



Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club Newsletter

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Reporting for duty after our holiday break in Scotland. Many thanks to Dave Hanmer for keeping the presses running and keeping members informed. It's amazing how Dave manages to put all the information on one or two pages. I was told the first two weeks were great and went off without a hitch with the newsletters out on Friday. Members will be lucky if they can read this newsletter with their Sunday breakfast.



Marie and I decided to go to Jura on the Friday. We travelled across on the local small ferry and travelled up the main road to Lussa to get a bottle of the local gin. There are 6000 deer on Jura and 5993 managed to stay hidden. When we drove back to the Jura whisky distillery we found out the ferry was out of service due to the propellor falling off. We managed to get off the island back to Islay on a small fishing boat. We stayed at the local hotel slowly getting hissed because we hadn't realised the phones were down and our contact was unaware of our predicament. The hotel owner arranged for a local to run us to our b and b at Bowmore. The ferry was repaired overnight and we were able to pick the car up the next morning. We missed our morning ferry back to the mainland but managed to get the last space on the afternoon ferry. Arrived at Aberchirder at 12pm, probably seven hours later than envisaged. The editor and Marie.

5 PEARLS OF SCOTTISH WISDOM

1. MONEY CANNOT BUY HAPPINESS BUT SOMEHOW, IT'S MORE COMFORTABLE TO CRY IN A MERCEDEZ BENZ THAN IT IS ON A BICYCLE.
2. FORGIVE YOUR ENEMY BUT REMEMBER THE BASTARD'S NAME.
3. HELP A MAN WHEN HE IS IN TROUBLE AND HE WILL REMEMBER YOU WHEN HE IS IN TROUBLE AGAIN.
4. MANY PEOPLE ARE ALIVE ONLY BECAUSE IT'S ILLEGAL TO SHOOT THEM.
5. ALCOHOL DOES NOT SOLVE ANY PROBLEM, BUT THEN NEITHER DOES MILK.

Practical Evening on Monday 20th was really well attended. Stephen and Roy did a fantastic job setting up multiple still life compositions with lighting. Compliments to Roy's wife for the delicious lemon drizzle cake. Rob Cross and Roy were on hand to answer any questions on various camera related problems or queries.



Editors picture of the week
For members comments see the club
Facebook page

Title

Quick hide!
He's going to
take our photo.



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By your editor
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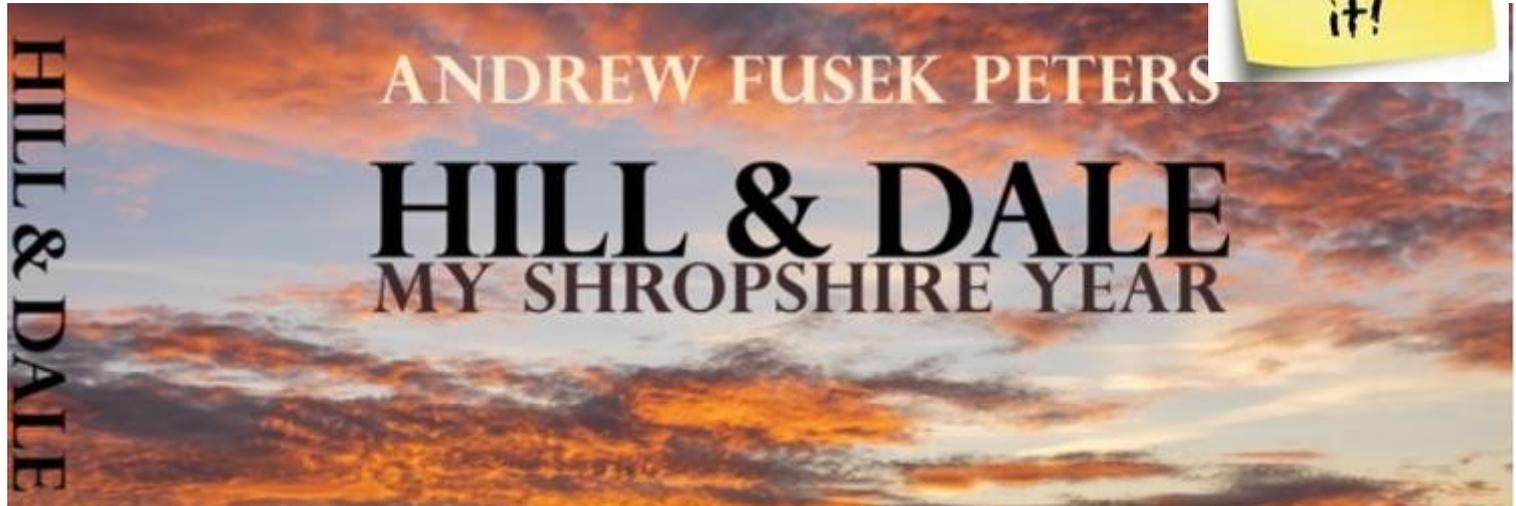
Guest Speaker - Andrew Fusek Peters

