

Dear Member,

The 27 November meeting was well attended, 15 in the Hall, 4 on Zoom and 5 Apologies.

1. Welcome

We welcomed a new member, Dave Swan who has a wealth of professional photographic experience.

2. Presentations

2.1 Using the Cloud by Andrew

Andrew demonstrated using his mobile to take a photo of members in the hall, sending it to his Cloud storage via his lap-top, then showing how it might be edited.

2.2 Windows 11 Photo Editing by Andrew

Photo Editor is free and pre-installed on Windows 11.

--- This software has sufficient editing features for preparing most photos.

Andrew, who is a journalist for a model aircraft magazine, demonstrated how he might prepare a photo of model aircraft for publication.

- The model aircraft is suspended from a fishing rod and photographed
- A crop selects just the aircraft
- Any parts of rod or line still in the cropped photo are removed using Clone or Blur.

2.2 Windows 11 Editing using FastStone by Andrew

FastStone can be downloaded for free.

--- It has many editing features suitable for the more advance photographer

2.3 Affinity - Photo 2 - Runs on Windows and iMac

Their Web-Site is affinity.serif.com

Currently Affinity Software have a sale 40% off, which ends on 5 December 2023

There are three Products - Photo 2, Designer, Publisher

Sale price for each product is £40.49

Sale price for three products Universal licence is £95.99

Purchaser can install each product on all Windows and Mac computers they own.

2.4 Affinity Photo-2 - Editing by Brian

Brian demonstrated Crop, Clone, Perspective and Fill

- **Clone can** remove unsightly elements in the photo



Some photos require **Crop** to give attractive picture "Evening Spars"



This required Perspective to correct leaning, Crop out beam and post, Clone out car



Sometimes one had to be inventive in enhancing photo

Photos of a Model railway required unsightly areas to be covered with a **Fill**



To improve a photo can take a while, perhaps 15-30 minutes or even longer

3. Competition Results - Old Buildings and Monuments - 37 Entries

U3A Hillingdon Photo Group November 2023			
Photographer	Title - Old Buildings and Monuments	Pos	Tot
Andrew Longhurst	I'm going Well, I'm Going Shell	1	14
Stephanie Dickinson	The Hut in the Woods	1	14
Janet Nicolas	First Coffee House in London	2	6
Karol Schlachter	In Old Denham	2	6
Janet Nicolas	Old and New London	2	6
Elisabeth Curren	Tower Bridge	2	6
Denise Buckingham	Castle Carey	3	5
Karol Schlachter	Fort Albert	3	5
Stephanie Dickinson	Rusty Window	3	5
Ian Brown	Alms house's Ruislip c1570	4	4
Brian Hillier	Available for a Chocolate Box	5	3
Mike Briskman	Guernsey Tower	5	3
Denise Buckingham	Remembrance Day	5	3
Margaret Dorrigan	The National Gallery	5	3
Sue Finch	A Durer House Nuremberg	6	2
Denise Buckingham	Odcombe Church	6	2
Ian Brown	Windmill at brill B-White	6	2
Malcolm Barwick	Eastcote House Stable	7	1
Brian Hillier	6p a Week Cottages		0
Margaret Dorrigan	A Beautiful Building		0
Ian Brown	Eastcote war memorial c1921		0
Elisabeth Curren	Great Pagoda Kew		0
Stephanie Dickinson	Harefield Old Hospital		0
Karol Schlachter	Lonely Townhall Newport IOW		0
Andrew Longhurst	Marlow Bridge		0
Elisabeth Curren	Mouse House		0
Brian Hillier	No Time for Dull Days		0
Sue Finch	Nuremberg Market Fountain		0
Sue Finch	Nuremberg Statue and Old House		0
Malcolm Barwick	Old Eastcote		0
Andrew Longhurst	Old Stone Wharf at Portland Bill		0
Malcolm Barwick	Osterly House		0
Jothy Rainbow	St Mary Magdalena church		0
Norma Shirley	The Iconic Kodak Chimney - Eastman Village Harrow		0
Norma Shirley	The Small Mansion -Gunnorsbury Park		0
Margaret Dorrigan	Way Out		0
Janet Nicolas	Horizon 22		0

