

EAF Inter-club PDI Championship

On the 5th February representatives from 33 clubs in our region gathered for the yearly EAF PDI Championship in a community hall outside Cambridge. The 33 clubs represents about 25% of the EAF membership. The top club would win the coveted trophy and the top two clubs would represent the EAF at the PAGBPDI Club Championships in Warwick. The judges were Bill Hall, Barry Mead and Leo Rich. All who have too many letters after their names to mention!

Each club sends in 25 PDIs which are split into Two rounds of 15 and 10 respectively. Only the top 13 clubs go into the second round. So we put all our eggs in one basket and put what the selection panel think are our best images in to the first round in the hope that we might get through.

Every image is looked at by the 3 judges for about 5 or 10 seconds and marked out of 5. The total from those three marks gives a score out of 15. So if all judges think the image is brilliant it gets a 15. The lowest they can give is a 2 so marks vary between 6 and 15.

So once everyone is seated and formalities are over we sit in the dark for a couple of hours looking at an amazing array of images from the first round. Our first image didn't too well only scoring an 8, but our other images scored between 10 and 12. Altogether we got 5 marked at 12, 4 marked at 11 and 5 marked at 10. Giving us a total of 162. The score for getting into the second round was 167.

There were three scores of 15 out of the 330 images in the first round and 6 scores of 14 so the judges were being quite hard. There was no critique so we all played 'guess the mark' - often quite hard!

After a bring and share picnic lunch BCC settled down again into the dark. The images in the second round were perhaps not as good as the first. With no 15s being scored and some clubs obviously not expecting to get into the second round had considerably weaker images. Beyond Group were very beyond everyone and steamed ahead finishing 17 points ahead of Thurrock, Wayland and Cambridge who all tied for 2nd place.

There was then a break for tea and cake (supplied) while the powers that be did a lot of head scratching and digging into the rule books to separate the 3 clubs and find the other club which would represent the EAF in Warwick. In the end Thurrock were deemed to have come second.

Although we didn't get into the second round we got a very reasonable score coming equal 18th with Harlow.

The images representing Bedford Camera Club in the first round were:

All lined up	John Pegram
Marsh pride lion cubs	Andy Howe
Andrew	Cliff Harvey
Dystopian Future	John Gough
Fox Hound	Bruce Deacon
Male lion	Andy Howe

And my point is	John Pegram
Marmoset on glass	Ian Whiting
Repent	John Gough
Sheelanagig at Shrewsbury Folk Festival	Lynn Short
Storm Brewing	Bruce Deacon
Female kestrel walking	Andy Howe
Surfer	Mike Clifton
We Rent Towels	Lynn Short
Watching the sunset	John Pegram

If you want to see the judges personal selection and the best image of the competition you can view these at:

<http://www.eaf.org.uk/index.php/info/championships/award-winning-images-2017.html>