



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

10th December 2016

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12th December Christmas Dinner

A splendid time is guaranteed for all

Thank you

The club Christmas Card raised
£45 for St. Giles Hospice



Next Meeting - 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')

16th January 2017

Guest Speaker Ian Butler "Wildlife Through the Lens"



Ian is a freelance photographer specialising in natural history photography. He set up his own photography business in September 2008 and now has expanded his areas into weddings, studio and commercial photography. Ian hopes that his photographs will inspire the viewers to look at nature in a different way and to become as passionate as he is with the natural environment.

Ian's website and images can be viewed here: [Ian Butler Photography](http://IanButlerPhotography)

Last Week

Last week Graham Walton entertained us with an excellent print talk entitled "Dodging The Highlights". Graham is a successful and very experienced photographer and illustrated his talk with monochrome prints made by traditional darkroom methods and colour prints made using the Cibachrome process. He also displayed modern digital ink-jet prints. His subjects varied widely, but he kept returning to his favourite themes and locations around Oxfordshire, the Cotswolds and the West Midlands. Graham made frequent use of infra-red to produce stark and eerie scenes and presented his talk with many stories and with good humour.

You can see more of Graham's photography on his website: [Graham Walton Photographer](http://GrahamWaltonPhotographer)



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'

MidPhot 2017



It's that time again. In the New Year we will begin collecting entries for MidPhot. Why not spend some time over Christmas sorting out those masterpieces.

Closing date for entries 11th February 2017

Click on links below for:

[MidPhot Rules](#)

[MidPhot Entry Form](#)

[2016 Prize Winners & Images](#)



Margaret's Walks

Margaret has requested that if anyone has images taken during her organised walks that she could put into a slideshow, could you please send them to her.



Stafford Gatehouse Theatre Banff Mountain Film Festival

Wednesday 1st February 2017

Wednesday 29th March 2017

For those who know me, I make no apologies for promoting

anything to do with mountains.

"From the world's most prestigious mountain film festival comes an evening of extraordinary short films.

Follow the expeditions of some of today's most incredible adventurers, see amazing footage of adrenaline packed action sports and be inspired by thought-provoking pieces shot from the far flung corners of the globe.

This is an inspiring evening of exhilarating film by the most talented adventure film makers of today".

For information:

[Stafford Gatehouse Theatre](#)

[Banff Mountain Film Festival](#)

Fradley Birdwatching

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.

Birthdays this Week

13th Dec: Alan Heeley

17th Dec: Robert Griffiths

Have a great day Gents



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](#)