



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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Last Week 'Judge for a Night'

Our ever popular Members Evening 'Judge for a Night' proved to be another success. Once again there was an excellent selection of prints for us all to judge and mark. Wasn't it difficult? Going back just a few years it would have been much easier. Back then without being derogatory the standard of images were not nearly as good as they are now. Maybe we have all listened to speakers and judges comments! I haven't seen the full result sheet, but I'm guessing that most images received votes from someone, proving that not only were the prints good, but that we all like something different, and that's how photography should be. Many thanks to all who brought in prints. The Top 5 entries as voted by members:

1. Linda Shaw
2. Brian Wheatley
3. Margaret Beardsmore
4. Steve Higgins
5. Graham Orgill

This Week 'George Lamb Trophy'



Our first named competition of the season. Going by the Landscape images entered into monthly competitions this is going to make for a very difficult evening for our judge Howard Bagshaw, and we like that very much. There are no competition groups in this, everyone is lumped together. Best print wins. Plenty of bragging rights.

Proceeds from this competition including the raffle will be donated to St Giles Hospice. This will be our last 'real' meeting of 2019 with our final meeting on 9th December being the Christmas Dinner. So lets make it a good one.

Disabled Photographers Society

As most of you will know, the Disabled Photographers Society always has a stand at the Photography Show at the NEC where they sell used and loved photographic equipment and anything else they can get their hands on. However to do this they want the stuff that we don't. Our club President Roy Hodgkiss will gladly take anything off your hands that's lingering in the cupboard never to be used again. No matter how big or small it's very welcome. Filters, lens hoods, straps, cases etc, nothing is turned away. Anything you have please bring in and Roy will gladly take it off your hands.

Peter Rogers Photographic Stafford - Black Saturday Sale

Should you find yourself in Stafford on Saturday why not pop into Peter Rogers. As well as 'special offers' there will be experts from Sony & Panasonic to answer your questions and to tell you why Sony & Panasonic are better than Nikon or Canon [well they would, wouldn't they....]. See here:

[Peter Rogers Photographic - Black Saturday](#)

National Memorial Arboretum - Illuminated

'This majestic light experience will show the wonder of the Arboretum at night. Wander through the woodlands washed with colour, listen to the subtle sounds of the landscape and be captivated by the memorials shown in another light'. Ten nights 11th to 20th December
Information here: [National Memorial Arboretum](#)

Serif Affinity Photo - Black Friday Sale

30% off award winning Affinity Photo now only £33.99p.
Offer ends Tuesday 3rd December. See here: [Affinity Photo](#)

PAGB - 'Masters of Print Exhibition'

The above exhibition is on display from 7th Dec to 4th Jan at St. Martin in the Bull Ring, Birmingham.

Camera Repair

Should be unfortunate and need to seek out a camera or lens repairer, these are worth a try. If you remember they visited us last season and gave us an excellent talk on what they do and the services they provide. Not only that, as a member of Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club they will offer a discount. See here: [H Lehmann Photographic Services](#)

Of course, depending on the cost of repair and the age of the camera, with advances in technology a decision has to be made whether a repair is worthwhile. Scrap or new...??

Practical Evenings - We Still Need Your Ideas

Please carry on thinking about what you would like us to talk about on the Practical Evenings. None of us know everything, but occasionally some of us know something. What we don't know between us we can try to find out. Send me an email or speak to me on Monday night.

Date for the Diary - 13th January - Tesni Ward

Cast your mind back to last season. We had our first visit from Tesni. She was excellent. We had to have her back. Our first speaker for 2020. [Tesni Ward Photography](#)

Maybe a Future Speaker - I wish.....

On Wednesday Angie & I went to see a presentation by Sir Chris Bonington. It was about his Life and Times as a mountaineer. Of course as you'd expect there were images of mountains, but not really that many. Those that were had other elements in them to hold even the non-mountain persons interest. His dialogue was informative, funny & sad. Nothing went on for too long before he switched subject. It was a lesson in presentation. Of course he's had a long time to perfect it. He's now 85 but maddingly looks 20 years younger. He had no airs and graces whatsoever, shaking hands, talking and posing for photographs with anyone and everyone whether they wanted a signed book or not. Going back to the images, Chris is an excellent photographer. Since 1974 he has used Olympus cameras, beginning with the lovely OM-1 [film of course] and now the digital OM-D [although he does admit to using his iPhone quite a bit.....]

Lee Chapman Photography

Cast your minds back a couple of weeks (difficult I know) to the visit and talk by Lee Chapman. Lee did us a huge favour by stepping in at very short notice to give us both a presentation on his Aviation Photography followed by a tutorial on Photoshop editing.

Lee also offers Photographic Workshops. His upcoming ones are listed below:

NEW 2020 WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

2020 is going to be an amazing year, already the workshop programme for the new year is looking amazing, I have so far confirmed 5 workshops, a 3-week course and a full day of aviation photography at the RAF Museum! I have lots of plans for the 2nd half of the year too, but I welcome any suggestions or requests.

I have already taken names for all of the workshops with some of them now over 50% booked! If you would like to attend any of these, then please get in touch. All but the aviation photography workshop should be booked directly with me (follow the link for booking on this one). Please click on the links for further details of each programme or message me to book/ask questions. I also urge you all to join the [Chappers Photography facebook group](#) to see what other followers have captured on past workshops and to share your own images.

[Aviation Photography](#)

RAF Museum Cosford, £75

Saturday 8th February 10-5

[Night photography](#)

Cobwebs Café, Abbots Bromley, £40

Sunday February 23rd, 4.30-8.30pm

[Hare & Kingfishers](#)

Tuppenhurst farm Cafe, Rugeley £45

Sunday March 8th, 6.30am - 12pm

[Landscape photography](#)

Etching Hill & Cannock Chase, £25

Sunday 15th March 4-7pm

[Photography Course](#)

Etching Hill, £65

Weds 15th, 22nd, 29th April, 7-9pm

[Wild Reptiles & amphibians](#)

Cannock Chase, £25

Sunday 26th April, 8am - 12pm

[Spring Birds & wildlife](#)

Cannock Chase, £25

Sunday 24th May, 5am - 9am

Please contact Lee to book

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