



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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No Meeting This Week - Easter Monday

You'll be Pleased to Know.....

We will not be changing the club name to 'Rugeley & Armitage Happy Snappers' as we did this time last year. It is hoped those members who were highly traumatised by the temporary change of name have now recovered.

More information here: [Camera Club Name Change 1st April 2017](#)



Staffordshire Photographic Clubs Annual Print Competition - Wednesday 11th April

It's that time again when the crème of Staffordshire Photography clubs gather at Lea Hall (we'll be there as well). With Rugeley having promoted and organised it for the last two years it will be good for us to just go along and enjoy the evening and hope the judge knows what he's doing and gives us top marks.

16th April - Aldridge P.S. Roadshow

The members of Aldridge Photographic Society will visit us and entertain with their Roadshow. They are a very friendly crowd and have made us most welcome on our visits to them. I'm sure we will do the same.

Practical Evening - 9th April

The following topics are on the menu:

- Studio Lighting Model shoot
- Topaz Plugins
- Basic Natural History
- Resizing for Print and PDI
- Photoshop Filters and Blending Modes
- Layers

Many thanks to Rob for organising the Practical Evenings and to those members giving their time and knowledge. We couldn't do it without you.



Cannock Chase Radio

Rugeley & Cannock now have their very own radio station.

You can find it on 89.6 FM for Rugeley and 94.0 FM for Cannock. Music from the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s & 90s. Oldies for us Oldies.....

Presidents Trophy Competition - 23rd April

The trophy presented by our very own President Roy Hodgkiss. A wonderful trophy to have on your mantelpiece. This is a Print competition and the subject is 'open'. Anything goes.

Entries to be in by Monday 16th April. Judge for the competition is our good friend Ralph Duckett.

All monies collected on the night, entry fees, raffle etc will be donated to our charity St Giles Hospice.

MidPhot 2018 Panel Exhibition

We realise the 'normal' MidPhot Exhibition has only just been and gone, but maybe you would like to enter the MidPhot Panel Exhibition as well. It is not until 13-21 October but entries to be in by 22nd September. Your panel must consist of 3 or 4 prints, so perhaps time to start thinking about it now.

Full details available here: [Midphot 2018 Panel Exhibition](#)

Corel PaintShop Pro

As you may have gathered over past issues of the newsletter, I often champion lesser known software as an alternative to Adobe. Adobe is good, there's no doubt about it, but it doesn't mean it's the only one out there which can do the job. There are others, just as good. One example is Corel PaintShop Pro Ultimate. If you would like more info on PSP speak with Bob Bell

[Corel PaintShop Pro 2018 Ultimate](#)

How to make the Best Photographic Prints

Ok maybe a bit of a eye-catching headline, but there's quite a good article in Amateur Photographer magazine for helping towards good printing: [Good Printing](#)

Camera Lost at Sea for 2 years - Still Worked

A camera lost overboard was washed up on a beach two years later and still worked. It was found on a beach in Taiwan covered in barnacles but thanks to a waterproof case it remained in perfect working condition. It was discovered by a group of schoolchildren who tracked down the owner by sharing the find on Facebook.

The camera was a Canon G12 compact. Unfortunately it doesn't say who made the waterproof housing...!!

Full article here: [Camera Lost at Sea Found](#)

Last Monthly Competition - 21st May

Plenty of advanced notice for the last monthly competition. League tables are extremely close so it's all on this one. Prints - Subject 'Transport'. Judge: Peter Siviter - Last Entries by 14th May

Monthly Competition No.5

PDI Subject 'Open'

Elementary



2nd
'The Flower of a Nation Remembered'
Glyn Heywood



1st
'Normanton Church'
By Andrea Wheatley



3rd
'Lazy Afternoon'
By Les Trotman

Intermediate



2nd
'In The Pink'
Karen Kreft



1st
'Catbells'
By Richard Keene



3rd
'White Orchid'
By Linda Shaw

Advanced



2nd
'The Foundrymen'
By Graham Orgill



1st
'Lichfield Cathedral from Stowe Pool'
By Rob Ings



3rd
'Lost'
By Carole Perry

Monthly Competition Points Tables after 5 Competitions

Elementary

	Name	Points	Entries
1	ANDREA WHEATLEY	96	5
2	GLYN HEYWOOD	94	5
3	LES TROTMAN	85	5
4	KIM JONES	77	5
5	DENISE PHILLIPS	67	4
6	CLIVE PRITCHARD	64	4
7	GRAHAM PHILLIPS	63	4
8	BOB BARRATT	44	3
9	DAVE FIELD	42	3
10	LORRAINE BARKER	37	2
11	IAN CHATHAM	35	2
12	GWEN DUCKHOUSE	32	2
13	ALISON MANLEY	30	2
14	DAVID DALY	28	2
15	JULIE FIELD	27	2
16	ROBERT GRIFFITHS	19	1

Intermediate

	Name	Points	Entries
1	KAREN KREFT	93	5
2	LINDA SHAW	92	5
3	JOHN LEWIS	91	5
4	RICHARD KEENE	90	5
8	CHRIS SHAW	87	5
6	GEOFF SETTERFIELD	82	5
6	STEVE SETTERFIELD	82	5
8	BRENDA PAGE	63	4
9	KARL RILEY	62	4
10	CHRISTINE BLACKMORE	45	3
11	NEIL BUNTING	32	2
12	KEVIN SNEDDON	19	1
13	SUE HARTLEY	16	1
14	COLIN WILES	14	1

Advanced

	Name	Points	Entries
1	GRAHAM ORGILL	92	5
2	ROB INGS	91	5
3	ALAN GRIFFITHS	90	5
4	BRIAN WHEATLEY	87.5	5
5	ROY HODGKISS	84	5
5	CAROLE PERRY	84	5
7	MARGARET BEARDSMORE	83	5
8	JOHN FORD	82	5
9	DAVID PERRY	78	5
10	MARIE LAKIN	76	5
11	NOLA LOVATT	75	5
12	PADDY RUSKE	72	4
13	STEVE HIGGINS	71	4
13	ROY WESTWOOD	71	4
15	TONY SLATER	66	4
16	PHIL WILSON	65	4
17	GRAHAM WALKER	61	4
17	JAN WILSON	61	4
19	CLIVE DUNKEY	49	3
20	ROBERT BELL	39	2
21	DAVID CAUSER	36	2
22	DAVID HANMER	35	2
23	GRAHAM WILLIAMS	33	2
24	GRAHAM CADDICK	29	2
25	ALAN DOWNES	17	1
26	BILL COTTESS	16	1