



Rugeley and Armitage Camera Club

Newsletter

12th December 2020

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Chairperson's Christmas Message

Dear members, Christmas is upon us following a very difficult year for everyone, both personally and within the club. I'm sure like me, you have missed our regular meetings which are a very necessary social ingredient to our club. Zoom meetings have enabled us to continue with some excellent speakers and judges for our competitions, but you will never satisfy the need for the personal touch which makes our club as successful as it is.

We look forward to 2021 when we can meet again without the restrictions placed upon us this year.



I do hope you will all
Enjoy Your Christmas
And New Year
Very Best Wishes
Carole



Upcoming dates and events

4th January - guest speaker Roger Evans ' Every picture tells a story'

11th January - Paddy Ruske presents A/V's titled 'Paddy's Ramblings'

1st February - members evening - Ladies v Gents - Judge Ralph Duckett

8th February - Speaker David Keep - 'An Introduction to Lightroom'

29th March - Speaker - Lilliana Alani

12th April - members 'Fun Evening' with 'A Common Picture'



Members please note; Pdi's Need to be emailed to Dave Perry at dave.p46@sky.com by January 4th for the PDI competition on 18th January 2021. This is the 3rd monthly competition , Subject" Christmas and the New Year"

Track down your Christmas present at

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[Click Here](#) for Midphot Competition dates and rules.

[Click here](#) for PAGB Competition date

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and rules.



George Lamb Trophy Competition Scoresheet

Held on 7 December 2020 on Zoom
Judge: Howard Bagshaw

1	- Brightlingsea Dusk	17
2	- Paignton pier	12
3	- New Brighton	20 - 1st
4	- Croome Parkland	16
5	- Autumnal Borrowdale	17
6	- Mer de Glace, Chamonix	16
7	- Headland Home	19 - C
8	- Beddgelert Church	13
9	- covid isolation landscape	13
10	- Cornish Sea scape	16
11	- Derwent Water	19 - C
12	- Rift In The Sky	12
13	- Fog in the Valley	16
14	- Flight across Derwent	16
15	- Fairy Glen Falls	15
16	- Cley Windmill	17
17	- Out of the Mist	19 - HC
18	- marys shell sunset	18
19	- Autumn Glory	15
20	- Looking Down to Wastwater	15
21	- COTTAGE IN GLENCOE	13
22	- observatory walkway	14
23	- Noss Mayo Sunset	16
24	- Good morning Glastonbury	16

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25	- Comet NEOWISE with Noctilucent clouds	17
26	- Sunrise From Chrome Hill	19 - HC
27	- Bamburgh Castle	14
28	- The Langdales over Loughrigg Tarn	19 - HC
29	- Lower Manhattan Early Morning	15
30	- Lakeside View	13
31	- Glaslyn Waterfall	14
32	- social distancing	18
33	- River Brittle Falls	19 - C
34	- Walk in the Woods	15
35	- Sunset Strip	12
36	- Frosty Falls	14
37	- Pack Horse Bridge	20 -2nd
38	- Rosemarkie Beach.	16
39	- Emerging from the Fog	12
40	- Pencil Church ,Dervaig. Mull	14
41	- wreck before the storm	17
42	- Wall with a View	13
43	- WINTER ON RANNOCK MOOR	14
44	- On The Move	14
45	- Storm brewing at Portland Bill	20 -3rd
46	- Tall trees	16

Congratulations to all members that received awards and from what Howard said, he had great difficulty choosing a winner. The top three PDI's all received 20 marks. Congratulations to Brain Wheatley, who needed this trophy to complete his grand slam.

Apologies if members thought Marie and I were having a domestic when I was trying to name the winning photographers. We weren't. It was Marie asserting her authority.

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2nd January 2021

ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL.
THEN SOME LEARN
PHOTOGRAPHY





Commended Headland Home David Perry 19 Points



Commended River Brittle Falls Graham Orgill 19 Points



Commended Derwent Water Jan Wilson 19 Points



Highly Commended Sunrise Chrome Hill Brian Wheatley 19 Points



Highly Commended Langdales over Loughrigg Tarn Chris Shaw 19 Points



Highly Commended Out of the Mist Marie Lakin 19 Points



1st Place New Brighton Brian Wheatley 20 Points



2nd Place Packhorse Bridge Linda Shaw 20 Points



**3rd Place Storm Brewing Over Portland Bill
Steve Moore 20 Points**

QUIZ TIME

CAMERA CLUB QUIZ 1 – ANSWERS – 28 NOV 2020

Hi everyone!

