



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

21st January 2017

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This Week - Practical Evening

Subjects to be covered this week are:

Studio Photography
Nature Photography
Infrared Photography
Photoshop Layers
NIK Software



30th January

Monthly Competition

Prints - 'People NOT Portraits'

Prints need to be in this Monday

People at Work, Rest or Play

Judge John Bissell

George Lamb Trophy

On February 6th we have the inaugural 'George Lamb Trophy'. We like to see a good entry for all our competitions, but for this one especially so. George was a great friend to all of us and a wonderful club member. It's no exaggeration to say the club wouldn't be in the position it is if it wasn't for George. We are very pleased to announce that George's friend Howard Bagshaw will be the judge for the evening. Please do your best to enter one or two prints for this competition. The theme is Landscapes, a subject very dear to George's heart. Closing date: Monday 30th January.

Wolverhampton Roadshow - Tuesday 7th February

Last call (maybe) for contributions for our Roadshow at Wolverhampton Photographic Society. A 5-10 minute presentation, prints or PDI on any subject you wish. Please see Hilary Thomas.

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, rest 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. The Judge for the evening is Howard Bagshaw.

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:

Upcoming Speaker - 20th February - Mike Sharples 'The Many Faces of China'

Mike has visited us many times over the years, both as a guest speaker and judge. Tonight Mike will present his talk titled 'The Many Faces of China'. Mike has been an enthusiastic photographer for many years and is a member of Smethwick Photographic Society.

To see some of Mike's photography click here: [Mike Sharples Photography](#)

Why did Victorian Portraits Look So Stiff.....??

We take high film speed and great image quality for granted these days but back at the dawn of the photographic era photographic film was painfully slow and required shutter speeds ranging from many minutes up to, in some cases, hours. For the Victorian portrait photographer, getting his subject to remain still for such long periods of time was challenging to say the least. The solution was neck braces. These, cruel looking contraptions would clamp the subject around the neck, hidden underneath his or her collar and preventing any excessive movement of the head. The result was beautifully sharp but unerringly characterless portraits of our Victorian ancestry.

I hope this doesn't give Rob ideas for his Monday night Practical Evening...!!

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](#)



Mountboard

Do you require Mountboard?
Pre-cut to 20"x16"
Antique White
Only £1.00 each
See Dave or Carole on Monday
or drop them an email.

MidPhot 2017 A/V 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](#)

The Wrekin Salon Exhibition

See some of the very best of World Photography.
The Wrekin Salon Exhibition will be held at:
The Belfry Theatre, Prince's Street, Wellington,
Telford, TF1 1JG
Saturday 21 January. Starting at 2pm.

Thought for the Week

I will... always back up properly
The time you realise you should have backed
up your images usually comes after a
catastrophic disaster, such as a computer
catching fire, memory card giving up the ghost,
losing it in the washing machine, or even
worse, a theft. Get into the habit of backing up
your files (more than once if you can), as soon
as is logistically possible. External Hard Drives
are cheap. Use them to back up your pictures.
Don't put it off until it's too late. Consider
backing up to an online cloud service too, so
that you can always access your photos no
matter where you are, and don't have to rely
on functioning hardware.

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust 2018 Calendar

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

BBC Winterwatch



Winterwatch is back on our screens
once again as Chris Packham and the
team return to RSPB Arne.
Chris Packham, Michaela Strachan
and Martin Hughes-Games will be
based at RSPB Arne from Monday,
January 23 to Thursday, January 26.
One of my favourite programmes on telly.

Wolverhampton Roadshow..... again

To save the hassle of finding parking spaces,
getting lost and helping to save the planet, could
any members who are going to Wolverhampton
and don't mind car-sharing, please have a word
with someone on the committee on Monday night.
For information Wolverhampton PS address is:
Albert Lawn Tennis Club, Aldersley Road,
Wolverhampton WV6 9NA

Leicester & Leicestershire Photographic Society Annual Exhibition 2017

The Leicester and Leicestershire Photographic Society invites you to enter their Annual Exhibition 2017. The closing date for entries is 25th March and the exhibition is on Friday and Saturday, 12th & 13th May. Information & Entry Forms can be found here: [L&L Photographic Society Exhibition](#)

Club Website - Members Gallery

As you probably know, there is a Members Gallery page on the club website. Each member can have up to ten images displayed. If you would like yours included please let me have your images either by email or on a flashdrive or CD. If possible please resize them to 1400x1050. Don't worry if you can't resize them, just give me the full-size image and I'll do it. As it's been quite a while since the Members Gallery was updated, if members with a current gallery would like to change any of their images please let me have their new images and a list of those they'd like removed.

Birthday Wishes this Week Go To:

25th Jan - Rob Cross

26th Jan - Geoff Setterfield

Have a great day Gents



Final Thought

Choose equipment to suit
your images

Not your image.....