19:30 'Davy Suite' Lea Hall Miners Welfare Centre

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Topic: 'Hill & Dale, My Shropshire Year'

Don't
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it!



About

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My life as a photographer is recent. For 25 years I wrote children's and YA books and performed in schools here and abroad. About 10 years ago, I found myself moving away from fiction and towards nature. This began with returning wild swimming, which I had done all my life, but now with a new passion that led onto my book **Dip**. After that came the camera. A new hobby that quickly transformed into a completely new career. If you had told me from a standing start 7 years ago, I would now be immersing myself in local woods and farms, nature reserves, collaborations with conservation groups, and that I would photograph curlews and hobbies in flight and catch the milky way reflected in Wildmoor Pool on the Longmynd; and if you had told me that my photos would be published in books and the national papers - I would have said 'no way'. This is unexpected and humbling. I have found a new relationship with the landscape, with dusk, dawn and the night beyond; with the way light falls before sunrise and how it blooms sometimes after sunset into an intensity that appears miraculous. I have held a road-injured hawfinch in my hands, stalked the utterly rare leucistic red kite in Shropshire (above) and found, with help, where little owls perch by day. My current passion is photographing butterflies in flight. Of course, I love the moments of success, when the world agrees here is something special, but I also have a concern that people might be moved by these pictures and for a second realise we have a lot to lose if we forget to care for nature. All my photos are taken in the wild (whatever that means these days) and not in deer parks, paid for hides or set up locations. For me, there is real joy in developing relationships with farmers, conservation groups and landowners and working incredibly hard to find, observe and photograph wildlife without disturbance. The only exceptions are my garden bird feeding shots and nature reserves with bird hides.



A note about kit: Because I work in both landscape and wildlife, I shoot with a variety of bodies and lenses. I am always simply looking for the right tools for the job and as a result my kit is very bashed and scratched but I don't mind as long as it works. I shot Canon up to three years ago, ending up mainly with the 5d4 and the 500 f4 and 16-35 for landscapes. I then bought into the Olympus system. I currently shoot with the Olympus Em1mk3 and the full set of Pro lenses.

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Monthly Competition No.1

19:30 'Davy Suite' Lea Hall Miners Welfare Centre

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Prints

Subject: 'open'

Judge: Colin Walls

Closing date: 27th September

Dave Perry
Competitions
Secretary



Review last years first competition

10th Oct 2020

Competition 1 PDI on Zoom Open

[Click here to access](#)



Message from Dave Perry. All prints to be in by 27th September with a jpeg for each print. The judge has asked for the jpegs five days before the competition.

A Duracell camera battery was left on Monday's Practical evening, so if members can check their kit please in case it has been picked up by mistake.

Message from Carole Perry

We have been approached by Rugeley Town Councils Development Manager who want to promote Rugeley and the local areas of Armitage, Slitting Mill, Birches Valley, and Wolveley Bridge, with Library stock Images, these would be used as promotional material with design work, social media and publications, with photo credits of course.

This could be a good project for us to take part in, it will also help to promote our camera club. If you are interested please let us know which area you will be covering, we don't all want to cover the same part.

