



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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Last Week - Guest Speaker Paul Hassell

Our first speaker of the season was Paul Hassell. Not only was Paul our first speaker of the season, but we were Paul's first speaker audience. And didn't he do well...!! Despite taking up photography only a few years ago, Paul displayed to us many (many) wonderful images. He obviously has a good eye as to what makes a good photograph. We obviously impressed Paul as well. Paul sent Kay this email:

"Good morning Kay

A big thank you to Rugeley & Armitage camera club from Paula and I! You have a lovely club with a healthy membership and were very hospitable towards us last night.

A big thank you also for the kind comments and it was good to have a chat with a few members afterwards. Will see what the future brings and future talks.

All our best Paul & Paula"

This Week - Practical Evening

The first Practical Evening of the season. Subjects covered this week will be: Basic Camera Skills
Basic Photoshop: Mount Cutting: 'Beat the Judge' (more advanced skills): Resizing Images for PDI's
Don't worry if you haven't yet put your name down for anything, we can always find room for a little one



Ladies vs Gentlemen - 2nd October Prints required this Monday 25th September

Come on everyone. This is probably the most important competition of the season. Certainly the one which carries the most bragging rights. As we men know, the ladies are like Australian cricketers, they're bad when they loose, but even worse when they win...!! If the ladies win this one to make it three on the trot they'll be unbearable.



We would like up to three entries per member. Prints must be mounted with your name and image title on the reverse in BLOCK CAPITALS for easy reading. Please number your prints 1,2,3 (best print first).

As this competition doesn't count towards the yearly points table prints previously entered into club competitions are allowed.

So come on. It's all good fun. All good fun Judge is Keith Long.

Club Logo

We've already received some good ideas for updating the club logo. But as they say, more the merrier. If you have any thoughts on this please send them to me or to Carole. Even a quick rough sketch on a piece of paper will do. Ideally the logo will need to display the club name, look good at varying sizes and also look clear when printed in both colour or black & white. So thinking caps on.

Wanted - Programme Secretary/Secretaries

As I'm sure you'll agree, our Programme Secretaries Kay & Graham Williams have done us proud with the programme they've put together for us this coming year. Kay & Graham took on the programme position last year after our dear friend George Lamb sadly passed away. Replacing George was certainly a hard act to follow, but Kay & Graham more than stepped up to the task. However Kay & Graham would like to have a change, so they have indicated that as from next season they wish the Programme Secretary's role to be passed on to someone else.

The role doesn't need to be carried out by one person. As is often the case a shared task is much easier. If anyone in the club would like to consider taking on the role, either singularly or as a double act with a partner or other club member, please have a word with Carole or Kay & Graham for more information as to what is involved. As well as a full programme for this year, Kay & Graham have even began putting the programme together for next year. It goes without saying that for whoever takes on the Programme Secretary's role, Kay & Graham will be available for as much help and guidance as you require.



As all those members who use DS Colour Labs know, they can't be beaten for quality and price. Even better when they have September offers: [DSCL September Offers](#)

Club Exhibition - Cannock Chase Mining Museum

The club has had some wonderful news. We have been allocated a slot in the Mining Museums calendar for 2018 to display an exhibition of our prints. Our exhibition will last for SIX weeks from 5th March to 22nd April. This will cover the whole (and more) of the school Easter Holidays so it really is prime-time.

And just to add good news to good news, the exhibition will not cost us a penny.

The downside, if there is one, is that we can only display fifty prints. But they'll be quality prints.

Monthly Competition - 9th October. Subject 'Open'

Our first Monthly Competition of the season. Starting off with a print competition, the subject is 'open'. Judge for the competition is David Graham. This will be David's third visit to us so obviously he must have done something right, which for a judge is not always easy.

Prints to be in by Monday 2nd October

Club Trip - Middleport Pottery

Margaret has once again studied her 'What's On' tourist guide and come up with a factory tour around Middleport Pottery in Gods Country, sorry, Stoke-on-Trent. Margaret has arranged the tour for Thursday 23rd November at 11am. The cost will be £8.50 for those lucky enough to be under 60 and £7.00 for the rest of us. If you would like to go on the tour please put your name down on the sheet on Monday night.

City Life in Rugeley Magazine

Just looking through this months copy of 'City Life in Rugeley' magazine (I never thought of Rugeley as being a city), I noticed they have a section calling on local photographers and artists to submit pictures for publication. Better still you have the chance to win £100. If you didn't get one through the letterbox or you did but shoved it straight in the bin, you can read it online here: [Citylife in Rugeley Magazine](#)

ColorMunki



You may or may not be aware, that the club possesses a ColorMunki (how I wish the Americans would learn to spell) monitor and printer calibration tool. On our practical

Evening in January Bob Bell will be demonstrating its use, but in the meantime if you wish to borrow it please speak with a member of the committee.

When entering club competitions.....

When entering all club competitions, whether they be our monthly competitions or special additional competitions, as well as submitting your print, we would also like a digital jpeg image as well. This is so all competition entries can be put onto the club computer to enable the selection committee to choose what images to enter for our external competitions. Just ask if you require help with this

'Club Flyers'

To help advertise the club we have produced some 'flyers' in various sizes. If you know of anywhere these could be placed, libraries, cafes, shops or anywhere with a notice board, please have a word with me or Carole.

**St Giles Mud Challenge
Sunday 8th October**

Another cracking event for some good pictures. Who can resist seeing the opposite sex covered head to toe in glorious mud. The kind of thing your mum would have scolded you for when you were a child but now you're a responsible adult you do it for fun. Full details here: [St Giles Mud Challenge](#)

Yoxall Roadshow - Wednesday 18th October

Our ever popular Travelling Roadshow is making its merry way to entertain the members of Yoxall Camera Club. Last year they came to us and produced a very enjoyable evening. Obviously we want to put on an equally good show.

If you would like to submit to the evening or would like a bit more info as what we do, please have a word with Rob Ings on Monday night or drop him an email.

**Ploughing Match &
Hedge Laying Competition
Sunday 24th September**

If you're not doing anything on Sunday and fancy a short trip out there may be a chance of some good photo opportunities here. R.P. Collier Farms, Tixall Heath, Tixall, ST18 0XX



Birthday Wishes this week go to:

23rd Sept: Paddy Ruske

29th Sept: Alan Griffiths

Hope you both have a Great Day

Appeal... from me

Over the next few months or so I may not have much time to research for various snippets to add to the newsletter. If anyone sees anything that may be of interest to other members, such as events, competitions, tutorials, websites etc etc, then please let me know. To those who do this already, please keep them coming. Thank you.