

Dear Member,

The 27 February meeting was well attended with 23 in the Hall, and 3 on Zoom.

1. Welcome

We welcomed a guest Martin Gavin from the Hillingdon charity

- <https://www.magicallymarvellouspicturehouse.com>

This charity encourages anyone in Hillingdon to become involved in photography and is one of the charities sponsored by Mayoress Becky Haggar.

2. Presentation - "What Judges look for when judging photos" By Ralph

The presentation was very interesting and was enjoyed by all.

Ralph showed examples of photos that are of interest only to the photographer,

- Family snaps, holiday record photos and landscape photos.

Then what is the judge not looking for, such photos just embracing criteria such as

- Rule of thirds, Golden circles, perspective

- If he did then all photos would tend to be the same.

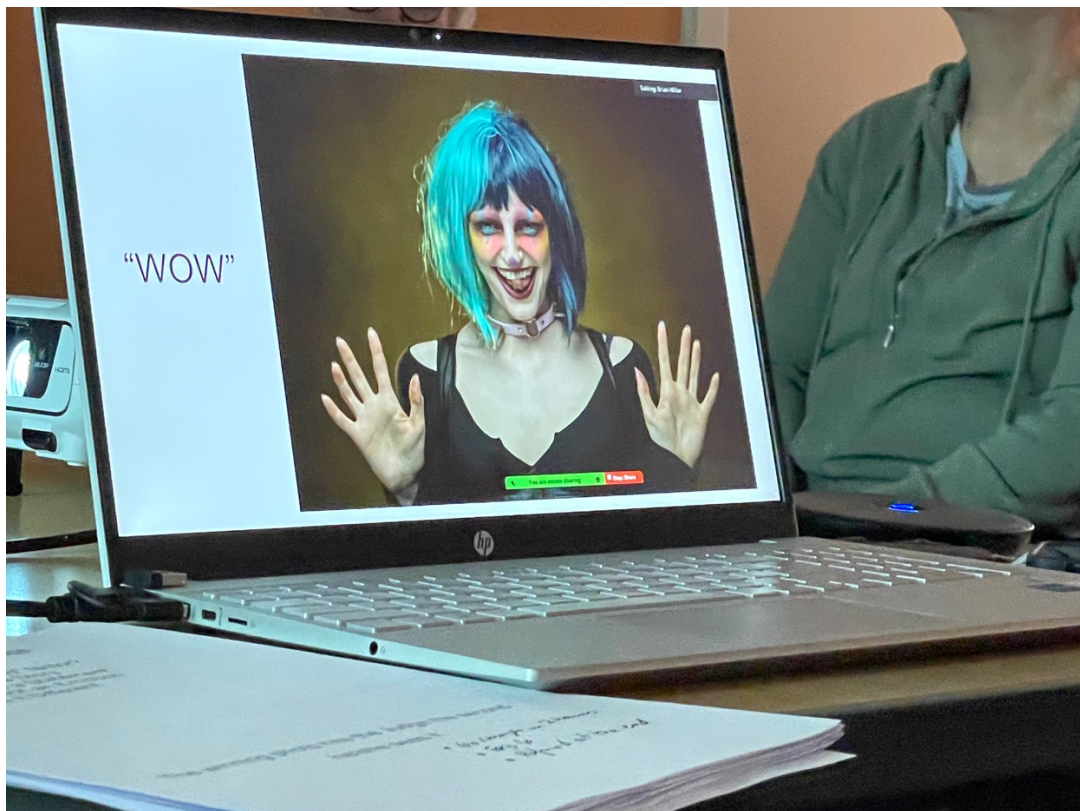
What the judge is really looking for in the photo

- It is subjective, he decides the winners within 1.7 of seeing the photo

- Impact, Creativity, Storytelling, presentation and no distractions

Do look at Ralph's presentation, with many interesting photos, on Hillingdon U3A website, Photography Group.

Here is one of Ralph's photo with **IMPACT**



3. Competition Results - THREE - 32Entries

Here are the photos with their position and votes.

