



### ANNUAL THREE-WAY BATTLE

#### Ipswich & District Photographic Society – Lowestoft Photographic Club – Norwich & District Photographic Society

Date: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Venue: Burlington Baptist Church Centre, Ipswich

Judge: Sarah Kelman ARPS, DPAGB

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 saw the return of this well-loved 'battle' between three of East Anglia's oldest photography clubs. The Coronavirus pandemic had kept us apart since 2019, but Ipswich were this season's hosts and representatives of all three clubs met in their meeting room in Ipswich for the judging by Sarah Kelman ARPS, DPAGB from Cambridge with the meeting being Zoomed live to those members of the three clubs who did not attend in person.

And what an evening of excitement it turned out to be!

We arrived in Ipswich fresh from the outstanding performance by our members just four days before in a new style photo-competition with Sheffield Photographic Society and the London club, Old Coulsdon Camera Club, but far from being battle weary we were prepared for a tough engagement. Throughout the evening as first monochrome and then colour prints were displayed and marked the top score swayed from one club to the other until, at half time, amazingly, all three clubs were separately by just half a point. There were murmurs of surprise from the Competition Secretaries, a lot of ad hoc checking of points and the judge said she could not recall a similar situation.

In the final part, everything was left to play for. Another 21 digital images were displayed, and careful notes were made of the scores. Finally with every picture displayed and the scores recorded on the software and the notepads of the Competition Secretaries the winner was declared. Norwich and District Photographic Society! The final scores were NDPS 181.5, LCC 180.5 and IDPS 177.5

Summary of the scores in each round:

Round	IDPS	LPC	NDPS
Round 1 – monochrome prints	61.5	57.5	58.5
Round 2 – colour prints	58.0	62.5	61.0
Round 3 – projected digital images (PDI)	58.0	60.5	62.0
TOTAL SCORE:	177.5	180.5	181.5

The NDPS selection from 14 different Society members showed our strength in depth with more than 76% of our entries being awarded at least 8 1/2 out of a maximum score of 10.



Congratulations to Adrian, Alan, Dave B, David J, David T, Des, Gary, Jayne, Justin, Malcolm, Maurice, Pat, Patricia and Tom, whose excellent images across a broad selection of photographic genres all contributed to our success.

The image below shows NDPS Chairman alongside a representative from Ipswich being awarded the winner's trophy by Sarah Kelman.



Tom Watson being awarded the trophy by Sarah Kelman accompanied by representative from the last winners and host club Ipswich