

Dear Member,

The 26 February meeting was well attended, 18 in the Hall, 4 on Zoom.

1. Announcements

- 1.1 We are delighted that Steve Binysh will be joining the committee.
- 1.2 Len Fenton has decided to retire from our group and we have thanked Len for his interesting and very useful participation in our group.
- 1.3 John Allen suffered a stroke over the Christmas period and spent some time in Northwick Park hospital. John is now at home making a gradual recovery. His computer has suffered a malfunction and we will be pleased if John is able to repair it and re-join our group.

2. Details of Events

- 2.1 The Photographic Angle photo exhibition at Maidenhead 28 Feb to Sun 3 Mar.
 - Called the 4 Elements, earth, water, air and fire.
 - <https://www.thephotographicangle.co.uk/venue/bray-house/>
- 2.2 RAF Northolt, Night Shoot, 7 March - 19:30 to 21:30
 - Visit the website below to book your visit.
 - At least eight aircraft will be on display to photograph
 - <https://www.northoltnightshoots.com/>

3. **An Anker speaker** connected to the presenter's laptop enabled those in the hall to clearly hear Zoomers' comments.

4. Presentation "*Portrait Photography*" - by Brian Hillier

Lasted 45 minutes and covered

- Definition of portraiture
- Basic portraiture lighting - 6 examples of lighting set-up
- Cameras and lenses suitable for portraiture
- An 8 part course on portrait techniques
- 4 well known portrait photographers and examples of their work
- A short history of portrait photography by Brian Hillier in the 1960's
- Portrait photography conclusions
 - For a DLSR, a suitable lens has a focal length of 80 to 110 mm
 - Fill the frame with the subject
 - Consider; effect of lighting and shadows, background, posing, props.
 - Make your subject feel comfortable by talking and directing them.
 - Be competent using your camera, so you can concentrate on the subject
- Tony Kemp will put presentation and competition results on our U3A website.

5. Competition - "Water in any of it's forms" - 25 Entries

U3A Hillingdon Photo Group - FEB 24			
Photographer	Title - Water in all its forms	Pos	Tot
Karol Schlachter	Stormy Waters	1	19
Mark Buckingham	Tower Bridge	2	14
Sue Finch	Manatee and Reflections.- Florida	3	10
Brian Hillier	Unruffled by Ripples	4	9
Karol Schlachter	By a Babbling Brook	5	8
Margaret Dorigan	Regents Park Canal	6	5
Steve Binysh	Autumn Shower in Northwood	7	4
Janet Nicolas	Venice in the Rain	7	4
Brian Hillier	Black and red ink in water	8	3
Steve Binysh	Drops	8	3
Andfrew Longhurst	The Thames in Winter	8	3
Carol Mitchel	Canary Wharf	9	2
Sue Finch	Mute Swan	9	2
Margaret Dorigan	Waterside	9	2
Andfrew Longhurst	Hailstones Bubble on the Lawn	10	1
Stephanie Dickinson	Lido Deck	10	1
Denise Buckingham	A stroll in the park		0
Elisabeth Curran	Ducks Under		0
Norma Shirley	I cannot budge this last bit		0
Elisabeth Curran	Ice Shadow		0
Norma Shirley	Just missed the mist		0
Stephanie Dickinson	Reflections in the lido		0
Mike Briskman	Too much rain!		0
Janet Nicolas	Under the Sea		0
Denise Buckingham	West pier Brighton Road		0

6. Competition - "Shot of the Month" - 25 entries

U3A Hillingdon Photo Group - FEB 24			
Photographer	Title - Shot of the Month	Pos	Tot
Denise Buckingham	And Lastly	1	15
John Bentham	Squirrel	2	12
Steve Binysh	The City by Night	3	10
Mike Briskman	Robin	4	9
Norma Shirley	This is my best side	4	9
Stephanie Dickinson	On the Bus Home	5	6
Brian Hillier	Sunset-Tree-Tudor Way	5	6
Karol Schlachter	Spring has sprung(1)	6	5
Brian Hillier	Valentines in Uxbridge	6	5
Karol Schlachter	A Hillingdon Sunset(1)	7	3
Stephanie Dickinson	Walking by the Lido	7	3
Sue Finch	Alligator warming up Everglades	8	2
Andfrew Longhurst	Warrender Park	8	2
Margaret Dorigan	Stairs to where...	9	1
Norma Shirley	What a beauty - Shelduck	9	1
Mike Briskman	Winter Scene	9	1
Janet Nicolas	2 Temple Place		0
Elisabeth Curran	A White Rose		0
Denise Buckingham	Colour Purple		0
Janet Nicolas	Glass High Chair		0
Margaret Dorigan	Reach for the Sky		0
Carol Mitchel	Red Sky at Night		0
Elisabeth Curran	Riding in the Park		0
Sue Finch	Saw Palmetto 200 years old		0
Steve Binysh	Winter Orchid		0

7. Important Dates

7.1 25 March 2024 - Group Meeting

- Presentation "**Wildlife**" by Ian Brown
- Themed comp-> "**Portraits**" - Also, "**Shot of the Month**"
- Submit entries by midnight Sunday 17 March
- Submit votes by midnight Saturday 23 March

7.2 22 April 2024 - Group Meeting

- Presentation "**Black & White Photography**" by Brian Hillier & Andrew Longhurst
- Themed comp-> "**Wildlife**" - Also, "**Shot of the Month**"
- Submit entries by midnight Sunday 14 April
- Submit votes by midnight Saturday 20 April

8. Thanks to

- Sue Finch - Taking the Attendance Register
- Anna Hillier and Judy Peddie for teas and coffees
- Andrew Longhurst for chairing the competitions
- Malcolm Barwick for checking building empty on leaving.
- Tony Kemp for putting the presentation and competition results on our U3A Photography Group web-site.

Brian Hillier,
Photography Group Leader