



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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Hello everyone

Well what do I write? As you all know we have by necessity had to cancel all club meetings for the foreseeable future. For how long this will be no one knows. But rest assured, we WILL be up and running again as soon as we are able. As well as our club meetings, the following events are also cancelled:

MidPhot Exhibition 18-22 March Staffordshire Photographic Clubs Annual Print Competition Wed 8th April
3 Way Interclub Competition vs Lichfield vs Burton Thurs 7th May Club Exhibition Saturday 16th May

There is one competition still going ahead though. 'The Carole Perry Creative Trophy'. Running until 1st June
Everyone has had an email with full information. Cameras haven't got Coronavirus so lets have a good entry.

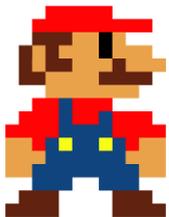
Letter - Amateur Photographer

You may recall a couple of weeks ago I published a letter from the letters page in Amateur Photographer about judges. I asked for comments. These are what you let me have:

Photo Competitions - I do think the judges have limited vision e.g. put everything on the thirds, get rid of the white bits. My favourite is 'there's no detail in the shadows'. Well that will be because they were dark then ... Some judges are a lot better than others but I do feel it encourages images that are the photography equivalent of painting by numbers. However I never put the images in that I really like as they'd never get anywhere. I think we should sometimes have 'wild card' judges ie ones that haven't been to judges school.

I agree with this statement. Not all from the same mould, but most of them are. I do however feel, that members of camera clubs have to share some of the responsibility. As they often play safe and pander to the judges, spending hours in Photoshop creating images that they think the judge will score well. Instead of taking the opportunity to challenge the judges and share with other club members, their own styles of photography.

Beginners.... and others - Pixels, Image Size and Image Resolution



Just because we aren't meeting for a while, doesn't mean we have to stop learning about Photography. Digital Photography is all about pixels. Lots of them. That's what makes up the image pixels. But what are they? Having an understanding of how pixels, image size and resolution are related to each other is essential in getting the best results when resizing images, both for Prints and for Projected Images. This guide explains it very well.

Click here: [To learn about Pixels, Image Size & Resolution](#) Click here: [To learn how to resize Images for Print](#)

Serif Affinity Photo & Publisher & Designer Offer

At the recently cancelled Photography Show Serif were offering their excellent software at reduced prices. Unfortunately this offer has now expired, but with all that's going on with Coronavirus Serif have introduced an even better offer. Now you can get a free 90 day trial of any of the three pieces of software coupled with a 50% discount if you buy them. That means only £23.99 each. Serif software is a one-off payment so no monthly fee, and free updates.

See here for full details: [Serif Affinity Software](#)

PAGB & MCPF Newsletters

I don't know how long these newsletters will be published for in the current climate, but you may as well read them while they're here. Please note that some if not all of the exhibitions and talks advertised may be cancelled at short notice.

[PAGB ISSUE 150](#) [PAGB Issue 151](#) [MCPF March](#)

Newsletter Frequency

As you no doubt appreciate, news for the newsletter is in very short supply at the moment and in all honesty likely to get even less. To this end we shall attempt to publish a newsletter once per fortnight as long as there is something to say. If there's not enough to fill the newsletter but needs to be sent out then we'll send it by email instead. I'm sure you'll all understand.



Birthday Wishes this week go to:

29th March: Robert Daish
Have a great day Robert