



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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Last Week - Guest Speaker Simon Palmer

Last week we had a return visit by Simon Palmer (actually it was a return, return visit) who once again provided us with an excellent evenings entertainment, but with much thought provoking images and talk. Rather than me prattling on about the evening, I once again asked for comments from those who were there. Please read below:

What a different approach Simon Palmer took. Really enjoyed it very much. Sometimes gets a bit restless at half time but was so fascinated and could not wait for the second half. Great Night.

With his passion for big cats and the work of AfriCat, Simon was a very entertaining speaker.

I found it very interesting and learning about the facts and figures. Brings it home to what is going on in the world

Really enjoyed the evening with Simon Palmer, entertaining, very experienced and very passionate about his job which showed through. I liked his sense of humour which he used several times, (even the political quips !!). I also learnt a great deal in the handling of these magnificent animals.

I think the second half was better but we joined the club to learn more about photography and getting our heads around our cameras although the images were excellent it was more about conservation than anything else. Just a bit disappointed.

Not what I expected but a great evening kept all awake and interested. Shows what our human race is doing to the planet.

I feel our members were given a very interesting, entertaining and educational evening, Simon proved his passion for wildlife and photography skills whilst sharing his knowledge of AfriCat Predator conservation. Hopefully we will invite Simon again next year with another of his fascinating talks & experiences from behind the lens.

This Week - Visit from H. Lehmann's Ltd.

Tonight we have a visit from Lehmann's Ltd who will give us a talk on how to look after our cameras and lenses, and what to do when they go wrong. They are an authorised Canon and Nikon Service Centre [I'm sure there's little truth in the rumour that that's because Canon and Nikon keep going wrong...]. Other brands of cameras and lenses can also be serviced including Sony, Panasonic, Samsung and Pentax. We will hopefully be joined by members of Yoxall Camera Club. Following their talk Lehmann's invite questions. If you have any but don't want to ask aloud, just write them down and give to someone on the committee and we will ask for you. To see what Lehmanns offer click here: [H Lehmanns Ltd](http://HLehmannsLtd)

Next Competition: 5th November - PDI Subject Open

Entries for the next competition need to be in **THIS MONDAY 22nd OCTOBER**. The subject is 'Open' Images to be on CD/DVD or flashdrive or by email to Dave Perry and resized to 1400pixels x 1050pixels. For those who don't how to resize, please don't let this stop you entering the competition. We can sort it.

For more information on submitting PDI entries see this page on the website: [Submitting PDI Entries](#)

Staffordshire Photographic Clubs PDI Competition - Wednesday 7th November - Venue Lea Hall

The Selection Committee have been burning the midnight oil yet again and selected the images. All we need now is a kind or blind judge (doesn't matter which). Please make room in the diary and come and support our club.

Motor Neurone Disease (MND)

Please see this from Margaret Cross. Margaret has began writing a blog. I urge you to read it. I read it and learnt more about Motor Neurone Disease in ten minutes than all I knew before.

"I understand you may think a blog about Motor Neurone Disease (MND) will be upsetting and sad, but have a look and see there can be a lighter side to it" Please read Margaret's blog here: [Margaret Cross My MND Blog](#)

Wildlife & Landscape Photographer of the Year

You wait a year for one then two come along both at once. Excellent images but would they win Roy's Natural History Trophy and the George Lamb Trophy? Click below to see:

[Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2018](#)

[Landscape Photographer of the Year 2018](#)

Cannock Chase - Commonwealth Games 2022

Cannock Chase has been chosen to host the Mountain Bike events for the 2022 Commonwealth Games. To have many of the worlds top athletes competing on our doorstep is a fantastic opportunity for some serious sports photography. If that doesn't appeal, then how about cashing in on the event by turning your spare room into a Bed & Breakfast..!!



Birthday wishes this week go to:
20th Oct: Dawn Forbes
Have a great day Dawn

Remember....

'Money won't buy you happiness'
'But it'll buy you an awful lot of printer ink'