



# Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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## John Gifford

John Gifford's funeral is on Tuesday 3rd April 12.30 pm at Stafford Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations to Katherine House Hospice. Afterwards at the Stags Leap, Wolseley Road, Rugeley WS15 2ET

## Last Week - Presidents Evening - or was it Ladies Night..??

Tonight was a Presidents Evening with a difference, when the Ladies took over the leading roles.

Marie Lakin began the evening with an Audio Visual of a holiday to Norway. Marie and Graham flew to Oslo then took the train to Bergen, a magnificent 8.5 hour journey through fantastic scenery. At Bergen they boarded the Hurtigruten Ferry Post Boat. This took them above the Arctic Circle to the northern tip of Norway via the Lofoten Islands, fjords and the North Cape. They took a riverboat to the Russian border. Marie's AV contained many excellent images put to perfect music.

Karen Kreft followed with a presentation called 'A Little Bit of This & That' containing a selection of her favourite photos, favourite places and 'have a go' photos, some which we'd seen before and some we hadn't. Some were local, some were from Ireland, others were from Germany, Iceland and USA. Some were portraits, some were landscapes, others were architecture, street photography, slow shutter etc. Karen said that since joining the club her photography had come on in leaps and bounds, of which 99% of the credit is due to the support and encouragement of the members.

Third spot was taken by Margaret Beardsmore who gave us a history lesson titled 'Then and Now'. Margaret began with the WW1 Zeppelin attacks on England. Margaret told the story of Zeppelin L31 commanded by Captain Heinrich Mathy. The L31 was brought down in Potters Bar by Wulstan Tempest DSO on 1<sup>st</sup> October 1916. The crew were buried at Potter's Bar, but exhumed in 1962 and re-interred in the German Military Cemetery on Cannock Chase. This then formed the basis of the second part of Margaret's presentation. There are nearly 5000 German military dead in the cemetery, 2143 of them from WW1 the rest from WW2. There are four communal Zeppelin Graves on the East Terrace of the Cemetery, with the bodies of each Zeppelin crew being buried together, in death as in life.

Our President Roy then finished off the evening's entertainment with photographs from his huge archive. As always Roy showed what an excellent photographer he is, with some old but plenty of new pictures we'd never seen before. Many thanks to Marie, Karen, Margaret and Roy. A wonderful evening.

The proceeds from the evening have gone into our St Giles Hospice pot.  
The amount raised was £154.60p. Many thanks to everyone for their generosity.

## This Week - 19th March - Dr Michael Leach - 'It's a Funny Way to Make a Living'

"After three weeks in the rainforest my clothes could probably stand up by themselves, I smelt like a yak's armpit" This is what we want. Tonight our speaker is a doctor so he must be good. Michael explains the basics of his art in this revealing, humorous introduction to the realities of professional wildlife filming. This is most definitely NOT a technical talk. He explains how to coax animals into the right spot and convince them that no-one is watching. He uncovers cunning underhand tricks-of-the-trade that produce amazing photographs. Be prepared to have some illusions shattered. Have a look at Michael's website to see what we have in store. [Michael Leach Photography](http://Michael Leach Photography)

## Museum of Cannock Chase

Now I know you've either been or will go to see our exhibition, but another date for the diary is Saturday 5th May when the museum are holding a VE Day Celebration. Bound to be good photo opportunities.

## MidPhot 2018 Exhibition

The MidPhot Exhibition is open from 21st - 25th March at the Old Schoolhouse, Churchbridge, Oldbury, B69 2AS See the best in Midlands Photography and pick up on the flavour of the month things that judges like to go for.



## Worlds Most Expensive Camera

Next time you hesitate at paying fifty quid for that Canikon lens on ebay, just put yourself in the position of the buyer who recently bid \$2.97 million for an ultra-rare Leica 0-Series camera at an auction in Vienna.

I wonder how he explained to the wife it was a bargain.

## Photo-Meets (or whatever they're called)

Monday club nights are great. We have a varied programme of competitions, speakers, practical evenings etc, but it would be even better if as a club we could occasionally get together and actually take pictures. After all that's what we are, a camera club. Quite often you may want to photograph something, maybe street photography, but you either feel self-conscious or unsafe, especially the ladies. If there's a few of us together, safety in numbers. Or maybe you're just lacking in inspiration. With the warmer(!) weather and light nights coming, if anyone has ideas of places or events which would be suitable for a get together then please let me know.



## Birthday Wishes this week go to:

23rd March: Rob Morris

Hope you have a great day Rob