# **U3A Digital Photo Group Meeting – 28 February 2022**

Dear Member,

Here is a report of our meeting on 28 February 2022.

#### 1. The meeting was well attended

There were eleven attendees in the Baptist Hall and four via Zoom. Coffee 75p and tea 60p was very welcome and available during the interval.

# 2. Presentation "Is old black camera threatened by camera phone development' by Andrew Longhurst

Thank you Andrew for presenting the features and merits of different digital cameras and mobile phones. The principal features were;

#### - Camera phones

- Are much lighter, especially if Digital cameras have heavy lenses.
- Take excellent quality images
- Long telephone options possible with small sensor and prism
- Useful life might be limited by software or Telecomm upgrades

## - Old style cameras

- One can adjust aperture, speed, ISO
- Take excellent quality images
- Will continue to work for many years, as no software updates
- Heavier, or much heavier with large lenses
- Preferred for use on Photo shoots and sporting events

#### 3. The competition results

Brian introduced our competitions with 27 entries for "Black and White" and 29 for "Shot of the Month"

# 3.1 Results for "Black and White" - 28 February 2022

| Position | Points | Title                 | Photographer    |
|----------|--------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| J-1st    | 9      | No Smoke without Fire | Steve Binysh    |
| J-1st    | 9      | St Pauls Cathedral    | Susan Madigan   |
| J-2nd    | 6      | Almost a Black Cat    | John Allen      |
| J-2nd    | 6      | Nutmeg, the cat       | Freda Longhurst |

#### 3.2 Results for "Shot of the Month - 28 February 2022"

| Position | Points | Title                           | Photographer    |
|----------|--------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1st      | 20     | Song Bird                       | Freda Longhurst |
| 2nd      | 17     | Barbican Interior               | Brian Hillier   |
| 3rd      | 11     | The Thames at Marlow, Boathouse | Janet Nicolas   |
| 4th      | 9      | Grey day in Trent Park, Tractor | Steve Binysh    |

#### 3.3 Tony Kemp has posted winners on U3A website as a Youtube video

To view video click on <u>DIg-Pho</u> or <u>https://youtu.be/siDir5- bgU</u>

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#### 3.4 Full results attached in two spreadsheets

## 3.5 Format for next competition presentations

- Quick run through of all photos
- Show photos in winning order and invite comments
- Continue to use anonymous format
- Email members the voting results.

#### 4. Our next Competitions

The main topic will be "Snap into Spring" and "Shot of the Month". Andrew will create the albums then email you the links.

#### 5. Important Dates

- 14 Mar Mon 3pm Committee meeting
- 21 Mar Sun midnight Final submission of your photo entries
- 26 Mar Sat midnight Final submission of your votes
- 28 Mar Mon Group meeting at Baptist Church and via Zoom

#### 6. Technical point - Mishap during presentation of Competition photos.

During a Zoom session there is an option for the presenter to share only a Selected Portion of their screen, i.e. only the photo but not the menu bars around the photo.

Brian tried this, but then got into muddle, so we won't try this again for some time.

## 7. Interesting suggestions from members

From Sheppy.

- Click on this link to see lovely pictures of Scotland
- Your pictures of Scotland: 21 28 January BBC News

From Malcolm,

- The BBC has a website showing weather-watchers' photos
- Click on this link to start seeing them.
  - Images for BBC Weather watchers photos 2021

The meeting ended at 4pm.

Brian Hillier, Group Leader