

On 2nd March Colchester entered the Braintree Mono Shield

Judge was Barbie Lindsay, MPAGB, EFIAP/s, FBPE.

My thanks to Vic Hainsworth keeping a note of the judge's comments:

Nowhere – Aysu Bilgic – 9.0 [Certificate of Merit](#)

Enjoyed the dilapidated walls and hanging curtain. Shadow balanced the image, but questioned, 'why was he facing a blank wall?' It would have helped if there had been a door for the subject to walk through.

Estuary Light – Chris Aldred -7.0

Liked the mood and lighting in the sky but she felt it was far too dark on the left of the image. (Didn't look too dark on my monitor).

Veiled Thoughts – Chrissie Alexander – 9.5 [Certificate of Merit](#)

The light, which looked to be natural, was well-handled and lit the model very well. Barbie tends to like to have eye contact but, in this case, it worked for her. The 0.5 reduction in the mark was because she would have liked to see more of the model's right hand.

Mountain Winter – Iceland – 9.0 [Certificate of Merit](#)

Really enjoyed the feel of this image, wonderful lighting and great tonal range throughout. However, she had spotted several 'dust bunnies' which shouldn't have been there.

The Roar – Chrissie Hart – 8.0

Good tonal range in the two female lions but felt that the lighting fell off to the right. It would have been much stronger if it had been a square image and more of a portrait. Also, she would have lost some of the base.

There, but for the Grace of God, go I – 6.0

She did not like this at all - the legs could have been included or cropped in closer, didn't like the MacDonald's cup which didn't need to be included and also didn't like the final treatment.

Club	Score
Chelmsford	51
Maldon	50
Colchester	48.5
Clacton	48
Springfield	46
Halstead	45
Braintree	43
Pierrefitte	42.5
Sudbury	39

Colchester came third, with Chelmsford winning and the Best Image going to Tori Andrews of Halstead with her image of "Spoonbill Preening"

Barbie spread her marks wide; out of the 60 images entered 14 scored 6 whilst only 3 scored 10.

Chrissie Hart

External Competition Secretary