

1. Our Meeting

At our 24 July meeting there were 11 in the hall and 3 on Zoom.

At the end of this report are links to our previous presentations and competitions.

2. The Photographic Angle exhibition "*Creativity*" held at Stockley Park.

There were 200 photographs each 1 x 2 metres in size and showed a great variety of images. I think it is worthwhile for us as photographers to see the work of others and to perhaps learn something.

There were several sayings that caught one's eye and the imagination, here are two.

- "*Skill in photography is acquired by practice not by purchase*"
- "*All the technique in the world doesn't compensate for the inability to notice*"

3. Presentation - "Collage" By Brian

The word "Collage" comes from the French "Coller to glue".

There are four types of collage

- Papier Collage - Paper shapes or photos are glued onto a background.
- Decoupage - Patterned paper glued on furniture then varnished
- Photomontage - Photo editing software used to create multiple images
- Assemblage - Three dimensional objects

Each image in a collage strengthens the message, and is used in many ways such as

- Art, Advertising, Club leaflets, Parties, Election posters

Software is available to automatically assemble collages, though after a trial period of 30 days costs about £6 to £10 a month, only justified if one creates many collages.

My recommended way of creating collages is to use Photoshop elements or Affinity.

4. Competition Results - "Old Artifacts" - 28 entries

For Sale - Needs a new clutch - Certainly old with very apt caption

Fred Dibnah would have like this - Very strong image of canal lock mechanism.

Photographer	Title - Old Artifacts	Pos	Tot
Andrew Longhurst	For Sale - Needs new clutch	1	15
Mark Buckingham	Fred Dibnah would like this	2	10
Andrew Longhurst	End of the Road	3	8
Jothi Rainbow	Look Up	3	8
Brian Hillier	Where's the plot	3	8
Karol Schlachter	My Old Slide rule	4	6
Denise Buckingham	Big boys toys.	5	4
Malcolm Barwick	Foghorn Kent	5	4
Sue Finch	Forth Rail Bridge, Scotland, 1890	5	4
Karol Schlachter	Going to the Fair	6	3
Janet Nicolas	Kings Chapel Tower of London	6	3

Mark Buckingham	The Drum, Pewter and Music Box	6	3
Janet Nicolas	The Rialto Bridge Venice	6	3
Karol Schlachter	Drawing Instrument	7	2
Sue Finch	Painting Chinese Coat detail	7	2
Malcolm Barwick	Samson Dungeness Railway	7	2
Norma Shirley	Still Useful	7	2
Andrew Longhurst	I'm well scary - Not	8	1
Margaret Dorigan	Take a seat	8	1
Mark Buckingham	The Repair-shop	8	1
Sue Finch	Admiralty Arch 1912,		0
Brian Hillier	CB Guide and Meter		0
Janet Nicolas	Gondola in Venice		0
Ian Brown	Grandad		0
Ian Brown	Ian Pinner Road School		0
Margaret Dorigan	Now recycled		0
Denise Buckingham	We've got our coats etc.		0
Malcolm Barwick	Wimbledon Winch.		0

4. Competition results - Shot of the Month - 30 entries

The Damsel Fly was very sharp with pleasing colours
 Dobbin had lovely colour, shading and texture
 Quiet please - a dynamic action photograph

Photographer	Title - Shot of the Month	Pos	Tot
Andrew Longhurst	Damsel Fly	1	14
Andrew Longhurst	Dobbin	2	13
Margaret Dorigan	Quiet Please	3	8
Brian Hillier	Bee on Agapanthus	4	7
Janet Nicolas	The Rialto Bridge	4	7
Malcolm Barwick	Cycle track in the mountains	5	6
Janet Nicolas	A Quiet Canal in Venice	6	5
Steve Binysh	Catch Me	6	5
Denise Buckingham	Follow me girls	6	5
Mark Buckingham	Picture Postcard	6	5
Karol Schlachter	Wavescape at Ventnor	7	4
Norma Shirley	Louis's favourite	8	3
Norma Shirley	Early spring in Bushy Park	9	2
Mark Buckingham	Pan Pipes	9	2
Janet Nicolas	A German Tourist in Venice	10	1
Margaret Dorigan	A Surprise in the City	10	1
Malcolm Barwick	Hydrangea Wall Borromeo	10	1
Mark Buckingham	Mrs Shilling Version 2	10	1
Sue Finch	Camelia		0

Sue Finch	Forget me Not		0
Jothi Rainbow	I'm Loving It		0
Karol Schlachter	I'm The King of the Castle		0
Andrew Longhurst	Knarsborough		0
Sue Finch	Last car on Board		0
Karol Schlachter	Low Tide at Colwell Bay		0
Margaret Dorigan	Morning Briefing		0
Brian Hillier	Red Rose		0
Denise Buckingham	These shoes are killing me		0
Malcolm Barwick	Villa Balbianello		0
Brian Hillier	Winter Pansies		0

5. Notice of Photo Shoot - Chesham - Wednesday 30 August

One can travel to Chesham by bus from Uxbridge, car or Metropolitan line.

In week commencing 14 Aug, will email members details of meeting place and time

6. Competitions for 30 August

In August no meeting in the Baptist Church, however, there will be competitions.

- Date for submission of entries - Midnight Sunday 20 August
- Date for submission of Votes - Midnight Saturday 26 August
- Results will be emailed to members

Theme - "**Collages**" - members may use photos from any date, there is no time limit
Also, "**Shot of the Month**" - Photos taken in the past three months.

7. U3A Insurance

Judy will notify Hu3a of our visit to Chesham.

8. Thank you to

Judy and Malcolm for making the coffee and teas

Karol for taking the register

Andrew for chairing the competitions

9. Links to Hu3a-Photography Group website <https://u3asites.org.uk/hillingdon/home>

- Select Groups -> Photography -> Then links to
 - Competitions and Shot of the Month - 2016 to 2023 Galleries
 - Photography Meetings and Presentations - Digital Photography Index
 - Photography Group Calendar - The Photographic Angle
- Many thanks to John Allen and Tony Kemp for maintaining this information

I look forward to meeting you at our Photo-shoot in Chesham on Wednesday 30 August.

Kind regards,

Brian