Good performance by all, with excellent scores which provided a very close result (I may have to make the questions a little tougher in future quizzes). Thank you for your entries. There were several answers to Question 8 so I have accepted all as correct such as **Lux, Lumens, Candela, Photometer**. There were three entries with the maximum score of 10 plus the tie breaker from Chris Shaw, Graham Caddick and Marie Lakin. The names were put in a hat and one winner selected – and the winner is **Graham Caddick! Well done!**

The answers are:

- 1 **Lacock Abbey**
- 2 **F2.8**
- 3 **Calibration tool**
- 4 **¼**
- 5 **Tripod**
- 6 **Wildlife**
- 7 **Compact System Camera**
- 8 **Lux, Lumens, Candela, Photometer (all accepted)**
- 9 **A) 28mm = 75 deg b) 135mm = 18 deg c) 500mm = 5 deg**
- 10 **True**

Thank you for your support and enjoy the Christmas quiz!

Roy - Quizmaster

Answer to the tie breaker question. Donald Trump offered to build a ballroom at the White House. This offer was politely refused. **£10.00 Voucher will be put into the post asap.**



CHRISTMAS QUIZ

THE GRAND CHRISTMAS QUIZ



- 1 Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?
- 2 How many gifts were given in total during the 12 days of Christmas?
- 3 Since 1947, what country has been donating the Christmas tree for Trafalgar Square?
- 4 What ornament do elves traditionally have on their shoes?
- 5 What is the title of the 2004 animated film about a train carrying children to the North Pole? And what is the name of the actor who played six characters?
- 6 Who played Scrooge in the Muppet Christmas Carol film?
- 7 Who was the first company to feature Santa Claus in their advertising?
- 8 When was the first Christmas card printed? A) 1843 B) 1873 C) 1893
- 9 Which reindeer name means "thunder"?
- 10 Who won last year's Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special?

PHOTOGRAPHY

£20 Voucher
To Be Won

- 11 Which of the following is not a camera bag brand? A) Tenba b) Billingham c) sunpak
- 12 When you buy a SD card for your camera, what does SD mean?
- 13 Which camera manufacturer celebrated its 100th year in 2019?
- 14 Can you use a Nikon DSLR lens on a Canon body?
- 15 Which photographer took the famous picture of "Isambard Kingdom Brunel" with the large chains in the backdrop?
- 16 Briefly, what is a "Histogram" used for?

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

- 17 If you suffer with "Cryophobia", what is it that you don't like?
- 18 Which country in the world is believed to have the most miles of motorways?
- 19 What was the name of the tower block which Del Boy and Trotter lived in?
- 20 The popular chain "Pret A Manger" – what do the words mean in English?
- 21 What language is spoken in Brazil?
- 22 What three elements does a fire need to burn?
- 23 Which member of the Royal family became a member of the Magic Circle and in which year?
- 24 Which of the following numbers is NOT a whole number? A) 7 b) 109 c) 47 d) 224
- 25 Which year was the first dot.com address for a website registered?
- 26 Finally, what must you leave for Santa when he arrives down the chimney?
Wine, milk, cookies and carrots

So don't forget them!

Have a great Christmas and New Year!

Stay safe!!

Best Wishes from Roy

Entries in by 31st December
To
Roy Harrison
At
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Members Only





Dave sent me this story to share with the members. He has encouraged me to tell of my failings when trying to take photos.

Perhaps other members can send stories to me at gjcaddick@hotmail.co.uk of successes and failures. Photo of last years Christmas dinner attendees, if only we could get back to normal.



Always check your kit... by Dave Hanmer

A couple of months ago Angie & I went up to the Lake District for a few days. Friends of ours have a chalet at Cartmel. For our yomps in the hills I'm usually laden down with outdoor gear and food so I only take a camera and one lens or maybe my bridge camera. However this time due to a having a gammy knee I knew we wouldn't be walking much, so as well as cameras and lenses I took a few 'extras' to hopefully do a bit of 'arty-farty' photography stuff. With my liking for landscapes I had my tripod, Neutral Density and Graduated Filters plus the filter holder and nine adapter rings to cover lens filter sizes from 49mm up to 82mm.

