

Dear Member,

1. Our Meeting

The 26 June meeting was well attended with 15 in the Hall and 6 on Zoom.

2. Presentation-> "*The Photographic Collectors Club of Great Britain*" by Steve

This is a club for collectors of vintage cameras and equipment.

- Their web-site is **pccgb.net**, which gives details of their meetings, fairs and events
- The PPCGB leaflet accompanies this meeting report.

Camera enthusiasts would collect perhaps by

- Country of manufacture
- Brand of camera
- Type of camera

Vintage cameras, as they age, require maintenance, seals dry out, shutter leaves stick together and focal plane blinds tear.

- Steve repairs his cameras, may take photos to send to developers.

Vintage cameras should not be regarded as an investment opportunity, but should be collected for interest and posterity.

Steve spoke of the many cameras that he had owned in the past

- At 10 years old given a box camera, then owned almost every type of camera
- Steve has over 100 vintage cameras and his wife said not to buy any more.

Many vintage cameras were displayed, including a two-lens stereoscopic camera.

Many members related their experiences with earlier cameras and all found Steve's talk very interesting.

3. "Gestalt" themed Competition results - 38 photos

U3A Hillingdon Photo Group - June 2023			
Title - Gestalt Principle - Similarity	Photographer	Position	Total
Doors at Rotherhithe	Steve Binysh	1	24
Attention	Norma Shirley	2	9
Duthie Park Botanical Gardens	Brian Hillier	3	8
I've seen you somewhere before	Denise Buckingham	4	7
Canal barges	Ian Brown	5	5
Peep a boo	Sue Madigan	5	5
Birds at Southend	Steve Binysh	6	4
Ham House	Margaret Dorigan	6	4
Old Gaffers at Yarmouth	Karol Schlachter	6	4
Pick an apple	Denise Buckingham	6	4

Vincent the Bridge Painter	Mark Buckingham	6	4
By Richmond Bridge	Margaret Dorigan	7	3
Do you have anything in a size 6	Denise Buckingham	7	3
Rocky Sea Shore	Sue Finch	7	3
The Rill	Sue Madigan	7	3
Polenta Bites	Malcolm Barwick	8	2
Rust at Chealsea	Mark Buckingham	8	2
Swanage Sea Rowing Club	Andrew L	8	2
Three geese a swimming	Ian Brown	8	2
Coronation Flags at Greenwich	Steve Binysh	9	1
Shadows	Karol Schlachter	9	1
Under the arches	Sue Madigan	9	1
4 To be proud of	Mark Buckingham		0
Bikes resting	Malcolm Barwick		0
Chimneys at Hampton Court	Norma Shirley		0
Cygnnet in the middle	Ian Brown		0
Eat me	Sue Finch		0
Fine Art	Malcolm Barwick		0
Kings Cross	Brian Hillier		0
Mascot 'Perry'	Sue Finch		0
Paddle Boarding at Durdle Door	Andrew L		0
Perfect Drying Weather	Margaret Dorigan		0
Piling it on	Brian Hillier		0
Sussex Cattle at Denham Park	Karol Schlachter		0
Thensford	Mick Madigan		0
Well, where is SHOPPING arcade	Mick Madigan		0
What is she looking at?	Norma Shirley		0
Windows	Mina Bibi		0

4. "Shot of the Month" themed Competition results - 41 photos

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Title - Shot of the Month	Photographer	Position	Total
Evening Spars	Brian Hillier	1	17
HMS Alliance Interior	Brian Hillier	2	9
Dog on the Canal	Steve Binysh	3	8
Grey Heron	Ian Brown	3	8
Stigma, stamens and pollen	Norma Shirley	3	8
A perfect evening	Denise Buckingham	4	6
Buzzy Bee	Denise Buckingham	5	5
Spring wood	Susan Madigan	5	5
Cow Parsley	Brian Hillier	6	4

