

# CPS : Competitions 2017-18 Season

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**Here is an account of the season's external competitions.**

## **The Robertshaw Trophy**

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We hired the Vagrants Sports Club in Willaston for this event; a PDI competition between 5 clubs (Crewe, Leek, Holmes Chapel, Blythe Bridge and Macclesfield). The anticipating clubs all made an excellent entry and Bob Dennis, as judge, had a hard task.

Result – Macclesfield won with 205 points. Leek 198, Blythe Bridge 197, Holmes Chapel 192 and Crewe PS 190

## **Novice Cup**

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Held on the day of the Big Day 15th October 2017, this event proved to be a great success with 27 clubs entering with 324 images.

Judges:

Robert Millin DPAGB, EFIAP/g, SPSA.EPSA, ABPE.

Gwen Charnock FRPS, MFIAP.

Phil Charnock FRPS, MFIAP.

Results

1st Chorley PS 301

2nd Stalybridge PC 282

3rd Atherton and District APS 272

Colour Print

1 *Waxwing* Robert Brown Crewe Ps 30

= *Sorcerer's Apprentice* Angela Carr North Fylde Ps 30

= *The Fight* Joanne Sainty Chorley Ps 30

= *Pine Marten in the Rain* John Cobham Chorley Ps 30

Monochrome Print

1 *Checking the Landing* Lynda Haney Warrington Ps 30

2 *Last Fence* Robert Brown Crewe Ps 29

= *Ready Willing And Able* Jennifer Barnes Stalybridge Pc 29

**The “5-Towns” – (Alan Challinor for Monochrome Prints)**

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This event, for monochrome prints, is held in high regard by the participating clubs – Crewe, Nantwich, Alsager, MCCC and Sandbach. We hired the Vagrants room again. The judge, Jane Lines, was delayed in traffic and the competition start was delayed by 45 minutes. Nantwich won after a tie-break with Alsager by virtue of having the 20 marks for best print. Crewe came 3<sup>rd</sup>, MCCC 4<sup>th</sup> and Sandbach 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **L&CPU PDI Knock-Out**

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November 2017 - We submitted 8 images but the number used depends on the number of entries and this year's good entry meant that the number used was only 4. The Evolve Group won, with 17 points and Chorley second with 15. Our friends MCC came third with 14 points. I'm afraid nothing else was published, but we gained 11 points.

### **Inter-Club with Alsager**

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January 2018. This year we hosted this one and it was judged by Connor Molloy. Each club uses 15 PDIs and 15 prints, no more than 3 from any one author. Our win was particularly pleasing considering Alsager are excellent opposition: 261 to 254 in the PDIs and 256 to 253 in the Prints.

### **L&CPU Club Annuals**

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This year these competitions were postponed due to bad weather on 3&4 March. The PDI s were judged on 5 April but the prints will not be judged until the day after the end of our season. We did well in nature and general sections (3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>) but our mono work let us down a little (19<sup>th</sup>) though we finished 10<sup>th</sup> overall.

### **L&CPU Annual Individuals Competition (2016-17)**

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These take place after our season ends, so I report here on 2017. Only Wallace Baxter entered prints. He had *Splits on the Beam* accepted for the exhibition and *Lady in Pink* selected for the folios. Rather more PDIs were entered and a number scored well. Most notably, Ian Whiston score three 14s and as aarded a silver medal for *Cheetah and Family*, Stephen Coyne had a "13" for *That Cigar Moment* and it was Commended too. Wallace Baxter's  *Holding On* got a 13 too.

### **The PAGB Great British Cup**

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For the second time we entered the Small Clubs competition rather than the main one and finished 3rd.

- 2 Atherton & District Amateur Photographic Society 118
- 3 Crewe Photographic Society 117

The great thing was that Martin McGing gained a judge's silver medal for *Balance and Coordination*, it had scored 14. Wallace Baxter had a 13 for *Jackknife on the Beam* and there was a bevy of 12s giving us this excellent place overall.

### **Inter-club with Sandbach**

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Judged by Darrel Oakden. We won by a reasonable margin, but Sandbach are a smaller club. I have a high regard for their work and we are very pleased that they are able to continue to competing. In any event it is not just who is "best" on the night; we enjoy visiting our friends in the local clubs and seeing what work they are doing.

### **Inter-club with Nantwich**

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We always have braced ourselves for this one – it is always close and last year they won by one point! This year was also a victory for Nantwich, by 4 points.

### **North Cheshire Challenges**

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Our annual trip(s) to Poynton resulted in a fifth place in the prints. This was judged by Tom Dodd and he gave Paul Hill's *Afon Lloer* a 19.

The PDI KO was judged by John Cartilage and we came 9<sup>th</sup> with Ian Whiston's *Lioness fending off male lion* and Wallace Baxter's *Emerging Gannets* staying in until the fourth round.

Successes in our own competitions are celebrated in our awards ceremony which takes place just before the AGM and will be published on the website, together with this report, before the end of the season.

John Royle

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