

External Competition Report: Leigh on Sea – 13th Feb 2020 - SS9 1SP

55th Annual Essex Inter – Club Projected Image Competition

Photofold were one of 8 clubs entered, each club fielding 6 images to give a possible total of 60 points. The Judge for this event was Barbie Lindsey who said that she would be marking critically due to the high quality of the images on show which appeared to result in People and Wildlife images scoring better than traditional landscapes. Scores ranged from 6 to a maximum of 10, of which she awarded 4 on the night!

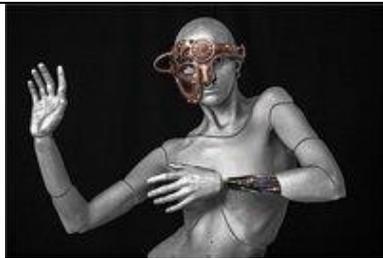
The competition proved to be very close in the low-midfield with outliers at the top.

Photofold eventually came joint 4th (1 place lower than last year) – We did however get 1 of the 4 10's so well done Barry.

Final Results were as follows:

1 st	Benfleet CC (2x10)	53 pts
2 nd	Chelmsford Camera Club	51 pts
3 rd	Leigh CC	48 pts
4 th	Photofold (1x10)	46 pts
4 th	Maldon CC (1x10)	46 pts
6 th	Ingatestone Southend CC	45 pts
6 th	Southend CC	45 pts
8 th	Baddow CC	44 pts

Image of the Night was by Benfleet club – a backlit cheetah walking along a grassy bank

Image	Author	Judge Comments: x	Result
	Fish for Osprey Dinner R.Waters	Beautiful detail on the Osprey, caught in mid flight. It is pin sharp and he is looking at us. The fish tail looks slightly burnt out. There are places you can go to get these pictures but even so, this is a really good example. Shame about the high contrast light, but good positioning within the frame.	7 pts
	I Robot B.Harrington	This is cleverly done with Robot bits and a Human element. The question is how much is Robotic, and how much is Human. Wrist shows lots of robotic so it could be two images combined. The black background works well because it keeps things simple.	8 pts
	Rain at St Pauls D.Hussey	This looks better the further away you are. I enjoyed the fact that you haven't shown all of St Pauls. When you get close to this you can see the rubbish on the ground. The burnt out areas could be toned down slightly.	6 pts

	<p>Tunnel of Trees L.Skaret</p>	<p>Wonderful avenue of Trees, Autumnal colours with a figure walking towards us, which is good. The dogs are an added bonus.</p>	<p>9 pts</p>
	<p>Faceoff B.Harrington</p>	<p>Lovely detail, especially the one on the left. This is almost a studio portrait with lovely lighting and vibrant colour tones.</p>	<p>10 pts</p>
	<p>English Summer L.Skaret</p>	<p>Great title, especially relevant at the moment with what the country is going through. Very grainy in the Sky, and not really any Black in the image with an excess of Grey which doesn't really work.</p>	<p>6 pts</p>

The judge knew what she liked and scored all images between 6 and 10. It would appear that action shots also did well with two "Motorcycle" shots and a canoe shot all being held back and scoring 9 or 10. Landscapes seemed to fare less well, but this obviously affected all clubs equally.

Dave Hussey:- External Competitions Secretary – 14th February 2020