

Forest of Galtres Camera Club 25th November

Competition Judging

Two more of the annual competitions were judged on Monday evening by Emma Littlefair, President of Ripon Camera Club. These were the Pat Riggs Open and the Landscape Digital competitions, each with over thirty entries. It was so good to see the entries boosted by the contributions of new members. Emma explained that she had spent a lot of time considering each image and reminded members that she was giving her opinions and we may not agree with them.

She commented on each entry for the Pat Riggs Open and then awarded commended, highly commended, then third, second and first place. Commended was given to Peter Dobson's Easingwold Rooftops. David Loades received commended for Raindrops and a highly commended for Hanging Garden. Another highly commended was awarded to Rebecca Marshall for Birthday Sunrise at Beadnell. Third place went to Pam Pope's Nuthatch. Emma commented on the sharpness of the bird's eye, so important in such a shot, and the effective background. Second was Jim Kelman's Lost Specs which Emma particularly liked because it was one of those images that encouraged the viewer to speculate what the story behind it might be. First place was awarded to Pam Pope's Red Squirrel. The bird's eye was sharp and the background avoided any distraction from the subject.

From the landscape entries, Carole Smith's Gentle Autumn Cascade and Mike Wallis' Roseberry Topping were both commended. David Higgins's black and white coastal image called Storm Brewing and John Hetherington's Loch Linnhe each received a highly commended. Third place was Graham Lythe's Windermere. The light captured in this scene really appealed to Emma. Vic Brooke's Loch View was in second place. Here, Emma liked the quality of the reflection.

Again, an image by Pam Pope was placed first. This was a striking and very different landscape located in Svalbard, part of a Norwegian Archipelago between Norway and the North Pole.

Many thanks to Emma and congratulations to all those who received one of the top three places or a commendation. Next week, members Vic Brookes and Peter Briggs will host the evening.