

Dear Members,

Here are the Hailsham Photographic Society results from the KCPA Ross Cup annual Print competition that took place on Sunday.

I am delighted to say that **HPS came joint 3rd overall** with a total 135 marks out of 33 clubs from across Kent and into Sussex sharing 3rd place with Eastbourne and Tonbridge clubs. A really great achievement as we came joint 10th in this competition last year, 4th in 2015 and 2013 and 20th in 2014

This year in 2nd place was Canterbury Photographic Society with 138 marks and in 1st place with a fabulous panel was Beckenham Photographic Society with a total of 141 points

The judge, Chris Palmer, commented on the high standard of work in the competition, saying that he would have liked to give out at least another 5 Merit certificates but he had been limited to 12!

As a general comment he felt that a lot of the work had been printed too large, "not all images benefit from the full A3 or A3+treatment, it would have been more appropriate to the subject (ie butterflies in particular) if it had been printed at a smaller size". In his view as the work is constrained by a mount of 40 x 50 cm, the larger the print the narrower the border sometimes resulting in a meaner looking border.

He added that technical concerns were a problem in many of the lower scorers, lack of sharpness, poor tonality and inappropriate processing along with inappropriate or poor light which should always be a vital ingredient in the success of a photograph. He concluded that a simply competent record shot that may have succeeded at club level will rarely gain plaudits when set against the much higher standard at Federation level.

All individual marks were out of a possible 20
for those who like statistics (there were 264 prints in total)
overall there were 12 prints awarded 20 and a merit certificate,
only 9 awarded an 19,
12 awarded an 18,
38 awarded a 17,
80 awarded a 16,
59 awarded a 15, 42 awarded a 14, and 12 awarded a 13
I am pleased to say that ours were all awarded 16 and above

Autumn – Powdermill Wood by Liz Scott ARPS AFIAP scored **19**

Frosted Decay by Gay Biddlecombe LRPS DPAGB scored **18**

Evening Light, Albufera by Pat Broad ARPS EFIAP (accepted at National and International level) scored **17**

Snow Storm Bexhill by Edward Sturgeon LRPS scored **17**

All the below scored **16**

Geothermal Pipes by Hugh Milsom FRPS MFIAP EFIAP/p (this print received a certificate of Merit for HPS at the 'Only Mono' competition in Wales earlier this year and has been accepted at National and International level)

Marking the Way by Janice Payne ARPS (this print was awarded a selectors RPS ribbon at this year's RPS Digital Imaging Group annual print competition)

Night Train by Michael Sales LRPS CPAGB

Selfridges Birmingham by David Mills ARPS

Congratulations to everyone who took part, those that had their prints chosen and also to those who entered prints for consideration, many thanks.

Regards

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