



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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NO MEETING ON MONDAY - YET ANOTHER BANK HOLIDAY

Please don't turn up at the club on Monday as you will be very lonely. Back on 5th June

Last Week - Monthly Competition - Prints - 'Monochrome'

Last week we held our final monthly competition of the season. This was to finalise the league positions. I hadn't entered anything so I was able to sit in the audience and admire plenty of excellent images, without the worry of the judge ripping my print to bits, thinking he wouldn't know a good image if someone hit him on the head with it. Over the season there has been some wonderful pictures, but I think the best selection was saved until last. The judge David Graham certainly had to earn his money. His task was not easy. We like that.

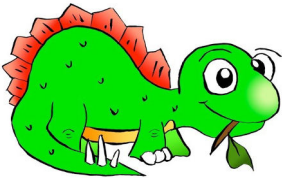
Many apologies for the absence of results and final league tables. Hopefully will be included next week. Just like watching Corrie or Eastenders.... Keep 'em guessing till the next episode...!!

Presentation Evening - 19th June

Last chance for tickets for our annual Presentation & Buffet Evening on 19th June

Ticket price is £8 of which £2 will go to our chosen charity St Giles Hospice

Please send an email to carole-perry@sky.com if you want to go but as yet not bought your ticket.



Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Competition - 12th June

The last competition of the season is for the very prestigious Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Trophy.

Closing date for this competition is: Monday 5th June

For full rules and definitions as to what is allowed or not allowed see Page 2 of the newsletter.



Next Speaker - 5th June - David Glynn Fox - Eagles & Falcons

This is sure to be another good evening. David visited us last year as a quick replacement for the booked speaker. We couldn't believe our luck. David was excellent. His day job is Biological Photography & Imaging at Nottingham University, but he is also one of the country's leading experts in eagles and falcons. This is an evening with a difference.

David will be bringing his Golden Eagle. So you bring your camera.



Digitalab Printing Services

If you fancy having your prints done by a professional photolab, or maybe you have a super image you'd like framed on the wall, this lab may be worth a look.

Online photo printing from a professional photography lab based in the UK. Excelling in producing high quality digital photo prints for over 65 years. Link to website here: Digitalab Printing

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](#)

May save you having to use that Canon or Nikon as a door stop.... Or maybe not....



BBC Springwatch

Not enough sex and violence on the television for you? When from next week there will be. Springwatch returns next Monday 29th May

Staffordshire Library - Electronic Magazines

You may not be aware that Staffordshire Library offers an e-magazine service where you can download magazines to read on your computer, phone or tablet. There are 146 titles available covering all subjects including four photography magazines. See the website here for details:

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Birthdays This Week

1st June - Dave Causer

Have a great day Dave

Definition of Images for Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Competition

Qualification of Entry

Images for the Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Competition may have been previously submitted in any Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club internal or interclub competition but **MUST NOT** have been submitted in any previous Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Competition.

What Can I submit images of?

Images for the Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Competition must be of one or more zoological or botanical organisms free and unrestrained in a natural or adopted habitat.

What Can't I submit images of?

Landscapes, photographs of zoo animals, game animals, farm animals, domestic pets, marine subjects in aquariums, cultivated plants or any zoological or botanical organisms taken under **controlled** conditions are not eligible.

What Can't I do to my Images?

Images should not be composite, HDR, focus stacked or stitched images

Techniques that add, relocate or replace elements in the image are not permitted.

Removal / cloning out or any processing that alters the nature story of the image is not permitted, for example cloning out a leaf that is partially covering the subject.

"Putting in" for example a new sky or background or increasing the degree of background blur in post processing is not permitted.

What Can I do to my images?

- Removal of minor blemishes by use of clone or healing tools may be carried out provided such processing does not alter the nature of the image - for example cloning out a bright, distracting pebble or an out of focus discarded beer can is permitted.
- Cropping images to remove unwanted elements of the image is permitted as is changing the orientation of the image (e.g. landscape to portrait format) and resizing. The following adjustments which enhance an image but do not alter the nature story are allowed - for example sharpening, contrast adjustments, exposure adjustment, colour balance, noise reduction and straightening

Titling Images

Titles for images should be the correct recognised English name (and optionally the Latin name). This may be supplemented by a **brief** description of activity. For example - Grey Heron (Ardea Cinerea) with Stickleback. Humorous or 'twee' titles should **not** be used.