



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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Monthly Competition No.5 - Projected Digital Images - Subject 'Minimalistic'

Entries for the next competition held on 23rd March to be in THIS MONDAY 9th MARCH. This is a Projected Digital Image competition therefore entries are required two weeks before. The subject is 'Minimalistic' and the judge is Peter Siviter. As usual entries to be resized to 1400x1050 and in sRGB colour space. Entries on a memory stick if possible, or sent by email to Dave Perry at dave.p46@sky.com

If you aren't sure on how to resize and submit images for PDI's then have a look here: [Resizing for PDI Competitions](#) and for submitting images look here: [Submitting Images for PDI Competitions](#)

Having said that, if you still don't know what to do then please still enter. Just submit the full sized jpeg image instead and we will resize it for you and then put your name down for the next Practical Evening resizing table

This Week - Interclub Competition vs Acton Trussell & Penkridge Photographic Society

Our annual interclub battle against our friends from the other side. Tonight members of AT&PPS will make the short but perilous journey across the Chase to be with us. They are an extremely small club membership wise, but even so have some excellent photographers, a few whose faces will be very familiar. Once again it's sure to be an excellent evening.

From the Letters Page - Amateur Photographer

This letter was printed in Amateur Photographer magazine a couple of weeks ago. I thought it worth including here. Please feel free to send me your thoughts and comments. As usual no names will be given.

'Judges are Holding Clubs Back . . .

At the beginning of this year our camera club had our first heat of our annual image of the year competition. To put it mildly, the judge had been rather scathing with every image, when a print of a grey seal was presented to be judged. It was a really wonderful and skilfully executed wildlife shot, but immediately the judge said 'What a horrible print. I do not want to see this ugly print ever again!'. The whole club was shocked. I wished that I had not become diplomatic with old age otherwise I would have given him a mouthful. I am angry at myself for not doing so.

The author has only been with us a few months and has shown great promise with her wildlife images. As we have struck up a friendship I consoled her to take no notice of the ignorant judge as he appears not to know anything about photography considering his performance that night.

I've been a professional photographer since 1966. I have studied at two colleges and have experience in many photographic disciplines both professionally and for my own pleasure. I first joined a camera club in 1976, when just 27, never expecting the domineering role that competitions play in the camera club world, and soon came to feel that camera club judges retard the progress of camera club photography, because anything fresh is ridiculed by the judge.

Last year we had our print of the year final. The winning print was a dingy in the mud at low tide. In 1980 at a different club a similar print won in a similar competition. No wonder that traditional camera clubs are dominated by senile old men, pandering to brain-dead judges. Youngsters don't want to know, and no wonder progressive new camera clubs are springing up that avoid competitions and indulge more in practical activities instead of sitting in the dark every week like brain-dead cabbages. If only a progressive club would set up near me.' Amateur Photographer 22nd February 2020

Last Week - Warren Alani 'Seeing is Believing'

Our speaker last week was a return visit by Warren Alani. Warren's images were very diverse and many were definitely not what would be entered into competitions and were all the better for it. Warren divided his photographs into different subject categories ranging from architecture to BMX racing. Warren says he likes to photograph common subjects but from unusual angles giving them his own perspective.



Birthday Wishes this week go to:

13th March: Kay Williams

15th March: Dave Hanmer

I Hope you & me have a great day Kay

No newsletter Next Week

There will be no newsletter next week. Away for a few days. Normal service will hopefully be resumed on 21st March.

Club Night Tea & Coffee Monitors

It has been decided to change the system for serving tea & coffee on club nights. Rather than the same members doing it every week it will be divided amongst all members.

As you come into the club Brenda will choose two members at random to be the monitors for that week. All members will then get the opportunity to perform this very important and worthwhile task. We hope everyone approves.