



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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Last Week - Practical Evening

Once again many thanks to everyone for making the Practical Evening another success. As always special thanks to all the teachers, and to Rob for putting it all together. Our next Practical Evening is on 11th February, but before then we have a visit off Ralph Duckett with an instructional evening on how to do 'Panels of Three'.

Following their Practical Evening sessions, Bob Bell and Graham Orgill have produced really excellent PDF guides to flash photography and composition. Everything you need to know and quite a bit more.

Flash photography: [Fun With Flash](#) [Composition in Photography](#). Thanks Bob & Graham

This Week - Guest Speaker - Tesni Ward 'Working with Wildlife'



Those who like photographing wildlife will really like this one. Tesni Ward is one of the best wildlife photographers in the UK. Born in Wales and now living in the Peak District, Tesni enjoyed a promising career in athletics. When competing in the UK championships, she won the Shot Putt, Javelin, and Discus events in her age group. She then went on to represent Team GB in the Loughborough International competition. Despite being the Senior Welsh record holder for Javelin, Tesni then unfortunately had to cut short her sporting career due to injury. Tesni then decided to swop the javelin for a telephoto lens. Sports loss is photography's gain. Tesni has quickly earned herself a worldwide following for her nature and wildlife photography.

Tesni is an Ambassador for Olympus Cameras. As we know, you don't become an ambassador unless you are good. See her work here: [Tesni Ward Photography](#)



George Lamb Trophy - 3rd December

Entries for the George Lamb Trophy need to be handed in by **Monday 26th November**. This is a **PRINT** competition and as always the subject is **LANDSCAPES**. There are no groups for this competition, everyone is lumped together.

Images which have been entered into previous club monthly competitions are allowed to be used. Images entered into previous George Lamb Trophy competitions are not allowed to be used. Judge for the evening is Dave Tucker.

Staffordshire Photographic Clubs PDI Competition

As you can see the final results were very close, with only ten points separating the first ten clubs. We managed a very creditable 6th place alongside Acton Trussell & Penkridge.

Burton Photographic Society	Total: 170	1st
Stafford PS	Total: 168	2nd =
Tamworth	Total: 168	2nd =
Cannock Photographic Society	Total: 162	4th =
Leek	Total: 162	4th =
Acton Trussell & Penkridge	Total: 161	6th =
Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club	Total: 161	6th =
Rochester	Total: 160	8th
Lichfield Camera Club	Total: 159	9th =
Stafford CC	Total: 159	9th =
Newcastle	Total: 158	11th
Blythe Bridge	Total: 148	12th
Yoxall	Total: 147	13th

Last Monthly Competition of the Season - 20th May

Now you might be wondering why I'm already mentioning the last competition of the season. It's six months away..!!

Well it's likely that the league tables will be decided on the results of this last competition. A poor image and you've had it. You might need plenty of time to plan for this one.

It is a PDI competition and the subject is 'Creative'.

This basically means anything goes. Be as creative as you want, both in your taking and editing. Photoshop as much as you like. The only rule is that all subjects in the image must have been taken by you. For example if you if you make an image of a tiger walking around Stowe Pool eating a Big Mac, you must have taken the picture of the tiger, Stowe Pool & the Big Mac and not cribbed them off the internet. So get your imagination head on. Sky's the limit.

Competition Judges.....

Competition judges are a funny lot. We all know that. What one judge likes, another may not, and vice-versa. An image which doesn't do very well in one competition may well be a winner in another competition with a different judge.

When the Selection Committee were choosing images for the recent Staffs Photographic Clubs PDI competition we thought we were onto a winner when we saw who the judge was. This same judge had judged one of our Interclub competitions last year. He awarded one of our PDI's image of the evening and gave it a maximum 20 points. So naturally we entered it into the Staffs competition *knowing* it would do well. After all, if you like an image, you don't suddenly unlike it, do you?

Imagine our surprise when the image went up on the screen and the judge said "Don't like it", and gave it 14 out of 20, our lowest score of the competition.

So as well as different judges liking different images, the same judge can both like and dislike an image.

You have to smile.....

Rob Cross - Spotlight on Nepal & The Gurkhas

I know I mentioned it a couple of weeks ago, but thought it worth a mention again. Next Saturday 24th November, Rob is giving a talk at the National Memorial Arboretum. Begins at 2.30pm. Cost is £3.00 in advance and £4.00 on the day.

Rob will take us to Kathmandu and the mountains, before talking about the life of the Gurkhas and the Gurkha Welfare Trust.

If you've a couple of loose hours next weekend well worth a visit.

Full information here: [NMA Spotlight on Nepal](#)



Birthday wishes this week go to:

21st Nov: Roy Westwood

Have a great day Roy