Competition - THREE	Photographer	Pos	Total
Three Ports in a Storm Drain	Ralph Watson	1	18
Three Catkins	Andrew Longhurst	2	16
Galahs on Parade	Sheppy Shepherd	3	15
Three Windows on the World	Ralph Watson	3	15
Bill Birds	Elizabeth Curran	4	10
Old Spindles	Freda Longhurst	5	9
Goody Two Shoes x 3	Andrew Longhurst	6	8
Triplet tree	Stephanie Dickinson	6	8
Three Northern Shoveler Ducks	Ian Brown	7	5
Follow Me	Jothy Rainbow	8	4
Sopwith Triplane	Andrew Longhurst	8	4
Three Parakeets	John Bentham	9	3
Orchid three petals	Stephanie Dickinson	10	2
Ruislip Church clock tower at 3	Ian Brown	10	2
Say No More	Ralph Watson	10	2
Thrice	Brian Hillier	10	2
Jubilee Trio	Alan Stack	11	1
THE WELSH MUSKETEERS	Karol Schlachter	11	1
Three by Three by Three	Carol Mitchell	11	1
3 Chicks	Tony Mitchell		0
Bracken at Kew	Stephanie Dickinson		0
Firs and Primroses	Brian Hillier		0
Fun Run	Margaret Dorrigan		0
On Duty	Margaret Dorrigan		0
Our 3 Drawer sideboard	Brian Hillier		0
Pothole Done!	Alan Stack		0
Spring Has Sprung	Janet Nicholas		0
THREE Lonely Blooms	Karol Schlachter		0
Three bunches Snow Drops	Ian Brown		0
THREE For Sale	Karol Schlachter		0
Three Orchids	John Bentham		0
Three Snowdrops	Janet Nicholas		0

4. Competition Results - Shot of the Month - 22 Entries

Shot of the Month	Photographer	Pos	Total
Gull in the Mist	Elizabeth Curran	1	32
It's Not Rocket Science	Ralph Watson	2	21
Egret Fishing Roxbourne Park	Andrew Longhurst	3	14
Corfe castle	Ian Brown	4	9
Looking Out (Kew)	Stephanie Dickinson	5	8
A RIGHT ROYAL LAMP	Karol Schlachter	6	7
End of the beautiful day	Jothy Rainbow	6	7
Imagine	Elizabeth Curran	6	7
Castle Coombe Village	Mike Briskman	7	5
Purple orchids	Stephanie Dickinson	7	5
Bennington Lordship	Janet Nicholas	8	3
Corfe castle From The vilage	Ian Brown	8	3
Man at Work	Margaret Dorrigan	8	3
Swan Lake	Norma Shirley	8	3
bye-bye	Jothy Rainbow	9	2
Catkins	Margaret Dorrigan	9	2
AN ISLAND SUNSET	Karol Schlachter	10	1
A Sunny London Square	Karol Schlachter		0
A Tree of Corellas	Sheppy Shepherd		0
Ahoy There!	Elizabeth Curran		0
Bennington Lordship in spring	Janet Nicholas		0
Blue Sky Day	Margaret Dorrigan		0
Corrosion	Stephanie Dickinson		0
England in the Spring	Janet Nicholas		0
Lambs tails	Norma Shirley		0
Primrose	Brian Hillier		0
Red Robin	Brian Hillier		0
Ruislip Church in Sepia	Ian Brown		0
Snowdrops in the Woods	Carol Mitchell		0
Storm Clouds over The City	Ralph Watson		0
Waiting for the Shower to switch on	Ralph Watson		0
Young Sedum	Brian Hillier		0

6. Technical problems at the meeting

6.1 The Laptop has only 2 USB ports, one for mouse and one for external microphone. An additional USB port was required for the presentation on a USB stick. So the mouse was disconnected and replaced by the presentation USB stick. At the next meeting there will be either a usb hub or USB-C to USB-3 adaptor.

6.2 Green rectangle appeared on screen. during initial presentation

Zoom can be used with a re-sizeable rectangle and the display within the rectangle will be displayed to Zoom clients.

The presenter's zoom session was restarted without the green rectangle.

6.3 The laptop volume was too low for the audience in the hall.

The committee will investigate installing an external loud-speaker on the laptop.

7. Submission of Competition Photos

7.1 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.

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

7.3 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.

8. 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

9. Our next Photography meeting will be Monday 27 March 2023

Presentation will be "*I made a Photo Book using Bonusprint*" by Brian

The Main competition theme is "*WOW! then your title*"

- Photo should follow suggestions in Ralph's talk "*What Judges look for*"

Also there will be "*Shot of the Month*"

10. Finally, thank you to Judy, Malcolm and Susan for preparing Teas and Coffees.

The meeting ended promptly at 4pm.

Kind regards,

Brian Hillier

Photography Group Leader