Left unattended	Mark Buckingham	6	4
Water jets	Susan Madigan	6	4
Are they all mine	Margaret Dorigan	7	3
Colours of spring	Susan Madigan	7	3
Poppies in the Park	Andrew Longhurst	7	3
Summer Days...	Margaret Dorigan	7	3
Yarmouth Mill Reflected	Sue Finch	7	3
Postage Stamp	Mark Buckingham	8	2
The Eye of the Paeione	Mick Madigan	8	2
Waterside Mansion	Malcolm Barwick	8	2
Corfe Castle from the Graveyard	Andrew Longhurst	9	1
Expensive Boxes	Mark Buckingham	9	1
Small Blue	Andrew Longhurst	9	1
A light in th dark	Mina BiBi		0
Alum Bay & The Needles	Karol Schlachter		0
Contemplation at St Albans	Steve Binysh		0
Cormorants in Spring	Mick Madigan		0
Electrickery	Malcolm Barwick		0
He has found a tastier spot	Norma Shirley		0
How Many	Margaret Dorigan		0
Lake View	Malcolm Barwick		0
Other side of Yarmouth Mill	Karol Schlachter		0
Rain Ahead	Sue Finch		0
Sophie, Duchess of Edinburgh	Sue Finch		0
Squirrel in bird feeder	Ian Brown		0
Thames at Marlow	Norma Shirley		0
The Hidden Sun	Karol Schlachter		0
They are well behaved	Mick Madigan		0
Wild flower by the sea (1)	Mike Biskman		0
Wine Country	Denise Buckingham		0
Wren in hiding	Ian Brown		0
Zen.....	Steve Binysh		0

Brian has written an account of how he produced his two winning photos, which accompanies this meeting report. I hope you find it of interest.

5. Technical matters

- 5.1** The slight delay in starting the presentation was due to Steve having to login into Google to set up access to his presentation which was a Google album.
Steve was very adept at operating the laptop and swiftly set up the connection.
In some past meetings the presentation was a PowerPoint presentation on a USB stick.
- 5.2** During the interval, Andrew was successful in preparing his laptop for presenting the competition results, which means we now have a standby laptop for future meetings.
The laptop audio volume was a little quiet, and is probably due to
- On the keyboard volume keys we had set volume to maximum
 - Within Settings the sound percentage may not have been set to maximum.

5.3 The SIMPLE membership email test.

27 members took part in the test receiving email via SIMPLE and Personal Address Book.

- 23 Members received both emails OK
- 3 Members found SIMPLE went into Junk
- 1 Member found personal email went into Junk

Current explanation for an email going into Junk is that the email computer servers are sometimes marking emails as Junk perhaps based on a group of emails from a sender's email address.

If a member finds that a genuine email has gone into Junk, then add the Sender to their list of "safe-Senders"

6. Presentation for 24 July Meeting

- *"Making Collages"* by Karol and Brian

7. Competitions for 24 July Meeting

- *"Old Artifacts"* - anything old made by man(or woman)

8. Interesting Web-sites

John and Tony have done an excellent job setting up the Photography Group section of the Hu3a web-site. I am sure you will find it interesting.

- The Photography Group Calendar - all dates and latest topics
- The Photographic Angle - A good read, presenting many aspects of photography.

9. Personnel

Ralph Watson left the group about two months ago as he wanted to spend more time on his application to become an Associate of the Royal Photographic Society. He has to produce 10 prints that showcase his technical and artistic ability which will be judged by the RPH.

We wish Ralph good luck and when he qualifies we will invite Ralph back to tell us of his experience and involvement with the Royal Photographic Society.

10. Thank you to those who helped with the meeting

- Alan for taking the attendance register.
- Steve for his excellent presentation
- Elisabeth and Malcolm making the teas and coffees
- Andrew for chairing the competitions
- Tony Kemp for adding the winners photos to the Hu3a website

Kind regards,

Brian Hillier

Photography Group Leader

Appendices printed separately

- Brochure of - The Photographic Collectors Club of Great Britain
- Meeting - 26 June 2023 - Brian Hillier's Photos