



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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Last Week - Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Trophy

Rather than me just prattle on about what a brilliant evening it was with plenty of really outstanding Natural History images on show, I'll pass you on to Adam:

Roy Hodgkiss Award 2018: Selectors Comment

Adam Belcher CPAGB

Dear Members

Another year and how fast it has flown! The Roy Hodgkiss Award inaugurated in 2012 is now some six years old. Roy was a massive help to me when I first started photography as a hobby, and he has been both a fantastic friend and mentor over the years. His dedication to photography, despite him not enjoying the best of health, is an example to us all of the benefits of our shared hobby, and its ability to take us out of ourselves to a calmer and more peaceful place.

The Natural History competition is not an easy competition. The very structure of it means a strict set of rules. This year's competition highlights many hours of member's efforts and work. This is very much something I am mindful of when passing comments upon them.

The quality of the work this year I am sure you will all agree was very high. Selecting an outright winner from the very best can come down to personal preference quite often. The winner this year, Mr John Ford created an image that was both technically excellent in terms of capture and treatment. Margaret Beardsmore won the competition last year and put up an excellent effort to maintain her crown.

For me what tipped the scale in the end was the assessment of the technical quality of the image at close scrutiny, the capture and presentation of the fine details was just that little bit better in John's work, and thus securing the win. I must also mention the excellent shot of the Mallard by Tony Slater. The quality of capture and the decisive moment caught. The water droplets were beautifully lit, and set the image off very well.

I would very much like to thank all of you that put your work forward. Particularly I would like to congratulate the elementary and newcomers to the competition. I thank you all for submitting your work and giving me such a challenge for which I really enjoyed. I look forward to seeing what you can all come up with for the 2019 award.

kindest regards, Adam

The aims of the Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Trophy are two-fold. Obviously the first is for members to take and display wonderful photographs, but more importantly is to raise money for St Giles Hospice.

To this end we are pleased to say the Natural History Trophy raised the excellent sum of £152.50p.

I have received comments off a few members congratulating Adam on his judging. All thought he was very fair and correct with his comments and choice of winners. However unfortunately for Adam the lasting memory of the evening will be his quote "I don't like squirrels, they run off with my fat balls..." Isn't schoolboy humour great....

This Monday - Presentation Evening

Final night of the season. Trophies for the winners, beer for the rest. Mines a beer. Excellent buffet. There will be our usual games of 'Heads 'n' Tails with quizmaster (or is it quizmistress) Nola. Tickets £2.00 a game. Followed by Irish Bingo with tickets £1.00 each or six for a fiver. Half of the proceeds goes to the winners, half to St Giles. Raffle tickets also being sold at £1.00 a strip or again six for a fiver. Final act of the evening is the presentation of a cheque to St Giles Hospice. **Please be there at 7.15pm for kick off at 7.30pm.**



Lancaster Bomber

Thanks to a club member for the information that weather permitting a Lancaster Bomber is due to fly over Alrewas on Monday at around 1400-1430. Obviously it will be flying over other places as well, but I haven't been able to find any information on t'internet. Maybe someone else can and let me know. Thanks in advance.

Klick Photo Shop

Max Spielmann now has a competitor in the town. Klick Photo Shop has opened in Brook Square.

See website here: [Klick Photo Shop](#)



Simon King - Lichfield Garrick

Naturalist and broadcaster Simon King of Springwatch and Big Cat Diary fame will be giving an illustrated talk at Lichfield Garrick on Thursday June 21st. Info here:

[Simon King - Lichfield Garrick](#)



Birthday Wishes this week go to:

17th June: John Gifford

19th June: John Bennett

Hope you both have a great day

... and it's goodbye from me....

Well that's another season done & dusted. This will be the last newsletter until September. However if anyone has news of events or the like please let me know and I'll send it out. Have a good holiday and see you all soon.

Roy Hodgkiss Natural History Trophy 2018

Judge: Adam Belcher CPAGB



2nd
Hare in the Snow
Margaret Beardsmore



1st
King Penguins
John Ford

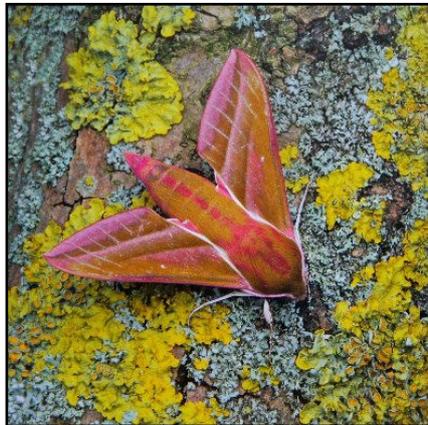


3rd
Mallard
Tony Slater

Highly Commended



Running Flamingos
Margaret Beardsmore



Elephant Hawk Moth
Chris Shaw

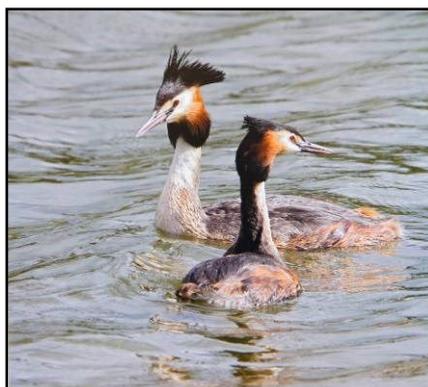


Common Kingfisher
Graham Orgill

Commended



Fjord Shoreline
Marie Lakin



Great Crested Grebe
Graham Walker



Weevil
Linda Shaw