



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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Last Week - Graham Orgill 'Tales of a Business Traveller'

Wow. Sometimes you can't think of words to suitably sum up an evening's speaker, but 'wow' seems to sum it up quite well. To say that Graham was a good stand-in for our original booked speaker is a real understatement. Graham gave us a presentation about his working career. First of all he began with a history lesson on electro-plating, followed by some [*not so basic*] science behind it. A few of us thought the formula $Q = n(e) * F$ $Q = 2\text{mol} * 96,500 \text{ C/mole}$ Q was incorrect but we decided it good manners not to say anything.

Graham showed an itinerary from one of his business trips. His passport had more stamps than Judith Chalmers's. India was fascinating. The most luxury hotels imaginable down to the worst slums unimaginable. It was both beautiful and awful in equal doses. Then China. Graham was quick to disprove that what we get from a Chinese Takeaway is not Chinese food. When the Chinese eat an animal they eat the animal. All of it. Even the chickens head and feet were on the plate. Graham showed us what you never got on 'Wish You Were Here'.

Graham's photographs while not being competition images [*his words*] showed perfectly the real India & China. His presentation was excellent, informative and funny in equal doses. Thanks Graham for a wonderful evening.

This Week - 1st Monthly Competition - Prints - Subject 'open'

Our first monthly competition of the season. According to the Competition Secretary we have had an excellent entry. Over 70 prints have been entered. Especially pleasing are the entries from the Elementary and Intermediate sections. This promises to be a good evening and more importantly a good season. Judge for the evening is Tony Broom.

14th October - Guest Speaker Phil Brown 'The History of 3D Photography & Cinema'

This is guaranteed to be different. We've never had a speaker before who specialises in 3D Photography. Phil has worked with stereoscopic imagery & 3D production since 1985 making theme park, animation, travel, science and feature films. My knowledge of 3D photography is less than zero, so whatever Phil says I'll learn something. Looking forward to this one.

MCPF & PAGB Newsletters

Find the October edition of the MCPF Newsletter here:

[MCPF Newsletter](#)

Find the PAGB Newsletters here: [PAGB One](#) [PAGB Two](#)

Warning: PAGB Two contains nudity and is frankly a bit on the weird side. Some would say 'artistic' but I think weird.

Astronomy Photography

Now the darker evenings are rapidly approaching and before it gets too cold, this could be a good time to start pointing your camera up at the heavens. To give you some idea of what you could achieve, these are from Astronomy Photographer of the Year. Interestingly many of the images are taken with just camera and lens, no telescope.

[Astronomy Photographer of the Year 2019](#)

RSPB Lichfield Group Birdwatching Walks

I know there's quite a few bird watchers in the club, so if you're interested in a walk out with the RSPB then see their newsletter here for full details: [RSPB Newsletter](#)

Don't worry I'll stop at home to give you all a better chance of seeing something. Me and wildlife don't mix...



Birthday Wishes this week go to:

9th Oct: Chris Shaw

9th Oct: Kim Jones

Have a great day Gents

MidPhot Panel Exhibition

I know you will have already seen this if you've read the October MCPF Newsletter, but just in case you missed it, the MidPhot 2019 Panels Exhibition is on at Smethwick P.S. from October 12-19th. Full details in the [MCPF Newsletter](#)

New gear? How about renting it first?

Last week I wrote about buying used camera equipment. But how about buying new, but you're not sure about splashing out ££££'s on something without giving it a bit of a test first. Well you can. How about renting for a day or so? There are plenty of places you can hire camera equipment such as: [LensPimp](#) or [WEX Rental](#) or [Hire a Camera](#) There's a short article here in Amateur Photographer about renting kit: [Amateur Photographer - Renting Equipment](#)

photopaper.co.uk

For the home printing members of the club. This is a newly formed business based near Malvern Worcestershire.

They are: "Focussed on selling fine art and photo quality digital inkjet papers at competitive prices with excellent customer service".

Should you be interested they offer test packs of their papers, plus they also give a discount of 5% off all brands of paper for members of photographic clubs if you quote the discount code: **RUGELEYCC5** [note last character is 5 not S] Please visit their website here: photopaper.co.uk

Graham Orgill 'Tales of a Business Traveller'

Following on from last weeks excellent presentation by Graham, here are comments received from members:

Graham's travelogue was presented with experience, knowledge and humour, keeping us all entertained, as with all good speakers the time flew leaving us wanting more.

Very entertaining. Certainly good enough to show to various audiences not only camera clubs. Considering the countries Graham visited I am sure he could do several sequels. It was fascinating that he shared his working life with us and his pictures were excellent.

A great evening!

Really enjoyed the insight into other cultures through Graham's personal 'record shots', with just enough relevant background information. A treat.

I thoroughly enjoyed Graham's presentation and very much look forward to hearing about all the other countries he has visited.

Brilliant evening. Who knew where he's travelled and what his work involved. Informative, well delivered light hearted and funny. Very well done Graham.

I thought it was excellent and entertaining. Graham should take this talk on the circuit where it would be well received as he puts his own personal slant on a very good presentation.

Kept me interested all evening it was so good.

I would just like to say that Graham presented a very excellent presentation I found it very interesting.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening, Graham put lots of time and effort into the presentation (in a professional way), with lots of photographs and funny entertaining quotes. As was said, he ought to take it to other camera clubs, it was a worthy presentation.

I thought he was very insightful and he provided humorous moments throughout the evening.



This Is Genuine

We have had flyers printed to advertise the club.

We have been placing them in various places in the town where hopefully folks will pick them up and either come and join the club themselves or pass them on to a friend or maybe a relative.

One of our members occasionally frequents The Plaza in Horsefair [*Wetherspoons*].

He asked a member of staff if they could display the flyers for us. They said yes no problem so he left some with them.

A few days later he popped back in (for research purposes only of course) to see if the flyers had been put out.

They had:

Oh well . . . Only one letter different