



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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Last Week

As I said last week before Ralph's visit, it's always a pleasure to have him and Lu visit us. This was no exception. Ralph always gives excellent value for money. A wonderful selection of images complete with humorous commentary. Ralph proved that you don't need to travel to exotic locations such as South Africa or Stoke to bag those stunning images. Many of Ralph's pictures were taken from his kitchen window or very close to his house. One particular useful tip Ralph gave was before printing off your image, flip it horizontally. It often looks better. We look forward to welcoming Ralph back again in January for instructions on how to produce Panels.

This Week - Monthly Competition No.2

Our second competition of the season. This time it's a PDI and subject is 'Open'. There has been an excellent entry with over 80 images for the judge Scott Latham to wade through. Should be a good evening.

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

You wait a month for a competition then two come along at once. Monday night will show what we can do, tonight we see what the rest can do. The cream of Staffordshire. Twelve clubs from all over Staffordshire will be battling it out for this very prestigious trophy. Please come along and support our club and the competition.

Next Week - 12th November - Practical Evening

If you haven't done already, time to put your name down for one or more of the Practical Evening sessions. Once again Rob has provided an excellent mix of subjects and even more excellent teachers. Subjects are:

1. Flash Photography: 2. Layers: 3. Introduction to Composition: 4. Lightroom: 5. Nature Photography

Please Indicate your choice(s) on the sheets on Monday night, or drop Rob an email to: robings1@hotmail.co.uk

Rugeley Power Station



Well it kept me in employment for nearly forty years so I suppose I should be sorry to see it go. Contracts have been passed for its demolition. One major problem I can see is when I'm out cycling how will I now find my way home. The towers were a great target to aim for.

There's been a Power Station on the site since 1961 so Rugeley will look very strange without one.

So, maybe is the time to think about taking some pictures while it's still standing. Try and make them as creative as you can. Photoshop is your friend. Perhaps we can have a competition where the subject is the Power Station?

But we hadn't better leave it too long.

National Memorial Arboretum

A Spotlight on Nepal, Gurkhas & the Gurkha Welfare Trust

An upcoming event at the National Memorial Arboretum. On 24th November club member Major (Retired) Rob Cross is presenting A verbal trek into the hills of Nepal, meeting some of the people from whom the Gurkhas were recruited. He will discuss their environment, the mountains, crops etc, and take audiences on a trip to Kathmandu, before discussing what the Gurkha Welfare Trust does for their pensioners, widows and their families in Nepal. Prior to this on 10th November, Rob and members of the Gurkha Welfare Trust and the Gurkha Brigade Association meet for an Act of Remembrance, followed by a wreath laying, at the Gurkha Chautara.

Details available here: [Spotlight on Nepal & the Gurkhas](#)

Calendar 2019 and beyond....

It's that time of year when you think about buying next years calendar. However you're a photographer, so why not make your own. It's easy. Now I know you can simply select a dozen pictures and send them off to an online lab, but where's the fun in that. There are countless YouTube tutorials on t'internet to show you how, but I think this one is the best I've seen: [Make a Calendar in Photoshop](#)

Should you still wish to buy a ready made calendar, you could do much worse than this from club member Margaret Beardsmore: Click here: [City of Lichfield Calendar 2019](#)

Or better still see Margaret on Monday night

Deliberate Mistake....???

For the observant ones amongst you, or maybe those who like myself used to be into such things, can you spot the mistake in this weeks newsletter? Something that could not happen? Please email me your answer. Someone will get it I'm sure. Answer next week.



Fireworks this Weekend

Not enjoyed by everyone, especially those with pets, but a good time to take some pictures. Bit of advice on this website. It's from Canon, but don't let that put you off: [How to Photograph Fireworks](#)



Birthday wishes this week go to:
9th November: Roy Alexander
Have a great day Roy

Christmas Dinner - 10th December

There's still time to put your name down for the Christmas Dinner. Please see Carole for more information.