These images could be of buildings, churches, parks, leisure centres, canals, railway in any of the above areas, use your imagination but bear in mind they must promote the area.

Please send your images by jpeg format to dave.p46@sky.com

Hi Everyone, You may have been aware that the Gurkha Welfare Trust has recently named a newly built classroom block at a school in Nepal in memory of my late wife, Margaret in recognition of her work in support of the Trust. The classrooms are now complete with the plaque prominently displayed on the wall. See photos provided by the GWT. I have been overwhelmed by the gesture and what it would have meant to Margaret.

Message from Rob Cross



Rob Cross is 🍌 asking for donations.

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Hello again, Please see my very recent post about the school in Nepal. I have agreed with the Gurkha Welfare Trust (GWT) that I will fund the provision of the necessary furniture and wipe boards in the 3 new classrooms. If you feel you would like to support me in remembering Margaret please donate to the GWT making mention of "Margaret's school". Many, many thanks in anticipation.



£216 raised for The Gurkha Welfare Trust

Marie V Lakin and 6 others donated.

[Click here to donate](#)

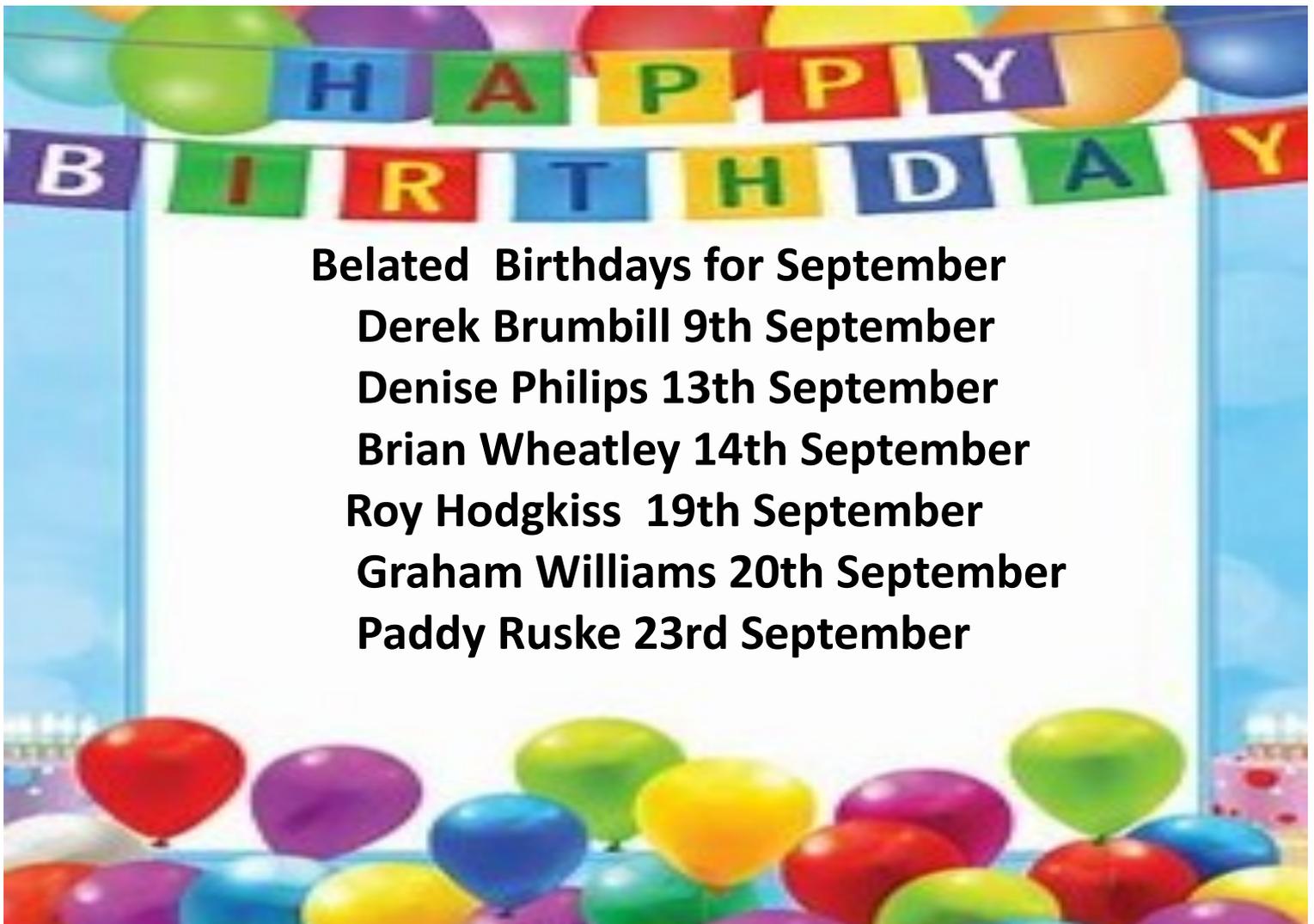
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Don't worry members , it's not Christmas yet. Brenda Page has asked me to include this message. I think she needs the items asap, so thanks in anticipation.

