

Dear Member,

Here is a report of our meeting on 24 January 2022.

1. The meeting was well attended

There were eleven attendees in the Baptist Hall and eleven via Zoom which included four members from the U3A Mill Hill Group. At the Baptist church we were able to welcome two new members, Elisabeth Curran and Steve Binysh, I hope they liked what they saw and that they would like to attend in future.

2. Main presentation "How to improve your images" by John Clark

John delivered an excellent presentation of how to improve our images. He demonstrated really effectively how careful cropping, appropriate aperture and shutter speed will produce award winning photographs. All of the subjects presented could have been taken by any of us in our garden, park or on holiday. There were examples of portrait, landscape, macro and Black and White photographs that can be much more dramatic than if they were in colour. John delivered a master class in photography, which we all appreciated.

3. The competitions results

Andrew introduced our competitions with 22 entries for "Festive Scenes" and 26 for "Shot of the Month"

3.1 Results for "Festive Scenes - 24 January 2022"

Points	Position	Title	Photographer
12	1	JN London Arcade on Christmas Eve	Janet Nicolas
11	2	AL Through a Glass Darkly	Andrew Longhurst
7	3	JN Ice Rink in South Kensington	Janet Nicolas
7	3	BH Nativity tableau	Brian Hillier
7	3	SM Lights in Windsor	Susam Madigan
6	6	SM Santa Claus	Susam Madigan
3	7	WB Shh you aint seen me right	Ian Brown
3	7	FL Christmas Baubles	Freda Longhurst
2	9	WB For Great Ormond Street Hospital Eastcote	Ian Brown
2	9	AL Opening Presents	Andrew Longhurst
2	9	MB They decorated the cake	Malcolm Barwick
1	12	MM Peascod Street, Windsor	Malcolm Barwick

3.2 Results for "Shot of the Month - 24 January 2022"

Points	Position	Title	Photographer
13	1	RW - Lincoln Cathedral	Robert Waltz
12	2	SM Black tailed godwit	Susan Madigan
6	3	JN Golf Madeiran Style	Janet Nicolas
5	4	AL Horse Dawn at Port Meadow Oxford	Andrew Longhurst
5	4	BH-Light and Shadows	Brian Hillier
3	6	MM Minorities Hotel, Aldgate	Mick Madigan
3	6	WB Red Kite Stokenchurch	Ian Brown
3	6	FL Where's my Chips?	Freda Longhurst
3	6	RW - Big skies near Dunston Lincs	Robert Waltz
2	10	JN Rainbow over Funchal	Janet Nicolas
2	10	SM Carlisle Cathedral	Susan Madigan
2	10	MB Winter Wonderland	Malcolm Barwick
2	10	MB The Serpentine	Malcolm Barwick
2	10	MM St Paul's Cathedral	Mick Madigan
2	10	FL Green Parakeet	Freda Longhurst
1	16	MM Sermon Lane on Peters Hill looking from St Pauls	Mick Madigan

4. Our next Competitions

The main topic will be "**Black and White**" and "**Shot of the Month**". Your B/W entries may be taken in either B/W or in colour that you later convert to B/W.

5. Andrew will create and share next competition Google Photo Albums.

When Andrew has created the Google Albums he will email the links to you.

6. Important Dates

14 Feb - Mon - 3pm Committee meeting

20 Feb - Sun - midnight - Final submission of your photo entries

26 Feb - Sat - midnight - Final submission of your votes

28 Feb - Mon - Group meeting at Baptist Church and via Zoom

7. Technical points

7.1 Zoom temporarily Unmute/Mute using Spacebar

When using Zoom one usually places the cursor over the Microphone Icon and presses the left mouse button to toggle between Mute and Unmute.

During our Zoom meetings you may find it far more convenient to leave your PC in Mute and when you wish to speak - press the Spacebar down, which temporarily Unmutes your PC - when you have finished speaking release the Spacebar.

7.2 Display of Competition pictures had white menu bars above and below

During the display of Competition photos from Andrew's computer members in the Baptist hall saw the competition photo ok, but there was a white menu bar at the top and bottom of the screen, i.e. above and below the competition photo. This effect was probably also seen by members on Zoom.

The committee will investigate this.

The meeting ended at 4pm.

Brian Hillier,
Group Leader