

Colchester Photographic Society

EAF PDI Championships 2026

On Sunday 15th February, we travelled to Fulbourn for the EAF PDI Championships, hoping to qualify for the National Finals, which is usually held at Warwick School in July.

The marking was incredibly tight (a complete contrast to the marking at Blackburn, where if you scored an 11 out of 15 you were falling behind). This time, 11 was quite a good mark, a score of 12 and above and you were doing very well.

Although not really having many high scores, we had quite a number of 11s and 12s in the first round and managed to avoid getting many 9s, which were liberally given out to many images on show. This left us in third place at the end of the first round.

After lunch, we held off a strong fightback from Cambridge to finish third overall and I am delighted to say that we have now qualified for the PDI Championships at Warwick. This is a great day out and an opportunity to see the very best of club photography in Great Britain. I will forward details of this event when I have them.

Congratulations to Robert Macdonald, whose image Fighting Fieldfares scored 15 and was awarded best image on the day.



The final positions for the top 10 clubs was as follows

1	PICO	309
2	Beyond	302
3	Colchester	285
4	Cambridge	281
5	Ipswich	277
5	North Norfolk	277
7	Bury St Edmunds	276
8	Chelmsford	273
9	Norwich and District	271
10	Hoddesdon	260

Our images fared as follows

	Projected Digital Image (PDI) Title	Author	Nature	Not web
Round one				
01	Shall we Dance	Chris Pugh		12
02	Hyena Cub with Wildebeest	Chrissie Hart	N	11
03	Gale Force 8	Shaun Hykel		11
04	On the edge of the mist	Andrew Bailey		10
05	The Guardians	Colin Westgate		12
06	Enchanted Forest	Andrew Bailey		11
07	Into the Crowd	Jonathan Dadds		9
08	Fence and Snow, Iceland	Colin Westgate		12
09	Llyn Dinas Morning	Roy Essery		12
10	Territorial Dispute	Chris Aldred	N	13
11	Flo all of a flutter	Chris Pugh		11
12	Similarities	Roy Essery		11
13	Herringfleet Mill in Freezing Fog	Andrew Bailey		14
14	Elephant and Calf	Chrissie Hart	N	14
15	Last Light, Glencoe	Colin Westgate		10
Round two				
16	Fighting Fieldfares	Robert Macdonald	N	15
17	Seaweed and Frost	Colin Westgate		10
18	Where sheep may safely graze	Andrew Bailey		11
19	Can you hear me	Jonathan Dadds		9
20	Summer Meadow Cyanotype	Katherine Bailey		10
21	Max and Trainer	Richard Cunningham		10
22	Street Dog Resting in Kolkata Memorial	Kate Jackson		12
23	Abandoned Farm, Iceland	Colin Westgate		12
24	God save the Freaks	Chrissie Hart		11
25	Jackals take down Grants Gazelle	Chrissie Hart	N	12

Congratulations to all authors who had images selected – please let me know if you get an image worthy of consideration for the National Finals as we will be hoping to assemble as strong an entry as possible for Warwick over the next couple of months.

Andrew Bailey

External Competition Secretary