Hi all, a request from me Brenda, has anyone got any photos or documents from the 1st or 2nd world wars. Also needed are any artificial Christmas trees, broken or not, plus any Christmas tree decorations that you may be throwing out. These items will then be turned into a large decorative wreath by some people I know that are putting on a display in the Rugeley indoor market. Any items to be given to myself. Photos and documents will be copied and returned as received. Copied articles would be preferable. This is in aid of the Alzheimer's Society, Many thanks in anticipation,

Brenda





QUIZ TIME

Hi members , Roy Harrison has sent us Quiz number 8. Dave Perry won the £10 voucher for quiz number 7. So get your thinking caps on and send your answers to Roy at.....

harrison290@talktalk.net

Entries must be in by 6pm Thursday 21st October. Good Luck

QUIZ 8 - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

- 1 How many countries still have the "shilling" as currency
a) 4 b) 6 c) 7
- 2 Name 2 of the countries for Question 1
- 3 What did the Romans call Scotland
a) Caledonian b) Pikes c) Highlands
- 4 Which nationality was Polar Explorer "Roald Amundsen"
a) Swedish b) Austrian c) Norwegian
- 5 Which English city was once known as "Duroliponte"
a) Cambridge b) York c) Chester
- 6 The first successful vaccine was introduced in 1796 by Edward Jenner – which disease was it used for. a) Chicken Pox b) Smallpox c) Measles
- 7 What are the five colours of the "Olympic Rings"
- 8 According to Scottish law, it's illegal to be drunk whilst in charge of cow
True / False
- 9 What do you call a group of jellyfish - a) Shoal b) Sack c) Bloom
- 10 In a decathlon event, how many of the ten events are held on the running track
a) 4 b) 2 c) 6
- 11 Name two of the events from Question 10
- 12 What percentage of the human body is water - a) 60% b) 30% c) 45%

Tie Breaker – Which fish is the main ingredient of "Scotch Woodcock"

Lets have a Laugh

A young man went to see a bank manager with a view to extending his overdraft. At first, the manager refused even to consider the request but when the young man pleaded with him, he reconsidered.

'I'll tell you what I'll do' said the bank manager. 'I'm a sporting man and I enjoy a wager. I've got a glass eye and if you can tell which one it is, I'll extend your overdraft'.

'It's your left eye' said the young man without hesitation.

'That's correct' said the bank manager. 'How did you know?'

The young man replied: 'Because it's a damn sight more sympathetic than your right eye'.

Midland Counties Photographic Federation

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Masters of Print 2021
Closing date 8th October

End of an Era by Roger Hance
This article is a real treat for natural history lovers. Some fantastic photos and story.

Wakefield Camera Club
Visual exhibition of members work. Till 19th October.
This article also shows how another camera club functions.

What makes a good photograph? This article gives members an idea of what judges look for in a photograph (they all have different ideas). Well worth reading



THIS TIME LAST YEAR BY JENNIFER WILLIS. (MASTERS OF PRINT 2020) (Editor. Beautiful model, beautiful photograph.)

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Last view of the cooling towers at Rugeley power Station. The view out of the club window won't be the same.