

Digital Photography Group

Here is a report of our meeting on 25 April 2022.

1. The meeting was well attended

There were fourteen attendees in the Baptist Hall, four via Zoom and four apologies for absence were received.

2. Presentation "Does the Camera Lie?" by Brian Hillier

- The camera does not lie, but the photographer can create photos that can;
 - Produce art or a beautiful picture
 - Emphasis a point of view
 - Sell a product,
 - Create "fake news" or misinformation

3. The competition results

Thank you Andrew for presenting our competition results.

3.1 Results for "Before and After" - 25 April 2022

1	Train Blur - Excellent sense of movement and isolation. The Mask tool was used to isolate train to and blur background.	Tony Kemp
2	Norfolk Broads - A good example of recovering detail in the very dark foreground.	Andrew Longhurst
= 3	Hever Lake Canada Goose - Crop selects best part of the photo.	Margaret Dorigan
= 3	The Chelsea Pensioners - An amusing transformation	Karol Schlacter
= 4	Lunch - Converting to B/W transports photo back into the 1950/60s	Ralph Watson
= 4	Shades of Blue - Darkening blue layers gives more impact	Janet Nicolas
= 4	Blackbird - Crop has created much stronger image.	Andrew Longhurst
= 4	Trevi fountain Rome - Cropping gives impact to the photo	W. Ian Brown
= 4	Pooch in the Park -Striking picture of a powerful dog	Elisabeth Curran
= 4	Ropey Dog - Cropped section with dog gives photo impact	Malcom Barwick

3.2 Results for "Shot of the Month - 25 April 2022"

1	Spring at Hever - Lovely simple picture, rather like Monet's bridge in Giverney	Margaret Dorigan
2	Low Tide at Blakeney Point - A gentle seascape with plenty of space.	Andrew Longhurst
2	Life Gets Tedious Don't It? - Dog is so appealing and really looks bored.	Janet Nicolas
= 3	Is this green stuff edible - Charming. All babies test everything with their mouth	Ralph Watson
= 3	Wonderful trees - A dramatic view that retains the eye in the picture.	Malcolm Barwick
= 4	Rum Factory in Madeira - Impressive picture of equipment used to make natural rum. Also seen on TV- Fri 22 Apr Ch 5 7:30 - Greg Wallace in Madeira	Janet Nicolas
= 4	Wembley Wall - Clear and distinct images - Would this encourage obesity?	Ralph Watson
= 4	Chartwell - Lovely picture of 'Churchill's home' where he probably painted this scene many times	Margaret Dorigan
= 4	Boris Slandered - Good street photography of a lively, colourful character	Steve Binysh

3.3 The Full Voting results

2022-04-25-Before and After			
Title	Who	Pos	Tot
Train Blur	TK	1	18
Norfolk Broads B	AL	2	15
Hever Lake Canada Goose B	MD	3	8
The Chelsea Pensioners B	KS	3	8
Lunch B	RaW	4	3
Shades of Blue B	JN	4	3
Blackbird B	AL	4	3
Trevi fountain Rome B	WB	4	3
Pooch in the Park B	EC	4	3
Ropey Dog B	MB	4	3
Orchid B	JN	5	2
North American Bald Eagle B	WB	5	2
Garden Gate B	BH	5	2
Welsh Regiment B	BH	5	2
Stairs B	RaW	6	1
Big Ben B	EC	6	1
Guitar Practice	MB	6	1
Face in the Clouds B	JN		0

Tiger B	RaW		0
Ukulele B	BH		0
Swanning around at Hever B	MD		0
Museum of London Enhanced	TK		0
London Walk Enhanced	TK		0
Watzmann mountain Berchtesgaden Germany B	WB		0

Shot of the Month			
Title	Who	Pos	Tot
Spring at Hever	MD	1	12
Low Tide at Blakeney Point	AL	2	9
Life Gets Tedious Don't It?	JN	2	9
Is this green stuff edible	RaW	3	6
Wonderful trees	MB	3	6
Rum Factory in Madeira	JN	4	5
WembleyWall	RaW	4	5
Chartwell	MD	4	5
Boris Slandered	SB	4	5
No Cruise Ships in Port	JN	5	4
Flying Visit	FL	5	4
Hever Castle, Kent	MD	6	4
Party time	MB	6	3
In Full Bloom	RaW	7	2
Seaside Medivac	AL	7	2
Off on it's travels	WB	7	2
Curious Cat	BH	8	1
Sad Norfolk Windmill	AL		0
Easter Vigil	BH		0
Rhododendrons Langley Park	BH		0
Buttercups	JB		0
The lull before the storm	WB		0
Granddaughter having Easter fun.	WB		0
Reflections	MB		0

4. Our next Competitions

- Themed competition is "**Letters and Numbers**"
Your entry photos should suggest a Letter or Number e.g.
 - Three Flying ducks on a wall
 - A recognisable number of Animals or plants
 - The outline shape of a Letter or Number
 - See John Allen's link to ePhotozine in 9.3 below.
- Also, "Shot of the Month"

5. Important Dates

- 09 May- Mon - 3pm Committee meeting
- 14 May - Sun - midnight - Final submission of your photo entries
- 20 May - Sat - midnight - Final submission of your votes
- 23 May - Mon - Group meeting at Baptist Church and via Zoom

6. Technical point - Trial of directional microphone

During the tea-break, an external microphone was attached to presenter's laptop.

- Initially, it was pointed at presenter, then to the Audience
- Finally, the microphone pointed at both presenter and audience
- Zoomers could hear the presenter very well, and also a member of the audience when only that member a little more loudly
- We will continue with this microphone in future meetings.

9. Interesting Websites suggested by members

9.1 From Brian - To see examples of "Does the camera lie" photographs

<https://www.diyphotography.net/the-camera-never-lies-is-a-myth-and-these-photographers-explain-why/>

<https://digital-photography-school.com/understanding-dynamic-range-photography/>

<https://www.boredpanda.com/truth-behind-photography-tricks/>

<https://digitalsynopsis.com/design/before-and-after-photoshop-pictures/>

9.2 From Sheppy. - Click on this link to see stunning pictures from around the world.

https://izismile.com/2020/07/07/you_needed_to_see_these_unusual_photos_40_pics-1.html

9.3 From John Allen, ePhotozine with examples of photos based on letters or numbers

<https://www.ephotozine.com/forums/topic/daily-competition--20-04-2022---numbers--letters-124690/p-3>

The meeting ended at 4pm.

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