

Hu3a-Photography Group - Meeting Report - Monday 24 April 2023

Dear Member,

1. Our Meeting

The 24 April meeting was well attended with 21 in the Hall, and 3 on Zoom.
At the end of this report are links to our previous presentations and competitions.

2. Presentation - "*Macro Photography*" By Ralph

Ralph gave an excellent presentation of the very wide subject of Macro photography
- The main considerations are Light, Closeness to subject, camera vibration

Ralph explained the range of equipment that can be used in Macro Photography
and the type of photographs that might be taken, which involves:

- Very bright light to illuminate the subject, usually flash with diffusers
- Using Smart-phones, Bridge cameras, DSLR cameras
- Macro lenses, reverse fit the camera lens perhaps even use an enlarger lens
- Extension tubes and bellows to increase distance from lens to sensor
- Macro lens have short focal lengths so one must be very close to the subject
- A tripod is a must, as it is impossible to hand hold the camera
- An electric shutter release is required, as pressing the button vibrates camera
- The depth of field is extremely small when photographing small objects
- The depth of field can be increased by a technique called "Stacking"

Stacking involves taking many exposures of the same subject where for each exposure
the focus is advanced in say .04 mm steps. There may be 70 to perhaps 7000 exposures
which are then processed by "Stacking Software". This creates a final image which is
sharp and has a great depth of field.

Ralph displayed many stunning macro photographs with varied subjects other than the expected
very small creatures.

Thank you Ralph for a very interesting presentation

3. How to enter your competition photos

Some Photos have been entered with a name like DSC-4355.jpg, which can lead to confusion
when Andrew adds the photo to Google Album with its correct title. So ensure your photo entry
has been named with its title.

Then for each competition submit one email with your three titled images attached

e.g. *Hi Andrew,
Here are my three entries for "Song Titles"
Attached are*

- *Raindrop keep falling on my head.jpg*
- *Tulips from Ams- No Sainsbury.jpg*
- *Daisy, Daisy Give me you answer do.jpg*

*Kind regards
Brian*

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4. Competition Results - Song Titles - 31 entries

A wide variety of excellent and imaginative photographs were submitted

U3A Hillingdon Photo Group April 2023 - Themed Competition			
Title - Song Titles	Photographer	Position	Total
Roll Out the Barrel	Janet Nicholas	1	20
(A) Tulips from Amsterdam	Freda Longhurst	2	13
Man in the Mirror	Denise Buckingham	3	10
You Light up my life	Malcolm Barwick	4	9
Raindrops Keep Falling on my head	Brian Hillier	5	6
Crazy Horses	Denise Buckingham	5	6
Blowing in the Wind	Janet Nicholas	6	5
Heroes	Mark Buckingham	7	4
I Saw Three Ships	Janet Nicholas	8	3
London Calling	Denise Buckingham	9	2
Rock around the clock	Ian Brown	9	2
In an English country garden	Margaret Dorigan	9	2
A red red rose	Norma Shirley	10	1
Do-ray-me	Margaret Dorigan	10	1
Hey you get off my cloud	Ian Brown	10	1
If I could turn back	Margaret Dorigan	10	1
Leaving on a Jet Plane	Sue Finch	10	1
We Can Work it Out	Mark Buckingham	10	1
(B) Tulips from Ams- No Sainsbury (1)	Brian Hillier		0
(C) Tulips from Amsterdam	Malcolm Barwick		0
Blackbird	Andrew Longhurst		0
Bridge Over Troubled WAters	Malcolm Barwick		0
Daisy, Daisy Give me you answer do	Brian Hillier		0
Eye of the Tiger	Sue Finch		0
Mr Blue Sky	Sue Finch		0
Question Time Live	Mark Buckingham		0
Rock Around The Clock	Ian Brown		0
SINGING ALLELUIA	Karol Schlachter		0
SONGS OF PRAISE	Karol Schlachter		0
Stormy Weather	Norma Shirley		0
Yellow Submarine	Andrew Longhurst		0

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4. Competition Results - Shot of the Month - 22 Entries

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Title	Photographer	Position	Total
Refections at Kew	Denise Buckingham	1	16
I Might be Little but I'm Wise.	Sue Finch	2	15
Windsor Round Tower at Night	Sue Finch	3	12
Back to my roots	Malcolm Barwick	4	9
Leeds Castle	Margaret Dorigan	5	8
Basking in the sun	Norma Shirley	6	6
Oh I Do Like to be Beside the Seaside	Denise Buckingham	7	5
Working From Home	Janet Nicolas	7	5
UFO	Andrew Longhurst	8	3
Its Spring	Norma Shirley	9	2
SPRING BLOOMS IN HILLINGDON	Karol Schlachter	9	2
Mine's a Pint	Denise Buckingham	10	1
Question Time Live	Mark Buckingham	10	1
READY FOR THE ROYAL SALUTE	Karol Schlachter	10	1
The Beauty of Street Art	Mark Buckingham	10	1
A flame Tree FlowerX	Janet Nicolas		0
A Springtime Walk	Margaret Dorigan		0
Dance Away	Mark Buckingham		0
I met Henry VIII	Malcolm Barwick		0
January Sunrise	Sue Finch		0
Rule the World	Malcolm Barwick		0
The Governors' Palace Funchal	Janet Nicolas		0

5. Our next Photography meeting will be Monday 22 May 2023

Presentation will be "**Gestalt Photography**" by Brian

The Main competition theme is "**Close-up Photography**" and "**Shot of the Month**"

6. Technical problems at the meeting

The presentation was prepared with Libre Office software, an alternative to MS PowerPoint. It took a little while to find out how to advance through the presentation.

The answer was to right-click on the image and select **Next** from small drop down menu

7. To see past presentations and competitions

Tony has updated the U3A Website with the Presentation and winning photos.

To see these on the U3A web site, follow these links

- <https://u3asites.org.uk/hillingdon/>
- Then-> Groups -> Photography
- Competitions - 2016 to 2023 Gallery
- Photography Meetings
- Photography Presentations
- Shot of the Month - 2018 to 2023 Gallery

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8. Finally, thank you to

- Rayner for taking the Attendance Register
- Malcolm and Susan for preparing Teas and Coffees
- Andrew for chairing the Competitions

The meeting ended promptly at 4pm.

Kind regards,

Brian Hillier

Photography Group Leader