



# Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

26th January 2019

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## Last Week - Monthly Competition No.3 'Local Scenes in my Area'

Our third competition of the season had over 70 prints for the Judge Peter Cheetham to wade through. Probably the most pleasing aspect of this was the increased entry from the Elementary Section. This is always good to see. Comments from a judge can only help your photography. Some of Peter's helpful advice was to screw up your eyes and squint at the image. If you can still see white bits in places you don't want them, then consider darkening them or cloning them out. Also consider flipping a picture left to right. Sometimes it can look better. However this won't work if there's text in the image.

Peter's most useful advice though was to take pictures what you like and not what you think the judge will like. Wise words.

## This Week - Guest Speaker - Graham Heywood

Our Guest Speaker this week is Graham Heywood with his brand new presentation titled 'Fresh Imaginations'. This is a mix of Sports, Creative & Travel photographs. Graham also talks about self publishing photographic books. See Grahams website here: [Graham Heywood Photography](http://Graham Heywood Photography). Comments from other camera clubs:

*It was a cracking good evening, which we all enjoyed*

*It is not often we see such versatility in one evening. I am sure it would have inspired members to try something new.*

*Our members found your talk and images inspiring. We enjoyed your informative and humorous talk, you held our attention from start to finish*

*Your images are stunning and the humour contained in your delivery was delightful. I found the whole evening inspiring. I found your creative work mind blowing*

## MidPhot 2019 - Entries to be in THIS WEEK

If you wish the club to deliver your entry, prints must be in THIS MONDAY 28th JANUARY

Full rules & conditions see here: [MidPhot 2019 Everything you need to know](#)

Entry fee is a very reasonable 0.75p for each image entered. The club can only enter your print entries.

## Club Photographic Exhibitions - Chasewater Innovation Centre & Rugeley Library

Both of our exhibitions begin on Monday 4th February. Unfortunately we need to set everything up ourselves and we can't do it beforehand. Therefore we are appealing for helpers. Both venues open at 9.00am so If you can spare an hour to help set up it would be most appreciated. Please see Carole on Monday if you can help.

## Presidents Trophy Competition - 4th February ENTRIES REQUIRED THIS MONDAY 28th JANUARY

Donated and presented by our President Roy Hodgkiss.

A lovely prestigious trophy to have on your mantelpiece. This is a print competition. Images may have been used in any previous club competition [but not previous Presidents Trophy competitions].

## Butterfly's Mind - the Home of Creative Thoughts

With our last competition of the season being 'Creative' why not cast your eyes over some of these images. Might give you some ideas. They also have a competition you may wish to enter:

[Butterfly's Mind - The Home of Creative Thoughts](#)

## Break the Rules - You know you want to....

We are constantly being told to obey the age old rules of good image taking. Rule of Thirds, lead in lines, cropping etc with the knowledge that it makes for better pictures. But does it...?? Well yes, usually it does, but why not break them now and again?

This article in [Amateur Photographer](#) might give you ideas

## Picture Frames Available

Brenda still has three nice 20x16 picture frames awaiting a good wall. These are similar to the ones we used for presenting prints to St Giles Hospice. Price is a very reasonable £10.00 each. See Brenda on Monday if you would like one.. or two.. or three...



## Birthday Wishes this week go to:

26th Jan: Geoff Setterfield

29th Jan: Linda Shaw

Hope you both have a great day

## BBC Winterwatch

Begins on Tuesday at 8.00pm. One of my favourite programmes and coming from the wonderful Cairngorms. On for 4 nights.

## Passports Photographs

You may recall in a previous newsletter I added an article on taking and printing passport photographs. Why pay good money for a rubbish picture from a photo booth when as photographers we can do a better job ourselves. Flushed with success from taking the grandsons picture I thought I'd have another go. This time the wife needed a new passport so I'll do it.

I should have known better. Pack up while you're winning.

Everything started off so well. I took the picture. Put it on the computer. Cropped it and made her look presentable. Then I did something different. Instead of printing it off and sending it with a paper application, I thought I'd do it all online. Easy-peesy it said. Well no it wasn't. Face recognition rejected it on two counts. Firstly it said that eyes were closed. Now I accept that, as Angela has a closed left eye. However the second fault was problem with colour and shadows. It told me to turn off flash & filter settings of which there weren't any. I could see absolutely nothing wrong with the picture. Even by my low standards it was pretty good.