Looking out from the chalet towards a distant hillside there was a small copse of perfectly formed trees. Just three trees and nothing else. Brilliant I thought. Along with the dark brooding Lake District sky it was a certain George Lamb Trophy competition winner coming up.

So I hobbled out, set up the tripod, mounted the bridge camera, zoomed the lens out to 400mm and chose a suitable Graduated Filter.

'Right now where's that 62mm adapter ring?' I opened the custom made Tupperware Box to get it. '49... 52... 55... 58... 67... 72... 77... 82.... where's the 62..?' Look again, '49... 52... 55.... 58... 67... Must be here'. Look again. How many times can you count eight metal rings before it finally sinks in there's not nine? Must have fell out in the car. What chance a Tupperware container opening itself, an adapter ring falling out, then closing again? I can't even open the bloody things when I want them open! Of course it was nowhere to be found.

Oh well I thought Plan B. It's not the end of the world. I'll just take a few bracketed shots instead and blend them together in Photoshop. Not what I wanted but it's the end result that counts.

Now there's a saying in the Lakes. 'If you can't see the Fells, it's raining'. 'If you can see the Fells, it's going to'. Well by now I couldn't see them. It was absolutely p....ing down... and that distant view of the trees never came again.

So the moral is to check ALL your kit before you go. Don't just make sure you have all the big things like cameras and lenses and wife, but the little things as well. Don't just assume everything's there.

So, where was the 62mm Adapter Ring? I'll tell you where. Back home on another filter holder which I'd only used the week before....

Batteries are essential kit Story from your editor

Along with my camera kit, I also have to carry the picnic bag with sandwiches, cakes and a flask. We never seem to miss anything out of the picnic hamper. (Marie packs this. Say no more.) Dave and Carole suggested we visit the Aira Force Waterfall in the Lake District when we were around this area. Fully kitted out as I thought, we hiked up to the bottom of the falls. I took one photograph and the battery died. I decided not to go back and was chomping away at not being organized, consoling myself that Marie would probably have got better photographs. A visit to Powys Castle and Gardens was going really well and we had planned to eat lunch in the garden grounds. A suitable bench was found and I was munching my sandwich and clicking away when the camera died. I had to cut short my lunch to go back to the car for another battery. Marie says I should be more organized and not put stuff off till tomorrow. Do it today. I think that might be my New Year's resolution.

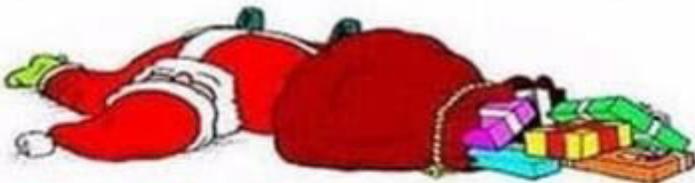


On a holiday in Norway, we were visiting Trondheim from the our Hurtigruten ship, the Kong Harold. Famous for it's cathedral, a 90 minute walk (including stops for photos) away. We managed to get photos of wooden warehouse type buildings and their reflections similar to Bergen waterfront. Also we were able to take photos of the Chinese bridge area. Unfortunately the weather was dull, so the images were flat. We made it to the cathedral and amazingly the sky opened up. Camera at the ready, nothing. No click, I'd done it again. Flat battery. Well I think lesson learned, as we walked back to the ship with the improving light and me twiddling my thumbs while waiting for Marie to take better shots in the now gorgeous light conditions. Then there's all the times I've filled my card and haven't brought another one to change. Another time perhaps.

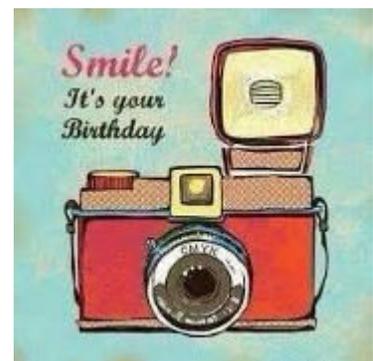
Ok members, both Dave and I have showed the club that you need to put your brain into gear to remember all the camera equipment you are going to need, so please send me your stories To gjcaddick@hotmail.co.uk

Please Note:
CHRISTMAS IS CANCELLED

Apparently, YOU told SANTA that
you have been GOOD this year



He Died Laughing



Happy Birthday

Kyra King 12th December

Kevin Boycott 23rd December