



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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Last Week - Practical Evening

Last week was another of our always popular Practical Evenings. As one who has had a go at being a 'teacher' I know how hard it can be. Please see comment from our Chairperson Carole:

"Many thanks to our 'experts' for sharing their knowledge with other members at Monday nights Practical Evening. There was a variety of subjects available and as usual it was very well attended. I personally find it extremely difficult to decide which group to join, and I'm more than happy if at the end of the night i can say that I've learnt something new. Monday was no exception."

This Week - Monthly Competition

The 3rd of our season long Monthly Competitions. Maybe too early to say who's going to win the groups but a poor result here can dash any hopes. As usual, the few will think the judge really knows his stuff, but the many will think he wouldn't know a good picture if it fell on his head. Another good evening.

Speaker - 29th January - Simon Watkinson 'A Complete Guide to Landscape Photography'

I know I often go on a bit about landscape photography. I make no apologies for this as I like the Great Outdoors. Having looked at Simons website here is someone who really knows what he's doing.

Simons presentation will feature colour and monochrome images of Landscapes from the UK (Peak District mainly) and Asia. Simon will talk in depth about use of Aperture, Hyperfocal Distance, Exposure, choosing light, planning and use of a tripod. This comprehensive talk will also include some process work in Adobe Lightroom and Photoshop. See Simons website here: [World in Focus](#)

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 quite a few photography related magazines available plus many other subjects. I've not tried it myself but others in the club have and recommend it. See the website here for details: [Staffordshire Library](#)

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust

Last week it was the Canal & River Trust asking for images, now it's the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust. They have launched a competition to find twelve images for their 2019 calendar. See here:

[Staffordshire Wildlife Trust 2019 Calendar](#)

'Darktable'

If you're looking for a cheaper alternative to Lightroom for managing and processing your raw photos, there's some good news. There is one...!! And how much cheaper! Is £0.00p good enough..!! Find Darktable here: [Darktable Software](#)

MidPhot 2018

Entries are now being accepted for MidPhot 2018. If you wish to enter there are changes to the method of entry. Entry is now done online.

Members can choose to enter their prints themselves or we can do it for them. If you wish to have the club fill in the online details we MUST have your prints with all details and entry fee by 29th January at the very latest. If you wish to enter any PDI's then you must do that yourself. Please read the rules and definitions here:

[MidPhot Exhibition 2018](#)

Please Note:

- If you are a member of more than one MCPF club you can only enter through ONE of those clubs.
- Prints or PDI's must NOT have been previously entered into MidPhot in ANY format.
- PDI's must be resized to 1600x1200 pixels

ColorMunki

If you wish to borrow the clubs ColorMunki, please have a word with Brenda or drop her an email and she'll put you on the waiting list.



Mountboard

Before you dash out and buy sheets of mountboard, have a word with Carole or Dave. They still have supplies available.

Pre-cut Print Mounts

Cutting your own mounts is quite satisfying, but if you don't wish to, there are many places which offer an online service. Here's two for starters:

[Cotswold Mounts](#)

[Paper Spectrum](#)

Birthday Wishes

Birthday Wishes this week go to:

Jan 21st - Ruth Gifford

Jan 25th - Rob Cross

Jan 26th - Geoff Setterfield

Hope you all have a great day