So I posted onto a photo forum asking if others had had the same problem. Oh yes they had. Many times. I was advised to click 'submit anyway' then the picture will be looked at by a human being and not a computer. So I did..... and waited.

After a couple of days received text saying picture accepted and new passport dispatched. Happy days. Back in good books.

As someone on the photo forum said:

'If you look like your passport picture.... It's not you....'

**Monthly Competition No.3  
'Local Scenes in your Area'  
Judge Peter Cheetham**

**Elementary**



2nd  
Tixall Gatehouse  
James Trotman

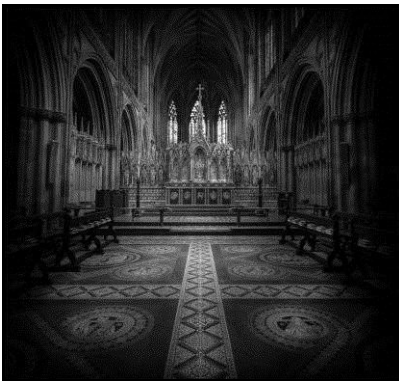


1st  
Into the Chase  
Mary Eaton



3rd  
Croxden Abbey  
Glyn Heywood

**Intermediate**



2nd  
Lichfield Cathedral  
Richard Keene



1st  
Stowe Pool  
Richard Keene



3rd  
Staunton Harold Hall  
Karen Kreft

**Advanced**



2nd  
Walking the Cut  
Paddy Ruske



1st  
Autumn on the Shropshire Union Canal  
Margaret Beardsmore



3rd  
Christmas Lights Stafford  
Jan Wilson

## Monthly League Tables After 3 Competitions

### ELEMENTARY SECTION

	Name	Points	Entries
1	GLYN HEYWOOD	56	3
2	LES TROTMAN	54	3
3	GRAHAM PHILLIPS	52	3
4	DENISE PHILLIPS	49	3
5	CLIVE PRITCHARD	47	3
6	DEREK BRUMBILL	37	2
7	IAN CHATHAM	35	2
8	LEE BAXTER	33	2
9	KIM JONES	32	2
10	DAVID EDMUNDS	29	2
11	MARY EATON	20	1
11	ANGELA HANMER	20	1
13	ANDREW POINTON	16	1
14	STEPHEN BOWMAN	15	1
14	IAN CLEE	15	1
16	MICHELLE CLEWLOW	14	1

### INTERMEDIATE SECTION

	Name	Points	Entries
1	RICHARD KEENE	60	3
2	KEVIN SNEDDON	53	3
3	KAREN KREFT	52	3
4	JOHN LEWIS	51	3
5	STEVE SETTERFIELD	50	3
6	KARL RILEY	48	3
7	GEOFF SETTERFIELD	46	3
8	COLIN WILES	32	2
9	ROY HARRISON	30	2
10	CHRIS SHAW	17	1
11	ROY MORGAN	16	1
12	BRENDA PAGE	15	1

### ADVANCED SECTION

	Name	Points	Entries
1	TONY SLATER	55	3
1	BRIAN WHEATLEY	55	3
3	MARGARET BEARDSMORE	53	3
4	GRAHAM ORGILL	52	3
5	STEVE HIGGINS	50	3
5	ROB INGS	50	3
7	ROY HODGKISS	49	3
7	GRAHAM WALKER	49	3
9	MARIE LAKIN	48	3
9	DAVID PERRY	48	3
11	GRAHAM CADDICK	47	3
11	BILL COTTESS	47	3
13	CAROLE PERRY	46	3
13	ROY WESTWOOD	46	3
15	NOLA LOVATT	45	3
16	PADDY RUSKE	36	2
17	DAVE HANMER	35	2
18	PHIL WILSON	34	2
19	GRAHAM WILLIAMS	33	2
19	JAN WILSON	33	2
21	JOHN FORD	31	2
22	LINDA SHAW	15	1