



# Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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## 6th Monthly Competition - 20th May - PDI 'Creative'

Apologies for beginning with asking for images, but this is quite important.

As you know the next monthly competition is the last one of the season. Leagues will be decided on the result of this.

### So please read:

Due to there not being a club meeting on May Bank Holiday and also due to this being a PDI competition, if you are submitting your entry on a memory stick it MUST be handed in no later than **MONDAY 29th APRIL - THIS WEEK...**

If you miss this you can email it to Dave Perry at [dave.p46@sky.com](mailto:dave.p46@sky.com) to arrive no later than **MONDAY 6th MAY**

### **This will be the very last day for accepting entries.**

The subject of the competition is 'Creative'. Anything goes in this competition both in the taking and editing stage.



## This Week - Guest Speaker - Chris Upton 'Thoresby..... The End of the Mine'

This week we have a very welcome return by Chris Upton. Chris is based in Nottinghamshire and specialises in Travel, Landscape and Social Documentary photography. Chris is an Associate of The Royal Photographic Society and an official Fujifilm X Series Photographer.

Thoresby Colliery, the last pit in Nottinghamshire, closed in July 2015 bringing to an end over 900 years of mining in the county. This presentation tells the story of how the project came about and how it was shot.

To see some of Chris's work see his website here: [Chris Upton Photography](http://Chris Upton Photography)

This is a great example of "how to shoot a project". [Thoresby - The End of an Era](#)

## Presentation Evening 17th June

Sorry to spring forward a couple of months, but tickets will soon be available for our club Presentation Evening & Buffet. Could we please ask if anyone has anything, or knows anyone who may have anything, we are appealing for raffle prizes.

Also can last years trophy winners please bring them in or return to Carole & Dave so they can be sent for engraving.

## Rugeley Annual Parish Assembly - Wednesday 17th April

Last Wednesday on behalf of the club Carole, Brenda & Dave attended the annual Rugeley Parish Assembly meeting held at the Rose Theatre. This is a good way to show our camera club to all the community and business groups in the area that had also set out displays.

Following this the Assembly continued with the Chairman giving his report on the work of the Town Council over the past year. Representatives from fifteen community groups were then invited to give a short report to the audience. Carole gave a short appraisal of our camera club.

It is felt that this annual assembly could enhance the profile of the camera club giving us opportunities for the future. We can also apply for a grant later in the year.

## Annual General Meeting - 13th May

Please don't go 'Oh no not that again'. The AGM may not be the most exciting of evenings, but thankfully it's usually quite short. However it's important, as decisions made and voted on at the AGM affect all club members, even those who don't attend.

You should all have received an agenda plus the minutes of last years meeting plus details of club finances. If you haven't received them then please let me know as soon as possible.

Now for the good news. The AGM will be followed by a FREE buffet... and it gets better still. For the 2nd half of the evening club member Rob Cross has kindly volunteered to give us one of his presentations. Unfortunately I can't tell you what it will be about, not because I'm sworn to secrecy, but because I don't know. What I do know though, is that those who've seen one of Rob's presentations before will know what an excellent evening it will be.

Money collected from the evenings raffle is to be donated to Motor Neurone Disease Charity. So please come along.

## Fathers' Day - Something for the Dad's... and Mum's too...

On June 16th, Father's Day, Chasewater Railway are turning the clock back with a reenactment of the 1940's era. As well as the steam trains there will be vintage vehicles, 1940's dress, the 'Bluebird Belles' & much more. Plus music & food  
Maybe if enough members are interested we could arrange it as a club day out.



## Birthday Wishes this week go to:

9th May - Graham Walker

Have a great day Graham

## Only in Ireland....

Last week while in Ireland the wife and I went into a little pub at Malin Head, the most northerly tip of Ireland. It was situated right on the cliff top overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and had the imaginative name of 'Seaside View'. Wonder how long it took to think that one up? I had the customary wonderful pint of Guinness and Angie had half of Smethwick's Red.

Angie: "Have you got any crisps..?"

Landlady: "Most certainly we have, and what flavour would you be wanting..?"

Angie: "Plain please"

Landlady: "We only stock cheese and onion...."



## PAGB and IMPROVERS GROUP

At the last Monday meeting it was agreed that several members want to work towards gaining a PAGB award, or simply to try to get their photography to a higher standard. We will therefore try to help each other as much as possible.

This will involve taking part in informal discussions of member's images on roughly a monthly basis.

Apologies for the short notice, but our first image discussion session will be this coming Monday night 29th April BEFORE the club meeting. If you are interested, please turn up from 6:15pm.

The session will finish at 7:20pm latest. Please bring along any images you would like other members to critique, either already printed or on laptops. If you are going to print new work, then A4 size unmounted is fine.

We will go round the table taking one image from each member in turn until we either run out of time or run out of images.

Please ring or email me if you have any questions: 07581 794111 or [margaretbeardsmore@gmail.com](mailto:margaretbeardsmore@gmail.com).

We are also starting a 'closed' Facebook group for anyone who would like to join. The Group's working title is 'Rugeley and Armitage PAGB and Improvers Group'. The idea is that member's post images on which they want constructive criticism — pressing 'like' is not constructive criticism!

If you join, then please post at least one and not more than two images a week. Some members have a lot more experience than others so please take this into account when passing comments.

Hope to see you Monday, and arrange a follow-up discussion group in a few weeks time.

Margaret Beardsmore.



Carole, Brenda & Dave at our display at the Rugeley Parish Assembly Meeting  
Held at the Rose Theatre Rugeley