

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

7th January 2017

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Wishing all our Members a Very Happy & Prosperous New Year
from The Committee

Welcome Back

That's got Christmas over with. Well until September at least when it will all begin again...!!
The turkey's gone and the decorations and fairy lights are back up where they belong, in the loft.
The day's are getting longer and spring is just around the corner. What a happy time of year.

We still have nine competitions, seven speakers, three practical evenings, one members evening, plus
the Presidents Evening and Vice Presidents Evening left to entertain us. It's getting better and better.

Hope to see you all on Monday

Next Meeting - 9th January 2017

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



"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".

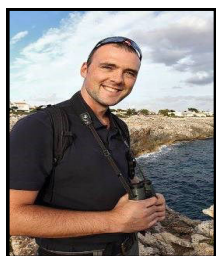
To see Derek's website which not only shows off Derek's photography but also gives many excellent Photoshop & Printing tutorials, click here: Derek Doar Photography

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

Click here: Derek Doar '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

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.

Upcoming Competitions

30th January - Club Monthly Competition No.3

Our first club competition of the New Year. This is a Print competition. The subject is 'Pictures of People' (not portraits). By this we mean people at work or play. Images need to be submitted by Monday 23rd January. The judge for the evening is John Bissell.

6th February - The George Lamb Trophy

This Print competition is for the inaugural and prestigious 'George Lamb Trophy'. This will be an annual competition in memory of our dear friend George Lamb. The subject is Landscapes which were very dear to George's heart. It is with thanks to George's wife and family for donating this trophy. All prints need to be submitted by Monday 30th January.

27th February - Club Monthly Competition No.4

Prints - Subject 'Reflections' - Judge John Lacey. Images to be submitted by Monday 20th February

27th March - Club Monthly Competition No.5

PDI - Subject 'Water' - Judge Tony Broom. Images to be submitted by Monday 13th March

For the full list of Competitions see the Competition Page on the club website:

[Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club - Competition Schedule](#)

MidPhot Exhibition of Midland Photography 2017

It's that time again. We will soon be collecting images for MidPhot 2017. Closing date 11th February. In the meantime click on links below for more information:

[MidPhot Rules](#)

[MidPhot Entry Form](#)

[2016 Prize Winners & Images](#)

Fradley Birdwatching - 14th January

The next 'Birdwatching for Beginners' walk is on Saturday 14th January. Walk starts at 9.00am. Meet at the Canal & Rivertrust Information Hut at Fradley Junction. Walk free. Car parking is £1.00

Paddy Ruske

More success for club member Paddy Ruske on the International Circuit. Paddy has had seven acceptances in three separate salons. Well done again Paddy.

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust - Wassailing - Sunday 15th January - 3.30pm to 5.30pm

"Staffordshire Wildlife Trust is staging its annual Wassailing Ceremony at the Wolseley Wildlife Centre. Wassailing is an ancient custom in which the evil spirits are driven out of trees and good spirits are encouraged to produce a bumper crop for the coming year.

As well as performances from Beggars Oak Clog Dancers and Lichfield Morris Men, revellers will be also get the chance to take part in the customs, including singing and dancing around the trees.

Refreshments will be available - try our mulled apple juice.

Visitors are asked to wear suitable footwear and clothing for the event, and should bring a torch or lantern. Those taking part in the wassailing ceremony should also bring something to make a noise with, such as a drum or whistle".

Photoshop Alternative - Serif Affinity Photo

Affinity Photo is an affordable, non-subscription based software that offers just about every option enthusiast photographers could need for image processing and creative effects. Affinity includes comprehensive Raw file format editing, numerous colour space options, compatibility with the most common file formats, and live previews as effects are applied. Other options include photo stitching, new alpha selections, black point selection, advanced lens corrections, and more, including a large range of high-end filters such as lighting, blurs, shadows and tilt. Affinity offers most of the most used tools found in more expensive and even pro-level image editing software..... and all for £39.99p

Full information on Serif Affinity Photo here on Serif's Website: [Serif Affinity Photo](#)



Birthday Wish this Week Goes To:

8th January - Pat Heeley

Have a great day Pat

For those who unfortunately missed out on a mention in the Newsletter for having a birthday during the Festive Break, I hope you too had a good time.

Franco Kowalczyk, Ann Tracey

Sue Hartley, Bill Cottis, John Sylvester

Derek Matthews, Peter Brian



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.

Disabled Photographers Society

Don't forget if you have any unwanted items of photographic equipment, no matter how small especially lens caps, lens hoods, filters etc, Roy Hodgkiss will willingly take them off your hands.