

SILEBY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Round three of the annual Quarterly Competition took place at the Zoom meeting of Sileby Photographic Society held on Monday, 17th May when it fell to Vin Scothern, DPAGB, AFIAP, EFIAP/b, BPE5* to judge the entries placed before him.

The evening comprised two competitions, a themed section and an open one, with images presented in monochrome and/or colour, and points awarded to a maximum of 20 for the winning image.

The themed section under the heading 'Man-made' provided an opportunity for entrants to use their imagination and perception when presenting images under this title, and they did so with aplomb.

Those featured, amongst others, were the Terracotta Warriors, buildings of various construction, windmills, lighthouses, etc., etc., culminating with an image of a mouth-watering home-made prepared meal.

After much deliberation, Vin awarded 1st place to Colin Machin for his image 'Guggenheim, Bilbao' which achieved the maximum 20 points. Mandy Sherrington's 'Fishing Village, Tonle Sap' was awarded 2nd place, with her image 'Clevedon Bridge', sharing joint 3rd place with Pauline Kerr's entry of 'Man-made Pavement'.

The Open Section had the flexibility of providing entrants with the opportunity to present up to three images, with the subject matter being that of their own choice.

Whilst all entries were excellent, it was always going to be difficult for anyone to compete and hold their own against Gianpiero Ferrai, a natural history and wildlife photographer who has won many national and international awards. He swept the board with three delightful images, 'Hard Working Blue Tit', claimed 1st place achieving 20 points, closely followed by his two other entries 'Carrying the Remains' and 'Early Orange Tip' each achieving 19 points, and thus awarded second place.

John Hoogerwerf thanked Vin for his excellent comments for each image, and also to participating members for their fantastic entries submitted.

The next Zoom meeting of SPS will be held on Monday, 7th June when John Hoogerwerf, this year's President, will present an evening of his choice. This will be the final meeting of the current year before the summer break after which meetings will re-start in September 2021. Monday evening walks will take place, weather permitting, throughout the summer months and prospective new members are welcome to come along too, armed with their cameras, to enjoy the local countryside and a visit to a local hostelry afterwards for thirst-quenching refreshment. With the possible lifting of Covid restrictions, it is hoped that the 2021-2022 meetings will once again be held in the Community Centre.

Further details relating to the activities of SPS are available to view on its website.