4. Competition Results - Shot of the Month - 43 Entries

U3A Hillingdon Photo Group November 2023			
Photographer	Title - Shot of the Month	Pos	Tot
Janet Nicolas	Room With a View	1	15
Janet Nicolas	Horses for Courses	2	14
Susan Madigan	Admiring a Madrasah	3	8
Mark Buckingham	Daunts Book Shop	4	6
Andrew Longhurst	Will 500 Horse-Power Be Enough	4	6
Mark Buckingham	Mick & Keith	5	5
Malcolm Barwick	Ducks among the pigeons	6	4
Norma Shirley	Early Autumn - Sheffield Park	6	4
Brian Hillier	Hello Hello	6	4
Sue Finch	Black and White 3 Arches	7	3
Mark Buckingham	Royal Albert Hall	7	3
Denise Buckingham	Shadows	7	3
Andrew Longhurst	Uncommonly Beautiful Common White	7	3
Margaret Dorrigan	Turning over a new leaf	8	2
Denise Buckingham	All Revved up and Ready to Go	9	1
Jothy Rainbow	Lichen	9	1
Janet Nicolas	Overstepped the Mark	9	1
Elisabeth Curren	Waterlily	9	1
Norma Shirley	A Hard Winter Ahead		0
Elisabeth Curren	A Sense of Space		0
Brian Hillier	An I.O.W. Beasty		0
Karol Schlachter	Autumn Colours		0
Stephanie Dickinson	Boardwalk		0
Malcolm Barwick	Budgerigar Manor		0
Norma Shirley	Clematis		0
Sue Finch	Fountain Macabre		0
Margaret Dorrigan	Fungi		0
Margaret Dorrigan	Here be dragons!		0
Karol Schlachter	Isle of Wight Sunset		0
Denise Buckingham	Kew Gardens		0
Susan Madigan	Men at Work		0
Malcolm Barwick	Osterly House		0
Martin Butcher	Pink at St Pancras.		0
Mike Briskman	Plants		0
Mike Briskman	Renoir pride or Nikon nightmare		0
Susan Madigan	Sane Luminae		0
Andrew Longhurst	Take Aim		0
Brian Hillier	The Peckham Rat		0
Stephanie Dickinson	The Walk Carries On		0
Sue Finch	Three German Hens		0
Elisabeth Curren	Way Up There		0
Karol Schlachter	We Will Remember Them		0
Stephanie Dickinson	Winding Path		0
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6. Technical details from the meeting

6.1 Problem connecting to Zoom

Zoom link in document "**Agenda and Zoom Link**" sent to members did not work.

The same link is used for all the Photography Group meetings, and some members located the previous Invitation to the October meeting and clicked on that link, which worked.

The Presenter in the Hall had to use;

- Meeting number-> **832 8794 9373**
- Passcode -----> **luvacamera**

A member suggested that **Zoom Link** is put in Invitation email sent to members.

In future the **email** and the **Agenda and Zoom invitation** will have the Zoom Link.

8. To see past presentations and competitions

Tony Kemp updates our U3A Web pages very quickly .

Follow these links top view them

- U3A Hillingdon -> Groups -> Photography -> then
 - Competitions - 2016 to 2023 Gallery
 - Photography Meetings
 - Photography Presentations
 - Shot of the Month - 2018 to 2023 Gallery

9. Important Dates

- *Mon 11 Dec - Committee meeting 3pm*
- *Sun. 14 Jan - Submission of Competition Entries - **Festivals***
- *Sat. 20 Jan - Submission of Votes*
- *Mon 22 Jan - Photography Group Meeting - The first one for 2024*

10. Thank you to

- Ian Brown taking the attendance register
- Anna and Denise for Teas and Coffees
- Andrew for his presentation and competition results

11. The Photography Group Committee wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New year and look forward to seeing you again on Monday 22 January 2024.

The meeting ended promptly at 4pm.

Kind regards,
Brian Hillier
Photography Group Leader