



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

25th February 2017

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This Week - Competition

The 4th of our monthly competitions. This time it's Prints and the subject is 'Reflections' Judge for the evening is John Lacey.

Competition - Monday 27th March - Change from PDI to PRINTS

Due to circumstances the monthly competition due to be held on Monday 27th March has had to be changed from a PDI competition to a PRINT competition. The subject is still the same 'WATER' Closing date for the competition is Monday 20th March

Staffordshire Photographic Clubs Annual Print Competition - Wednesday 5th April

We are once again staging this competition. Last years competition was a tremendous success. Comments from competing clubs pointed towards it being the best there had ever been. Obviously we would like to keep up this standard for this years competition. But we need your help. If you are available to help in ANY way, please drop Carole an email on carole-perry@sky.com or see her at our next club meeting. There is so much to do but many hands will make it easier.

Members Evening - 15th May

As a club member, what would YOU like to do or like US to do on the next Members Evening...??
'Members Evenings' are for the members
If you have any thoughts on this please have a word on Monday evening.

Technical Assistant Required

We require someone with some computer knowledge to help with setting up the computer and projector on evenings when we have a Projected Digital Images (PDI) competition. If you can help please email Carole on carole-perry@sky.com or have a word on Monday night.

Next Club Monthly Competitions - Please note last entry dates

27th March - Prints - 'Water' - Judge Tony Broom - Last entry 20th March
22nd May - Prints - 'Monochrome' - Judge David Graham - Last entry 15th May

Other Competitions

24th April - 'Presidents Trophy' - Prints - 'Open' - Last entry 17th April
12th June - 'Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Competition' - Prints - Last entry 5th June

External Competitions

7th March - Interclub Competition vs Acton Trussell & Penkridge - at Penkridge
5th April - Staffordshire Photographic Clubs Annual Print Competition - at Lea Hall
4th May - 3/way Competition vs Lichfield & Burton - at Burton



Next Speaker - 6th March - Tony Gervis 'Visions of America'

Tonight our Guest Speaker is Tony Gervis who will give us a talk entitled "Visions of America". Thirty years of travelling through America in a camper van. Tony is a passionate traveller and photographer who being able to do both in abundance, in his words says he lives an idyllic life. See Tony's website here: [Tony Gervis](http://TonyGervis.com)



Black Fox

Because of her job, Christine Blackmore gets to visit some wonderful places, and probably some not so wonderful places..!!

However where Christine goes her camera goes.

This picture of a very unusual black fox was taken on Urup Island situated in the Sea of Okhotsk. Click on the thumbnail for the full sized image or click here: [Black Fox](#)

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust 2018 Calendar

Spring is almost here. Daylight is getting longer. Daffodils are beginning to flower. 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. Why not have a go. Full Information here: [Staffs Wildlife Calendar](#)
Closing date 28th April 2017

Disabled Photographers Society

There's still time to bring in ANY unwanted items of photography equipment no matter how small and give it to Roy. The Disabled Photographers Society always have a stand at the Photography Show but they rely on donations. Old flashguns, filters, lens hoods and lens caps always sell well.

In this instance less is often more..!!

If you would like to see what the Disabled Photographers Society do, please click on the link below:

[Disabled Photographers Society](#)

The Photography Show

18-21 MARCH 2017
THE NEC, BIRMINGHAM

Photography Show 18-21 March 2017

The Photography Show at the Birmingham NEC is only just over a month away. How time flies.

For all the latest must-have equipment in photography and video plus seminars and practical demonstrations.

Many renowned photographers will be there, including our very own President Mr Roy Hodgkiss

[Photography Show 2017](#)



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 including printing and mounting 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.

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

'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.

Practical Evening - 3rd April

For the Practical Evening on the 3rd April we are fortunate to have Peter Clark visit us to give a demonstration on producing stunning monochrome images. Peter for many years has been one of the country's leading monochrome photographers.

More Mountboard

Should you require mountboard in a hurry, then Hobbycraft sell A1 size board for £3.00 per sheet, or The Range sell it for £2.99. Hobbycraft and The Range both have shops in Stafford.



Micro FourThirds

We've done Canon & Nikon and whilst they are ok, they can be thought of as the Ford and Vauxhall of the camera world.

They will do a satisfactory job but there's always something better..!!

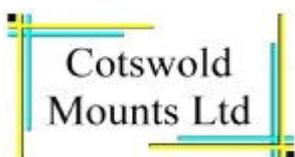
This week it's Micro FourThirds which means Olympus & Panasonic. If someone like Peter Clark can ditch his full-frame Canon cameras and switch to FourThirds then it can't be bad.

[Micro FourThirds](#) [Olympus](#) [Panasonic](#)

Trivia for the Pub

Before the digital age, the US government was taking spy photographs of the Soviet Union. How did they do this? They launched 20 satellites, each one containing cameras and 60 miles of film. After the film was finished, it was shot back through the Earth's atmosphere in buckets and parachuted over the Pacific Ocean, where they were then snagged with grappling hooks by C-130 Air Force planes.

I used to take mine to Happy Snaps.....



Cotswold Mounts

For those members who would like to enter competitions, but don't feel confident about

cutting their own mounts, or maybe you'd just like a nice mount to frame one of your wonderful masterpieces, why not have a look at the pre-cut mounts available here:

[Cotswold Pre-cut Mounts](#)

Useful Websites

NIK Software:

[NIK Collection Software](#)

The Photographer's Ephemeris:

[The Photographer's Ephemeris](#)

Faststone Imaging Software:

[Faststone Image Viewer & Resizer](#)

TipSquirrel - Photoshop Tutorials

[TipSquirrel - Nuts About Photoshop](#)