



# Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

25th November 2017

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## Christmas Dinner

Full payment plus menu requests to be in by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November please.

### This Week - 27<sup>th</sup> November - 'Judge for a Night'

Our ever popular 'Judge for a Night' evening where we ask you all to bring in one or two prints to be judged by fellow members. If you haven't already handed in your prints you may do so on the night, however to enable us to put them up on the display boards please try and be at the club before 7.00pm. Prints to be A4 size or above, mounted or unmounted with your name and print title on the reverse side of the print. The prints will then be displayed for all members to view and decide their five favourite images. During the break the results will be totalled and the five most popular images announced. Members can and hopefully will speak a little about why they chose particular prints.

This is purely a fun evening. Entry into the competition is free. Prints may have been entered into any previous club competition. Scores will not be counted towards the monthly league tables nor will members be segregated into their competition groups. Members cannot vote for their own images.

A big Thank you to Clive Pritchard who has offered to run this evening for us.

### Last Week - Jack Perks 'Diary of a Wildlife Photographer'

Another excellent speaker. We are really having good one's this season. Jack has worked on many wildlife television programmes such as Springwatch and Countryfile and after seeing his work you could see why. Jack had an often colourful way of putting over his presentation, as if he was speaking with friends in the pub and not an audience. Jack has many other talks so hopefully we'll get to see him again

### Serif Affinity Photo Software

At the end of Jack's presentation he made a mention of Serif Affinity Photo editing software. This gets many excellent online reviews for comparing very favourably with Adobe Photoshop as well as only costing £48.99. I gave a link to this software last week and also back in January. I bought it back then for an introductory offer of £29.99 so I feel a little smug with myself.

[Serif Affinity Photo Website](#)

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### 'George Lamb Trophy' - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Prints required this Monday for the 'George Lamb Trophy' - Landscapes - Up to 2 prints per member. This is a standalone competition so images which have previously been entered into club competitions are allowed with the exception that images entered into last years George Lamb Trophy are not allowed.

#### Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Quite a few of you unfortunately have to spend quite a bit of time in Birmingham, so while you are there why not consider some night pictures. More info here: [Birmingham Botanical Gardens](#)

#### Birding for Beginners - Fradley Junction

Need help in identifying local birds? Bird watching walks at Fradley Junction. Dates now available for 2018. Please see next page of newsletter for more information and details.

#### LandscapePro

LandscapePro is a photo editor with a difference. Unlike general purpose programs equipped with the usual set of filters, brushes and colour correction tools, it's designed specifically for enhancing landscape shots, and the results can be as subtle or dramatic as you like. LandscapePro is a standalone or Photoshop plug-in which allows you to change virtually every aspect of a landscape. Replace skies. Turn day to night. Add snow or thunderclouds. Change lighting direction and much more. See here: [LandscapePro](#)



For some photographic subjects, triggering the shutter manually just won't do. For instance, when

split-second timing is required or if you want to run a long, complex time-lapse sequence. The Pluto Trigger is an intriguing accessory that aims to give a huge range of remote-triggering options, both on its own and when used with a smartphone See the website here: [Pluto Photo](#)

#### Next Monthly Competitions

At a loose end over Christmas then why not think about the upcoming monthly competitions.

22nd Jan - Prints - 'Architecture'

26th Feb - Prints - 'Monochrome'

26th Mar - PDI - 'Open'

21st May - Prints - 'Transport'

#### 8th January - Speaker - Irene Froy

Starting the new year off with a super evening. Irene Froy makes a very welcome return. For those who haven't seen Irene's work, look here: [Irene Froy](#)



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# Birding for Beginners 2018

Would you like help identifying local birds? Maybe you have regular visitors to your garden and would like to know more about them. Come and meet our experts who will be happy to answer your questions.

Every month we take a 3 hour walk around Fradley Junction learning about the birds we see. Sturdy footwear is recommended & you can leave at any time if 3 hours is too long for you.

Sat 13th January  
Sat 10th February  
Sat 10th March  
Sat 14th April  
Sat 12th May  
Sat 9th June  
Sat 14th July

Meet in the pay & display car park at 9.00am (a ticket will need to be purchased).

If you would like more information, please contact Sam Bucknall (Samantha.Bucknall@canalrivertrust.org.uk)



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