

Hu3a-Photography Group - Meeting Report - Monday 27 March 2023

Dear Member,

The 27 March meeting was well attended with 17 in the Hall, and 5 on Zoom.

1. Welcome

We welcomed a new member Sue Finch

John Allen wanted to remind all members that on our Hu3a website, photography section, there is wealth of information about our previous presentations and competition results.

At the end of this report there are links to this information

2. Presentation - "*I made a Photo Book*" By Brian

Brian described how he made a Photo Book with photos of events that had taken place at All

Saints church over the past 10 years for Father Desmond who had retired.

To make a Photo Book involved the following steps.

- Download a free app from Bonusprint
- Brian selected the Photo Book template of Hard cover, A4, landscape
- Then described his technique of first preparing an A4 page of photos
- Then upload this page with photos into the Photo Book
- The book with 50 pages (approx 200 photos) cost £90
- Bonusprint offers a 40 % discount on one's next book

During the presentation all members had a chance to see a copy of the Photo Book that Brian had made.

Members found the presentation interesting and several members described their experience of creating a Photo Book and using software simpler than "Affinity Photo",

3. Competition Results - WOW 3 - 23 Entries

Photos First, Second and Third certainly had the WOW factor and were worthy winners.

Themed - WOW!.....27 March 2023			
Title	Photographer	Pos	Tot
WOW! This really is a Wave	Karol Schlacter	1	26
WOW! Splish Splash I'm Taking a Bath	Ian Brown	2	14
Wow! What a Sunset	Karol Schlacter	3	13
WOW! A very private beach lost in space	Andrew Longhurst	4	7
Wow Is that me in there?	Sheppy Shepherd	4	7
WOW-Wet Or Wind	Brian Hillier	5	5
UFO-Northolt bound	Brian Hillier	6	4

WOW! Its the Green Man of the Forest	Andrew Longhurst	7	3
Wow. That's a long way down	Janet Nicolas	8	2
Wow. Too pretty to eat	Janet Nicolas	8	2
Wow, How small we are	Margaret Dorrigan	8	2
Wow... What a sky!	Margaret Dorrigan	8	2
Wow! Five old Telephone Boxes	Denise Buckingham	8	2
Rays	Elisabeth Curran	8	2
Wow we're making babies	Ian Brown	9	1
Red and White	Mark Buckingham	9	1
Wow What a Crocus	Norma Shirley		0
Wow what a whapper	Janet Nicolas		0
WOW! Come Up and See Me Sometime	Ralph Watson		0
Wow what a gathering	Ian Brown		0
WOW-MIAOW	Brian Hillier		0
The Old Mill	Mark Buckingham		0
Flower Power	Elisabeth Curran		0

4. Competition Results - Shot of the Month - 23 Entries

There were two excellent photographs for First and Second

- Mark's photo was very atmospheric and told a story
- Karol's photo had beautiful colouration

Shot of the Month - 27 March 2023			
Title	Photographer	Pos	Tot
Walking Home in the Rain	Mark Buckingham	1	29
Wish we were here	Karol Schlacter	2	21
I'm Surrounded	Karol Schlacter	3	7
Building sandcastles	Janet Nicolas	4	6
Tangled trees in Ruislip Woods	Margaret Dorrigan	4	6
Mum says when the rain stops its WALKIES!	Andrew Longhurst	5	5
The-Voyeur	Ralph Watson	5	5
Surprise-Surprise	Ralph Watson	6	3
Sandy	Elisabeth Curran	6	3
No sailing at Broadwater lake today	Mike Briskman	7	2
Just Taking a Breather	Norma Shirley	7	2
A windy mountain road	Janet Nicolas	7	2
By the sea in Madeira	Janet Nicolas	7	2
Off to the Match	Mark Buckingham	7	2
Its been a hard day!	Norma Shirley		0

Do not come any closer	Norma Shirley		0
Ruislip Woods	Margaret Dorrigan		0
My Country Estate	Karol Schlacter		0
Hillingdon Council Chamber	Brian Hillier		0
Marios Kaikitis & Becky Haggard-Hillingdon	Brian Hillier		0
Bench with Crocus	Brian Hillier		0
Not a tourist in sight	Denise Buckingham		0
Wood Pigeon	Elisabeth Curran		0

8. Our next Photography meeting will be Monday 24 April 2023

Presentation will be **"Macro Photography"** by Ralph
The Main competition theme is **"Song Titles"**

- Photo should suggest a song title
- Also there will be **"Shot of the Month"**

5. Technical problems at the meeting

5.1 One photo of five red telephone boxes filled only a quarter of the screen.

To display fully in the Google Album screen requires a minimum number of pixels

- A photo with 3600 px x 2200 px will fill the screen completely
- A photo can have higher pixel counts and will fill the screen
- Though if pixel ratio is not 3600 x 2200 the image will appear as portrait or letterbox.
- Sometimes, one crops the photo but the dpi has been reduced

6. Submission of Competition Photos

6.1 Please submit your competition photos to Andrew who will be the only person able to submit photos into Google Albums, though all members will be able to view the photos.

6.2 Your competition photos should have the title as the file name, e.g. "Gull in the mist.jpg"

6.3 Try to keep photo-file size fairly low say 2MB, some submitted photos were 5MB or 8MB.

E-mail may report a warning if the file size is large, though the larger files are accepted.

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

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