brewood Ringers will give a demonstration of Bird Ringing which will allow very close access to the birds they catch and ring, also allowing members of the public to release the birds once they have been ringed. Great opportunity to photograph birds very close up.</p> |
| <p>Christmas Card</p>  <p>Once again we will be having a collective 'Club Christmas Card' It will be on the table next to where Brenda & Kay relieve you of your entry fee & raffle money. Please feel free to add your Christmas message. All donations gratefully accepted which will go to the clubs chosen charity, St Giles Hospice.</p> | <p>Computer Problems..?!?! Haven't we all. This gentleman has been highly recommended by members as being very good. The PC Doctor - Richard Roberts Tel: 01889 226108 Mob: 07977 124388</p> |

Club Photo-Shoot - Lichfield

On Friday afternoon about a dozen of us made the long trek to Lichfield. We began in the cathedral before venturing out into the cold air for a stroll around Stowe Pool. Unfortunately the hoped for furnace red sunset didn't materialise, more like dishwater grey.

So we then sloped back to Minster Pool where we practised our low light photography. They say practise makes perfect.... We need a lot more practise....

Many thanks once again to Margaret for organising everything.



"I think it's meant to support the camera Margaret....!!"

